

GLG Life Tech Announces Health Canada Approval of Luo Han Guo (Monk Fruit) as Tabletop Sweetener

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Dec. 5, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- GLG Life Tech Corporation (TSX:GLG) ("GLG" or the "Company"), a global leader in the agricultural and commercial development of high quality stevia products, announces that on December 2, 2013 Health Canada has added Luo Han Guo (Monk Fruit) to its List of Permitted Sweeteners.

Lo Han Guo is a calorie free, low glycemic index natural sweetener that is a new product line of the Company that can be produced leveraging existing facilities and production processes with nominal capital outlays expected. The Company recognizes the merits of this natural sweetener when used alone and more importantly in combination with stevia to offer better taste and more options for zero or reduced calorie formulations.

GLG is also currently working on obtaining US FDA GRAS self-affirmation for Lo Han Guo high purity products. The Company is currently establishing a fully integrated supply chain for the products, mirroring what has successfully been achieved with stevia. The supply chain is expected to be operational in the second quarter of 2014.

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About GLG Life Tech Corporation

GLG Life Tech Corporation is a global leader in the supply of high purity stevia extracts, an all-natural zero-calorie sweetener used in food and beverages. The Company's vertically integrated operations cover each step in the stevia supply chain including non-GMO stevia seed breeding, natural propagation, stevia leaf growth and harvest, proprietary extraction and refining, marketing and distribution of finished product. For further information, please visit www.glglifetech.com.

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