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#### **Pace International Acquires CH2O Ag Division**

##### ***Pace To Expand its Technical, Field Service and Lab Capacities in the Pacific Northwest***

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON – March 27, 2012** – Pace International is pleased to announce its acquisition of the agricultural product line and servicing division of CH2O, Inc., effective March 30, 2012. This acquisition resulted from the two companies' common goals to provide and sustain the highest quality of field services and support to the fresh fruit packing industry.

This acquisition strengthens Pace's field servicing capabilities ensuring superior delivery of products and solutions to the Pacific Northwest postharvest industry. This increase in Pace's service professionals will allow Pace to expand the delivery of new products and innovative solutions to the industry. Pace will gain two Lab Technicians (substantially augmenting Pace's fruit residues analysis laboratory), three Field/Equipment Service Representatives and one Account Manager, Chad Stratton.

George Lobisser, President & CEO of Pace International comments, "As a post harvest market-leader, Pace is committed to significant R&D and we are always looking to expand our field service personnel. CH2O's expertise in water treatment means their people are highly committed to regular customer service visits as well as support tools documenting these visits...this fits very well within our business strategy."

Tom Iverson, co-owner of CH2O adds, "This is a great opportunity to maintain the high quality of services both our companies offer. Our customers gain the best of both worlds...Access to Pace's new products and plant sciences group and CH2O's service approach."

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#### **About Pace International, LLC**

Pace International 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 packinghouse and orchard technologies, equipment and technical services to maximize efficiencies in operations and increase the value of crops being processed. Pace International, LLC is headquartered in Seattle, Washington, USA with R&D, Manufacturing and Administration in Wapato, WA and Sales and Technical Service Offices around the world. For more information, visit <http://www.paceint.com>

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