



Burcon Announces Appointment of David Ju to Its Board of Directors

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Dec. 21, 2017 -- Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX:BU) (NASDAQ:BUR) ("Burcon" or the "Corporation") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. David Ju as an independent director of its board. Mr. Ju is a Vice President of Concord Pacific Group, a Canadian multi-industry investment group with a diverse portfolio of businesses in Canada, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. Mr. Ju has extensive experience in financial services and large-scale real estate development projects in both the United States and Canada. A Chartered Accountant by training, Mr. Ju was a former member of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Vancouver and New York, where he consulted on transactions, and advised on corporate governance and assurance matters, including compliance with the Sarbanes Oxley Act 404 for clients listed on both the Toronto Stock Exchange as well as the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Ju holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University and is a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia.

Dr. Allan Yap, Chairman of Burcon's board of directors, said, "I am pleased to have Mr. David Ju join our board of directors. His wealth of experience in both finance and project management will be valuable to Burcon."

About Burcon NutraScience Corporation

Burcon is a leader in developing functionally and nutritionally valuable plant-based proteins. The company has developed a portfolio of composition, application, and process patents originating from a core protein extraction and purification technology. Burcon's CLARISOY™ soy protein offers clarity and high-quality protein nutrition for low pH beverage systems and excellent solubility and exceptionally clean flavor at any pH; Peazazz® is a uniquely soluble and clean-tasting pea protein; and Puratein®, Supertein® and Nutratein® are canola protein isolates with unique functional and nutritional attributes. For more information about the company, visit www.burcon.ca.

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