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JVK, (Jack Van Klaveren Ltd.) is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement to acquire Crofton Grower Services Limited, (CGS), of Delta, BC, which will see the two companies merge their BC operations. Closing is anticipated for Oct. 31, 2006.

The two companies will begin work immediately to effect a smooth and orderly integration of both organizations over the next 6 months.

Crofton Grower Services Limited (CGS) and the Crofton family have provided excellent service to the western Canadian grower community for more than 20 years. JVK is committed to maintaining the current CGS organization, specifically the well established team spirit, customer focus and family values.

“We are extremely pleased to be able to join forces with the Crofton organization as a long term, BC based business. This key market initiative will allow us to better serve both companies’ customers with a broader product offering and excellent service,” states Bob Murch, President of JVK Ltd.

JVK’s BC operations will be merged into Crofton Grower Services, with full integration anticipated by late spring 2007. JVK is very pleased that Neil and Clayton Crofton will continue on with the organization to manage the overall BC operations.

“We look forward enthusiastically to this transition. Our team at Crofton Grower Services is excited to be able to offer our customers the broader product line and enhanced service that results from having access to the resources of JVK,” says Clayton Crofton, General Manager of CGS.

JVK is committed to supporting and building the CGS business to provide western growers with the products and services they need in a changing and competitive market.

“Jackie and I are extremely happy that JVK has seen our company as a solid performer in this market. We are also pleased that JVK has chosen to keep and build our existing organization, and we will be working closely with the JVK team to serve growers over the coming years,” says Neil Crofton, President of Crofton Grower Services.

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