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Birch Hill Equity Partners Focus On Animal Health Industry Bio Agri Mix Is Firm's Latest Investment

(Toronto, April 27, 2006) Birch Hill Equity Partners Inc. announces that it has made an investment in Bio Agri Mix LP. This is the second investment made through its recently closed \$850 million fund, Birch Hill Equity Partners III, LP.

Bio Agri Mix is a Canadian industry leader and the largest supplier of medicated feed additives for the animal health industry in Canada. Bio Agri Mix has been engaged in the research, development, manufacture and marketing of animal health products for over 20 years. It has established a reputation for producing quality granulated products that improve the safety and handling of medicated feed additives.

“Bio Agri Mix has built a great reputation over its 20 years of successful growth in the animal health industry” said Birch Hill partner Stephen Dent. “The company selected Birch Hill after an extensive process during which it developed trust that Birch Hill would be an excellent investment partner to help grow the business over the long term. With an exceptional management team as our partners, we are excited about the opportunity to help build on Bio Agri Mix’s strengths and successes.”

The head office and central manufacturing facilities of Bio Agri Mix are located in Mitchell, Ontario. The company has regional warehouses in Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Ste-Hyacinthe and local sales representation across Canada.

Birch Hill Equity Partners Inc. invests in leading Canadian middle-market businesses. Birch Hill’s 23 member team has years of experience working together as an active partner with top management teams in building long term value.

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