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**U.S. EPA REGISTRATION GRANTED FOR NEW NATURAL POSTHARVEST ANTI-FUNGAL AGENT, BIOSPECTRA™ 100SC**

[WAPATO, Washington] Pace International LLC announced today that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) have approved its application for BioSpectra™ 100SC, for postharvest applications in citrus and stone fruit.

This technology, while new to the postharvest fruit industry, has been successfully utilized for food preservation worldwide for over 40 years and is approved as a food additive by the European Union, the World Health Organization and individual countries for use as a fungal biocontrol product.

“BioSpectra 100SC is the first natural anti-fungal agent for the postharvest industry in the past 20 years and has shown very strong performance against a broad spectrum of postharvest fruit decays, particularly Green Mold, Blue Mold, Gray Mold, Sour Rot, Brown Rot and Mucor Rot.” said Rodrigo Cifuentes, VP Marketing and Business Development for Pace International.

The addition of BioSpectra 100SC to the company’s portfolio of decay control solutions is another milestone on the innovative path that the company is recognized for in the postharvest world. “We take great pride in our ability to bring novel and high-value solutions to our customers and the fruit packing industry as we set our efforts in sustainably controlling decay, and therefore reducing overall food waste” added Cifuentes.

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**About Pace International:**

Pace International LLC is a subsidiary of Valent BioSciences Corporation, a Sumitomo Chemical Company. Pace collaborates with growers, packers and agricultural organizations to develop innovative solutions to enhance, protect, and preserve fruit and vegetable quality. Pace is the leading provider of postharvest solutions and technologies, equipment and technical services to maximize efficiencies in packing operations and increase the value of crops being processed. For more information, visit the company's website at [www.paceint.com](http://www.paceint.com)

**About Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited**

Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, Sumitomo Chemical is one of Japan's leading chemical companies, offering a diverse range of products globally in the fields of petrochemicals, energy and functional materials, IT-related chemicals and materials, health and crop science products, and pharmaceuticals. The company's consolidated net sales for fiscal year 2015 were JPY 2.1 trillion. For additional information, visit the company's website at [www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/](http://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/)

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