

## Qcide® receives organic listing status in USA

### Highlights

- The Organic Materials Review Institute (**OMRI**) based in the USA has evaluated Qcide® for compliance with the USDA National Organic Program (**USDA NOP**)
- Qcide has been approved by OMRI for listing as a Botanical Pesticide under the USDA NOP in the OMRI Products List
- Strengthens Bio-Gene's commercial positioning of Qcide for future use in a range of applications including in organic and sustainable pest control markets
- Qcide is a natural, non-synthetic essential oil produced and being developed by Bio-Gene as a novel insecticide, derived from *Eucalyptus cloeziana* and extracted by steam distillation

**Bio-Gene Technology Limited (ASX: BGT, Bio-Gene or the Company)**, an Australian company developing the next generation of novel insecticides derived from nature, is pleased to announce that the USA's Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) has formally evaluated Qcide (the Company's natural oil extract derived from *Eucalyptus cloeziana*) for use in organic production and has approved its listing as a Botanical Insecticide under the USDA National Organic Program<sup>1</sup> (**USDA NOP**) in the OMRI Products List.

OMRI is a non-profit organisation that reviews and certifies products for use in organic production and processing. It evaluates input materials such as fertilisers, feed and pesticides to ensure they meet organic standards, helping farmers and processors verify that their products are suitable for organic operations.

The decision confirms that Qcide meets OMRI's standards for Botanical Pesticides within the class of Crop Pest, Weed, and Disease Control, and certifies that it is suitable for use in certified organic production systems. This listing does not include any limitation on Qcide's composition or purity, which OMRI has accepted as a 100% natural and non-synthetic plant extract.

The listing of this product indicates its compliance with the OMRI Standards Manual, which is based on the USDA National Organic Program regulations (7 CFR Part 205). As for all botanical pesticides evaluated under USDA NOP §205.206(e), the Qcide listing includes an 'Allowed with Restrictions' classification, which requires organic growers to apply preventive, mechanical, or physical pest-management methods before using any pesticidal input.

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<sup>1</sup> USDA NOP is a federal regulatory program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that develops and enforces consistent national standards for organically produced agricultural products sold in the United States.

OMRI listing enables Bio-Gene to use the OMRI Listed® seal on Qcide marketing and technical materials, providing formal recognition that it is compatible for use in certified organic production. However, OMRI listing is not itself an organic certification, product endorsement, or regulatory registration.<sup>2</sup>

### **Strategic Significance**

OMRI listing of Qcide means that, once approved for use by the relevant regulators of insecticidal products in various jurisdictions, it will benefit from enhanced marketability across a wide range of market segments and will be able to be used as an organic botanical insecticidal active ingredient in approved formulated products in crop protection, consumer pest control, and public health. This OMRI listing, therefore expands the potential range of future customers that will be able to use Qcide.

This OMRI listing supports Bio-Gene's broader commercial strategy of developing next-generation insect control solutions with a natural origin and a favourable environmental profile in markets where organic and eco-friendly products are in growing demand. The listing also establishes a pathway for subsequent OMRI submissions covering eligible Qcide-based formulations.

Bio-Gene plans to progressively apply for listing of Qcide by relevant organisations in other jurisdictions that review and certify products for use in organic production.

**Tim Grogan, Bio-Gene Technology's Managing Director & CEO** said: *"This approval by OMRI and the listing of Qcide as a Botanical Insecticide under the USDA National Organic Program in the OMRI Products List represents another important milestone for Bio-Gene, and supports Qcide's status as a truly natural insect control solution. Recognition by OMRI under this USDA organic program validates Bio-Gene's approach to developing environmentally responsible products that meet the increasing demand for sustainable pest management worldwide. It also opens up new commercial opportunities for Bio-Gene and our partners to participate in the growing organic agriculture and eco-label markets."*

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Approved for release on ASX by Bio-Gene Board of Directors.

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<sup>2</sup> OMRI Listing and organic certification are distinct. OMRI evaluates and approves inputs such as pest control products, fertilizers, and soil amendments that are allowed for use in certified organic production. This means Qcide® has been formally recognised as compatible with organic standards, enabling certified organic producers to use it in their operations. However, OMRI does not certify end products as "organic" — that status applies only to finished goods or farms certified under specific organic programs (e.g., USDA, ACO, or EU Organic).

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### **About Bio-Gene Technology Limited**

Bio-Gene is an Australian company developing novel bio-insecticides to address the global challenges of insecticide resistance. Its unique products are based on a naturally occurring class of compounds proven to overcome resistance to control pests with minimal impact on human health and the environment.

Bio-Gene's products have multiple applications across crop protection, grain storage, public health and consumer uses. They provide new options derived from nature to meet market demand for effective and safe pest management solutions.

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