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World First in Precision Agriculture, The Bio Drill, Queensland Launch

On Monday, July 4th the Queensland launch of the Bio range of precision agriculture implements will be held at the Grant's property "Kielli" on the Jimbour plain, north of Dalby.

The Bio Drill, manufactured and distributed by Agline Distributors, will be demonstrated before an invited group of current Agline Distributor farming customers, agricultural businesses and stakeholders, and select members of the Darling Downs farming community.

The Bio range of precision planting implements has been a dogged eight-year quest by Ross Hubbard, farmer, dealer principle of Namoi Valley Implements and Managing Director of Agline Distributors. From originally coming across the concept in part of a university study in New Zealand and taking out a patent on the technology, to building a prototype in a shed in central NSW, the project has been one driven by a vision of what it could deliver Australian farmers. A planting implement that winter or summer, can deliver the seed and fertilizer to the ideal level in the soil to maximise subsoil moisture, heighten plant emergence and maturity and also support minimum/zero till farming practices. If a farmer could achieve all of this, his ability to minimise the risk to his crop from lack of rainfall would be significant and also year after year improve the productivity of his soil and therefore crop yields. The commercial realisation of this aim is a world first in precision agriculture.

For 5 years the range of Bio implements have be tested and honed by a group of farmers across Australia to ensure their performance in a wide range of cropping operations and soil types. One of these farmers, Phil Egan, along with Ross Hubbard, will speak at the Queensland launch to explain the radical benefits that can be achieved through this world first in implement technology through its marriage with controlled traffic and minimum/zero till farming practices. Phil Egan will speak of his enviable 2004/2005 summer sorghum crop result on his property "Traighli", outside Moonie in Queensland. Through a combination of fitting his Magnum 8950 and 2188 header with BEELINE technologies Arro SM guidance system and using the Bio Blade to plant, it allowed him to maximise his minimum/zero farming practices, producing a four tonne per acre result with only one small fall of rain. With many farmers on far richer soils and greater rainfall proud of 2 tonne/acre summer sorghum results this is truly a result to be proud of.

The BIO range of planting implements consist of the Bio Drill, Bio Tyne and Bio Blade, each design adapted to match the soil type and operation a farmer is looking to work in. With the formation of Agline Distributors, Ross Hubbard took his vision for precision agriculture in Australia to a new level, with his successful negotiation to become also the national distributor of BEELINE technologies guidance systems and supplier of KEE Zynx single screen solution and Farmworks software. For the first time the Australian farmer can source a front to back precision agriculture

solution via a national network of dealers, providing world leading farming solutions backed by local expert service and support.

Also on the day, Jamie Grant, farmer and owner of "Kielli", will discuss the benefits GPS guidance has delivered on his property. St John Kent, cotton and sorghum farmer, will present on the advantages of precision agriculture practices in the use of chemicals and fertiliser on his property, "Coondarra" on the Jimbour plain. A BEELINE technologies Arro CM guidance system will be demonstrated with the July 15th, 2005 release of new features on an Case MX240 fitted with a demonstration model of the Bio Drill. Also on display will be the KEE Zynx single screen solution and Farmworks software.

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Members of the media are more than welcome to attend the day, commences with lunch at 12.30pm. Please contact me to RSVP for catering purposes as appropriate.
Details: 12.30pm "Kielli", Kents Rd, Jimbour, QLD.

Pictures and further technical information can be emailed to you on request.