

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009

### Important Announcement – Masstock Arable (UK) Ltd and GB Seeds Ltd

We are delighted to announce that Masstock Arable UK Ltd has reached an agreement to acquire GB Seeds Ltd and Burlinghams (Seed Analysis) Ltd.

There is an excellent fit between our two organisations. The addition of the GB Seeds business strengthens Masstock's existing seed offer which we view as strategically important for the future. GB Seeds bring complementary seed processing expertise and offer new diversification opportunities. GB Seeds has been seeking to identify a suitable partner to provide a platform for growth, offer succession and provide stability and future opportunity for staff.

GB Seeds will continue to operate autonomously for the next few months as we work together to identify the resources and organisational structure required for the future.

During the period of integration, Richard Mason, Russell Haughan and Mike Jeffery continue on the management team of GB Seeds, reporting to David Cribbin, Managing Director of Masstock. Masstock's Richard Lawrence and David Bouch will join the GB Seeds management team and work with Richard, Russell and Mike and GB Seeds personnel to coordinate the integration process.

As far as our day-to-day arrangements with your company are concerned, it is very much 'business as usual'.

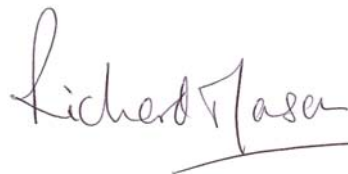
Your usual Masstock and GB Seeds contacts will be in touch to provide more information. In the meantime should you wish to discuss this development in more detail, please don't hesitate to call us.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support to Masstock and GB Seeds and we look forward to working with you through exciting times that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,



**David Cribbin**  
Managing Director, Masstock Arable (UK) Ltd



**Richard Mason**  
Managing Director, GB Seeds Ltd