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Dramatic Advance Makes Testing Grain for Multiple GM Traits Faster - EnviroLogix Introduces the QuickComb Kit

BIOWIRE2K PORTLAND, Maine--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 16, 2003--EnviroLogix Inc., originator of the Common Extraction method for testing GM traits with one sample preparation, is pleased to announce that with the recent addition of their two newest **QuickStix** Kits, they have developed the QuickComb --a simple, all-in-one device for the fastest, easiest way to test for up to six traits in one simple tap water extraction.

With the newest tests, **QuickStix** Strips for **Cry1F** (Herculex) and T25 (Liberty Link®), grain handlers can now meet the demands of international customers with a more comprehensive screening protocol for non-GMO grain. In 2-5 minutes, grain testers can have a rapid and reliable "yes/no" result for up to six GM traits--critical when moving grain--and will have a permanent record for their IP programs. Any combination of the following traits can be custom-assembled into a QuickComb: Cry1Ab, Cry9C, NK603, Cry3Bb, **Cry1F**, and T25.

The QuickComb test kits save time because they are simpler than current methods. Testers only need to prepare one extract and insert one QuickComb to run all six GM tests. EnviroLogix' original Common Extraction protocol remains the same: simply extract the corn sample with tap water, drop in the QuickComb, and read the result. This innovative method increases the throughput of facilities that are required to test for more than one trait on a sample for their IP programs.

The EnviroLogix QuickComb Kit (Cat. No. AS 036 TC) is custom-manufactured for each customer, and can hold up to six traits per comb. QuickComb Kits are available directly from EnviroLogix.

EnviroLogix develops, manufactures and markets immunoassay test kits for the food safety and water quality markets and offers custom assay development services.

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