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**ALLIANCE GRAIN TRADERS ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF PARENT SEED FARMS - MANITOBA  
BEAN AND PULSE PROCESSOR**

Alliance Grain Traders (TSX: AGT) ("AGTI") is pleased to announce that it has entered into an exclusive, binding letter of intent to acquire all of the assets of Parent Seed Farms ("Parent Seed"), located in St. Joseph, Manitoba. The assets to be acquired include two processing plants, with approximately 51,000 sq. ft of bagged storage and approximately 15,000 MT of bulk product storage, and certain land and equipment. The purchase price for the acquisition is Cdn\$10 million, payable as to Cdn\$9 million in cash and Cdn\$1 million in AGTI common shares.

Completion of the transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including certain due diligence, the receipt of all necessary regulatory and stock exchange approvals and other customary closing conditions. Following the entry of the binding letter of intent, the parties intend to negotiate the terms of a definitive acquisition agreement. The transaction is currently scheduled to close on or about January 4, 2010. All of the staff and management team will remain with Alliance's new Manitoba Bean Division.

"With nearly four decades in the Manitoba agriculture market, Parent Seeds bolsters Alliance's processing capacity for our newly emerging dry edible bean platform. The Red River Valley area is an excellent location for us to source and process navy beans, pinto beans, black beans and coloured beans to serve our customers in North America and globally. Parent Seed is an established, high quality processor and shipper of beans, pulses and specialty crops, with an excellent reputation. This is a strategic "tuck-in" acquisition for us that immediately establishes AGTI as a player in the North American bean industry," commented Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO of Alliance Grain Traders Inc.

**AGTI Profile**

AGTI is a corporation which derives its income from the operations of its operating subsidiary, Alliance Pulse Processors Inc. ("Alliance"). Alliance, on its own and through its subsidiaries, is engaged in the business of sourcing and processing (cleaning, splitting, sorting and bagging) specialty crops, primarily for export markets. Alliance and its subsidiaries in Canada, U.S. and Australia handle the full range of pulses and specialty crops including lentils, peas, chickpeas, beans and canary seed through six processing plants. The recent acquisition of the Arbel Group brings to Alliance, state-of-the-art processing and production facilities in Mersin, Turkey. The Arbel Group has a 50-year operating history and has grown to become a leading processor of lentils and grains and the largest exporter of pulses in Turkey. In 2002, the Arbel Group expanded its operations to include the production of pasta and has quickly grown to become the third largest pasta producer in the country. Turkey is the second largest exporter of pasta in the world after Italy and the Arbel Group is the top exporter of pasta in Turkey.

**Parent Seed Farms Profile**

Parent Seed Farms is located at St. Joseph, Manitoba, approximately 100 km south of Winnipeg. The company is a processor of beans, pulses and specialty crops for over 35 years. With a strong focus on quality through its HACCP and ISO certifications and state-of-the-art processing plants, the company is a trusted marketing and distribution channel for Manitoba producers and its client's worldwide. Its products include the full range of dry edible beans including black, pinto, navy, cranberry and red beans. Parent Seed is established as a premium supplier to canners, packagers and retailers in North America and abroad.

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