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Fertilizer Industry Associations to Bolster Scientific Research Capabilities by Absorbing the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI)

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The members and the Board of Directors of the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) voted this week to undertake a major organizational restructure which will include the transfer of key scientific assets and programs to The Fertilizer Institute (TFI), Fertilizer Canada and the International Fertilizer Association (IFA). Through this move, these three organizations will receive enhanced support for initiatives in 4R nutrient stewardship, regional agronomic extension, and engagement with the scientific community, policymakers, NGO's and other stakeholders.

“IPNI has long lent scientific expertise to the fertilizer industry’s efforts to address environmental and food production challenges. The fertilizer industry remains committed to helping farmers improve fertilizer management and to monitoring the performance with which our products are used,” said Tony Will, President and CEO of CF Industries and Chairman of the Board of IPNI.

The final transfer of assets, including the closing of IPNI’s Atlanta, Georgia headquarters and regional offices will be effective on June 30, 2019. IPNI Canada will continue to operate from its office in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and the Foundation for Agronomic Research will remain the umbrella organization for the 4R Research Fund.

“The fertilizer industry is very grateful for the accomplishments and dedication of Terry Roberts and his team over many years,” said Tony Will. Terry Roberts will manage the transition over the next six months and further details will be announced as they become available.

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About IPNI

IPNI is a global organization with initiatives addressing the world’s growing need for food, fuel, fiber and feed. The mission of IPNI is to develop and promote scientific information about the responsible management of plant nutrition for the benefit of the human family.