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KIOTECH INTERNATIONAL PLC (AIM: KIO)

News release

Kiotech receives Defra approval after environmental risk assessment

Kiotech International plc (Kiotech) is pleased to announce that Defra (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) has reviewed and approved a full environmental risk assessment of Kiotech's Aquatice® range of aquaculture feeding attractant products. This risk assessment followed the UK Government's and European Commission's Directives relating to the aquatic environment.

This review and approval by Defra is a most significant milestone for Aquatice® and should help to simplify and shorten the normally complex and extended regulatory approval process for new additives. Kiotech believes that the approval will be particularly useful in the important Asian and Latin America markets, which account for around 80 per cent of world aquaculture production.

Richard Rose, Chairman of Kiotech International plc, commented: "This endorsement by Defra is a further very significant and encouraging step along the road to obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals which will allow Kiotech to commence sales of its technology"

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Kiotech's Aquatice® range of products is used in aquaculture to stimulate feeding. It applies patented technology to deliver three principal objectives:

- To raise customers' financial returns through delivering lower feed intake and higher growth rates for farmed fish.
- To increase the feeding activity of farmed fish with the aim of accelerating growth and lowering total feed consumption. It also prevents significant environmental damage by reducing wastage from uneaten feed.
- To permit the use of more sustainable forms of proteins in fish feeds, thus replacing fish based ingredients. This will protect wild fish populations from further depletion and satisfy the increased demands expected from the aquaculture sector.