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**Plant Health Care agrees exclusive global deal with The Scotts Company**

Plant Health Care plc (“PHC”), a leading provider of natural products for plants and soil, announced today that it has entered into an exclusive long-term agreement for consumer product development and commercialisation with The Scotts Company. The Scotts Company is the world’s leading supplier and marketer of branded consumer products for lawn and garden care. This is the first significant agreement PHC has entered into since its flotation on AIM in July.

The focus of the agreement combines PHC’s expertise in mycorrhizal fungi and bacterial ingredients and products with Scotts’ expertise in consumer retail product development. The alliance gives Scotts exclusive consumer rights to use PHC’s proprietary technology and plant products, which have been shown to help to grow healthier plants. PHC does not expect this arrangement to significantly impact revenues until at least 2006. The interim time will be devoted to market research, refining product specifications, and working with retailers to ensure a successful product launch.

The partnership has the long-term potential to provide gardeners with a wider array of organic and natural gardening products that also provide strong performance.

Commenting on the deal, John Brady, CEO of Plant Health Care said: “This alliance is testament to the quality of our business, our products and our reputation as well as the growing movement towards ‘green’ plant care products. At the time of our flotation we said we were seeking relationships like this to help our business grow. We look forward to working with Scotts to determine how to position our products in the retail marketplace.”

Bob Bernstock, President, North America of Scotts, commented: “Innovation and environmental stewardship have always been keys to success and this strategic alliance reflects that commitment. We look forward to working with PHC as we explore new alternative products for our consumers.”

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### **About PHC**

Plant Health Care plc (“PHC”) is a leading provider of natural products for plants and soil. Established in 1995 in Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) in the United States, PHC currently has approximately 60 employees and has operations in the US, Mexico, UK and the Netherlands with technical support in Austria. The Group has two principal operating subsidiaries in the US - PHC Inc (PA) and PHC Reclamation. The Company listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange in July 2004.

PHC’s products are aimed at the horticulture, agriculture, turf grass, commercial landscaping, forestry and land reclamation industries and are both environmentally beneficial and on the whole more cost effective than synthetic chemical alternatives. Through the commercialisation of these products, PHC is capitalising on current long-term trends toward natural systems and biological products for plant care and soil and water management uses.

PHC Reclamation is an environmental and reclamation engineering consulting firm providing cost effective, biologically based solutions for the reclamation and restoration of lands disturbed by mining, construction and other activities. PHC Reclamation was established in 1997 to exploit PHC’s products and technology.

### **About Scotts**

Dedicated to a Beautiful World: The Scotts Company, with sales of more than \$2 billion, is the world’s leading supplier of consumer products for lawn and garden care, with a full range of products for professional horticulture as well. The Company owns the industry’s most recognized brands. In the U.K., Scotts brands include Weedol® and Pathclear®, the top-selling consumer herbicides; Evergreen®, the leading lawn fertiliser line; the Levington ® line of lawn and garden products; and Miracle-Gro®. In the U.S., The Company’s Scotts®, Miracle-Gro ® and Ortho ® brands are market leading in their categories, as is the consumer Roundup® brand, with is marketed in North America and most of Europe exclusively by Scotts and owned by Monsanto. The company also owns Smith & Hawken, a leading brand of garden inspired products that includes pottery, watering equipment, gardening tools, outdoor furniture and live goods. The Company also owns and operates Scotts LawnService®, a leading provider of professional lawn service in the United States. For more information about The Scotts Company, visit the company’s web site at <http://www.scotts.com>