

## KEY APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY & MANAGEMENT TEAMS

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- **Professor Catherine Hill, Purdue University appointed as founding member of Bio-Gene's Scientific Advisory Board**
- **Peter May secured as Executive Director, Research and Development**

Bio-Gene Technology Limited (ASX: BGT, "Bio-Gene" or "the Company"), an agtech development company enabling the next generation of novel insecticides to address insecticide resistance, is pleased to announce key additions to its advisory and management teams.

Professor Catherine Hill has been appointed as the founding member of the Company's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Professor Hill completed her Ph.D. at the University of Adelaide in entomology in 1998 and undertook post-doctoral research at Eli Lilly & Co and the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, U.S.A. She was appointed to the faculty at Purdue University, Indiana, U.S.A. in 2003 and leads an internationally recognised research program focused on the control of mosquitoes and ticks that transmit diseases to humans and animals. She was appointed to the prestigious position of Showalter Faculty Scholar in 2013. In addition, she holds the position of adjunct professor at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Professor Hill's primary research is focused on the discovery and development of new, human-safe insecticides. Her team uses bioinformatic, molecular and pharmacological approaches to identify insect-selective chemistries with potential for development as new mode-of-action insecticides.

Professor Hill's research group completed the pilot study on Flavocide™ activity in susceptible and resistant populations of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, a study funded by Bio-Gene which was the subject of a 31 January 2018 announcement outlining the summary of initial results.

The Company is expected to appoint additional specialists to the SAB over the next few months. The primary role of the SAB will be to assess and review the scientific protocols, testing, and data created on behalf of Bio-Gene in the development of its technology.

In addition, Bio-Gene confirms that Mr Peter May (B. App. Sc. (Rural Technology) (Hons.), MBA, GAICD, FIML) has been appointed to the role of Executive Director, Research and Development. Mr May's career has included more than 20 years of experience in the Australian and international crop protection market with companies including Orica and Crop Care Australasia (now part of Nufarm). He also founded Xavca Pty Ltd in 2001 to provide market and consultancy services to companies such as Syngenta and Sorex (now part of BASF).

In his role with Bio-Gene, Mr May will oversee all of the scientific research undertaken by the research organisations contracted by Bio-Gene to assist in the assessment of its two lead molecules Flavocide™ and Qcide™.

"The appointment of two highly experienced and key industry figures to our organisation is very significant," said Bio-Gene's CEO Richard Jagger. "Professor Hill is a world leader in entomology, particularly as it relates to the development and assessment of new mode of action insecticides. Her knowledge and resources will be of great benefit to us.

“In addition, Peter May brings a sound knowledge of our technology, having consulted to Bio-Gene for several years, as well as being a Non-Executive Director of the Company for nearly three years. Having that level of understanding and continuity in our program will help us achieve our research goals,” Mr Jagger added.

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**About Bio-Gene Technology Ltd**

Bio-Gene is an Australian AgTech development company enabling the next generation of novel insecticides to address the global problems of insecticide resistance and toxicity. Its novel platform technology is based on a naturally occurring class of chemicals known as beta-triketones.

Beta-triketone compounds have demonstrated insecticidal activity (e.g. kill or knock down insects) via a novel mode of action in testing performed to date. This platform may provide multiple potential new solutions for insecticide manufacturers in applications across animal health and crop protection, as well as in public health, and in consumer applications.

The Company's aim is to develop and commercialise a broad portfolio of targeted insect control and management solutions.