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### People and Places

#### AGROTAIN Launches Two State-of-the-Art Facilities

Sep. 18: On Sept. 16, AGROTAIN International launched its new state of the art \$20 million Stabilized Nitrogen Center and St. Louis Urea Center in St. Louis, Missouri, US, in front of more than one thousand guests from local, national, and international agri-business. Government officials attending the grand opening gala included state of Missouri Agriculture Director, Don Steen, who commemorated the event and noted the importance of the new facilities to growers.

Located on the northernmost section of the Mississippi River that is lock-and ice-free, the new facilities represent the first phase-modifying urea manufacturing plant and the largest inland urea import terminal in the United States. The Lange-Stegmann operation provides year-round access to and from the country's main agricultural centers by road, rail, and river transport. The Urea Center has a storage capacity of 63,000 tons with the ability to turn over its inventory four times a month. The Stabilized Nitrogen Center implements a one-of-a-kind process of phase modification that transforms urea into an enhanced efficiency fertilizer.

At the ceremony, the company and its parent, Lange-Stegmann Company, dedicated the Stabilized Nitrogen Center to Allen Sutton, Vice President of Business and Product Development for AGROTAIN International, and its St. Louis Urea Center to Rich Stegmann, Chairman of Lange-Stegmann Company.

Sutton, who was involved in the development of AGROTAIN, a fertilizer stabilizer that controls costly nitrogen losses of urea, now oversees agronomic research, manufacturing, and education at AGROTAIN International. Sutton has authored or co-authored seven patents for production and development processes of nitrogen fertilizers and is considered a well-respected leader and innovator in chemistry for the "green" industry.

Stegmann, Chairman for Lange-Stegmann, joined the company in 1960 as a warehouse employee and rose to the post of president, which he maintained for 30 years. Stegmann guided the company through multiple expansions, helped diversify its portfolio, and established the company's reputation as the leader in supplying American agriculture with fertilizers and nitrogen products.

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