

## SUCCESSFUL ALLOWANCE OF NEW UNITED STATES PATENT

- USPTO allows patent relating to management of pesticide resistant insects using Bio-Gene molecules
- Along with the other recent grants in Australia, extends patent protection for Bio-Gene technology to 2038 and supports core value proposition

Bio-Gene Technology Limited (ASX: BGT, 'Bio-Gene' or 'the 'Company'), an agtech development company enabling the next generation of novel insecticides, today announced the notice of allowance of a new patent by the United States Patent and Trademarks Office (USPTO).

In July 2018, Bio-Gene submitted patent applications around the world, including United States, designed to extend the protection of its technology for use as insecticides. The patent applications focused on Flavocide™, in combination with other chemistries, and control of resistant pests. The USPTO has now issued a notice of allowance of patent application 16/856984 which includes patent claims covering treatment of resistant pests and in particular grain storage pests. It is expected that the patent will be granted in the next few months and will expire in July 2038. Examination of additional patent applications is continuing to be undertaken by the US Patent Office and patent offices worldwide.

Commenting on the successful granting, Bio-Gene CEO, Richard Jagger said: "We are extremely pleased with the allowance of this patent. With the USA being such a large market for our technologies, patent protection creates significant value for us and our commercial partners and considerably strengthens our negotiation position for future commercial deals. We hope and expect to continue to expand our granted patent coverage throughout the world in the next few years."

Approved for release by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

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## **About Bio-Gene Technology Ltd**

Bio-Gene is an Australian agtech company enabling the next generation of novel insecticides. Bio-Gene's novel platform technology is based on a naturally occurring class of chemicals known as beta-triketones.

Beta-triketone compounds have demonstrated insecticidal activity (e.g. kill or knock down insects) via a novel mode of action in testing performed to date. This platform may provide multiple potential new solutions for insecticide manufacturers in applications across crop protection and storage, public health, animal health and consumer applications. The Company's aim is to develop and commercialise a broad portfolio of targeted insect control and management solutions.

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