



## S&W Seed Company Expands Stevia Collaboration with International Consumer Products Company

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**SACRAMENTO, California – July 23, 2018 – S&W Seed Company (Nasdaq: SANW)** today announced that it has expanded its existing agreement with an international consumer products company to perform breeding and targeting of novel stevia traits. The objective of the collaboration is the improvement of stevia varieties.

Mark Wong, President and Chief Executive Officer of S&W Seed Company, commented, “We are excited to expand this agreement to develop specific stevia germplasm lines that have the potential to be utilized in numerous products around the world. S&W’s expertise in stevia research and development, and understanding of U.S.-based production dynamics, has brought us to this exciting opportunity. Ultimately, the goal of the collaboration is the proliferation of stevia acres globally, which we anticipate will provide tremendous opportunities for S&W and our partners in our pursuit to support healthier consumer diets.”

#### About S&W Seed Company

Founded in 1980, S&W Seed Company is a global agricultural company headquartered in Sacramento, California. S&W’s vision is to be the world’s preferred proprietary seed company which supplies a range of forage and specialty crop products that supports the growing global demand for animal proteins and healthier consumer diets. S&W is a global leader in alfalfa seed, with significant research and development, production and distribution capabilities. S&W’s capabilities span the world’s alfalfa seed production regions, with operations in the Western United States, including the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys of California, Australia, and Canada, and S&W sells its seed products in more than 30 countries around the globe. S&W also provides hybrid sorghum and sunflower and is utilizing its research and breeding expertise to develop and produce stevia, the all-natural, zero calorie sweetener for the food and beverage industry. For more information, please visit [www.swseedco.com](http://www.swseedco.com).



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