



From Producer to the World

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United Pulse Trading Announces Hiring of General Manager and Bismarck Sales Office

One of the fastest growing pulse processors in the world is moving rapidly to establish its presence in North Dakota. Saskcan Pulse Trading Inc., head offices in Regina, Saskatchewan Canada, announced that it has hired Eric Bartsch as its General Manager of its US subsidiary, United Pulse Trading Inc. With the hiring of Bartsch, United Pulse Trading will also be establishing a US headquarters and sales office in Bismarck ND. Bartsch will oversee United Pulse's marketing, grain merchandising, processing and operations at its newly acquired plant in Williston, ND.

Bartsch joins United Pulse Trading with several years of experience in the pulse crop industry. Bartsch leaves his position as the Executive Director of the Northern Pulse Growers Association, a position that he has held for the past 6 years. "I am excited to join the United Pulse Trading team. This is an exciting time in the pulse industry in the US and United Pulse Trading is going to play a major role in continuing to expand and develop the pulse industry," stated Bartsch. United Pulse Trading operations will be employing 20-25 people in North Dakota.

"Eric brings to the table the full package for us as he has played an instrumental role in developing pulses as a sustainable crop for US growers. His knowledge of the Northern Tier States, in particular our key drawing areas of North Dakota and Montana, made him a natural choice for GM of our US operations. The opportunity for him to move to the private sector to continue the work he started with the Pulse Growers is exciting," said Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO of Saskcan Pulse Trading.

The opening of its US headquarters in Bismarck is United Pulse Trading's second announcement in the past month. In late April Saskcan Pulse announced the acquisition of the Missouri River Ag Processing facility in Williston ND. "The purchase of the Missouri River Ag processing facility and the opening of our US headquarters in Bismarck give United Pulse Trading the foundation to develop our company in the United States contributing to the diversification of the economy, creating jobs and wealth for North Dakota and this region" stated Al-Katib.

"We will focus on developing private markets for value-added pulses, split peas, lentils and chickpeas into the food and ingredient markets in the world. With United Pulse's proprietary splitting process and Saskcan's global reach, we will create sustainable opportunities for growers, stated Bartsch. "Value-added processing takes us up the value

chain and that is where our industry needs to be to be a world leader. It's not about exporting commodities. It's all about safe, quality food, feed and fiber. That will be our focus.”

United Pulse Trading is a wholly owned subsidiary of Saskcan Pulse Trading. In May 2007, Saskcan announced its intentions to merge with the Agtech Income Fund, a publicly traded income trust on the Toronto Stock Exchange Ventures Exchange (symbol AGT.UN). The new combined company will run four processing plants in Canada and one in Williston North Dakota, making it the largest splitter and value-added exporter of lentils and split peas in the world.

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