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THOMAS L. JENSEN JOINS STAFF OF IPNI AS NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS DIRECTOR

March 22, 2007 – Norcross, Georgia, U.S.A. – Dr. Thomas L. Jensen is joining the staff of the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) as Northern Great Plains Regional Director effective May 1. He will be based in the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, office of the Institute, with responsibility for agronomic programs of the organization in the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, plus the states of Montana and North Dakota.

“We are very happy to have Tom Jensen joining in the important work of this new organization,” said IPNI President Dr. Terry L. Roberts. “He has an outstanding background that bridges academic, industry, and farm-level expertise in crops, soils, environment, and related issues. Dr. Jensen is well-qualified to direct the work of the Institute in this key region.”

Dr. Adrian M. Johnston, who has served as Director of the Northern Great Plains Region for the past several years, was recently promoted to Vice President, Asia Group, and has responsibility for IPNI programs in China, India, and Southeast Asia. He is also based in Saskatoon.

A native of southern Alberta, Dr. Jensen received his B.Sc. in 1979, his M.Sc. in 1985, and his Ph.D. in 1996, all at the University of Alberta. His Ph.D. thesis examined the effect of three tillage systems on the growth of cultivars of canola, barley, and field pea. From 1979 until 1982, he was a research agronomist in the Soil Science Section of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. He worked for Alberta Agriculture and Food from 1982 through 1995 out of Lethbridge and later Edmonton, primarily in soil conservation, specializing in conservation tillage research and extension. From 1995 to 2003, Dr. Jensen was Corporate Agronomist for Agrium Inc. in Calgary. Since April 2003 he has been employed with Agricore United, based in Calgary, most recently with the title of Agronomic Research and Development Manager.

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Throughout his career, Dr. Jensen has been active in community and professional organizations, including recent service as a representative on the Nutrients in the Environment Committee of the Canadian Fertilizer Institute. He is a Certified Crop Adviser and a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, and Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

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