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## **Crisis Exemption Granted to Market Avipel® Corn Seed Treatment in Louisiana**

**New Castle, DE; February 27, 2009** — Arkion® Life Sciences has received a Section 18 Crisis Exemption to market Avipel® Corn Seed Treatment in Louisiana effective March 1, 2009. The EPA approval means that Louisiana farmers can use Avipel® to protect field and sweet corn from marauding blackbirds and grackles for the 2009 planting season. Formerly known as Avitec, Avipel® is applied to corn seed before planting and effectively stops birds from damaging crops by eating the newly planted seeds.

This is the first year Avipel® has received approval in Louisiana. The product is non-lethal to birds and has been shown to be highly effective in protecting corn seed from birds in over four years of use in states with particular bird problems such as Mississippi, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Information about approved uses and labels may be found at the Arkion® Life Sciences web site: [www.ArkionLS.com](http://www.ArkionLS.com).

According to Ken Ballinger (VP, Airepel®), Arkion® Life Sciences has been a pioneer in the development and commercialization of several formulations of bird repellent and bird management technologies. Arkion's patented formulations of anthraquinone have been effectively repelling geese with FlightControl® Plus and repelling birds from structures through the Airepel® Humane Bird Management business.

Arkion® Life Sciences LLC, based in New Castle, Delaware, is a technology-based company leading in the discovery, development and marketing of environmentally friendly, natural or nature identical bioactive compounds. The company has over 500 patents and patent applications worldwide around these technologies, including the area of feed preservation with N-Sure®, and employs biotechnology to capitalize on new opportunities in the nutraceutical, pharmaceutical, animal health and agricultural markets. Arkion® has three major businesses: Airepel®, supplying bird repellents which feature a non-lethal method to control where birds feed and roost; Hyperimmune eggs with markets in human and animal nutrition; and Bio-Technical Resources (Manitowoc, WI) which develops processes and products based upon fermentation technology such as glucosamine, *N*-acetylglucosamine and natamycin.

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