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Plant Science Industry Prepared to Support Farmers and a Stable Food Supply

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CropLife International and the plant science industry support the international efforts to prevent further spread and impact of COVID-19. We applaud the efforts of those working tirelessly to protect our global population and stand ready to support those farming communities that are working to ensure a stable food supply during these challenging times.

Farmers are on the frontlines of providing the world with a stable food supply. Now they will be instrumental in keeping a health crisis from turning into a hunger crisis. While non-essential travel restrictions have been an important way to prevent the continued spread of COVID-19, we must maintain the uninterrupted and timely transboundary movement of crop protection products, seeds and foodstuffs so farmers can continue to maximize yields and ensure high quality harvests.

Any delays throughout the crop input supply chain could put food supplies at risk in both the short- and long-term. The plant science industry is working to continue providing the global farming community the tools it needs to maintain a stable food supply and looks to governments to continue to treat food production as the essential component of COVID-19 response that it is. This is not a challenge anyone will overcome alone, and we stand ready to cooperate and assist in any way needed to ensure food security does not further increase this challenge.

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Note to Editor:

CropLife International is the voice of the global plant science industry. It champions the role of agricultural innovations in crop protection and plant biotechnology in supporting and advancing sustainable agriculture; helping farmers feed a growing population while looking after the planet; and progressing rural communities. The world needs farmers, and farmers need plant science. CropLife International is proud to be at the heart of helping farmers grow.