Amyris Receives GRAS Notification from FDA for its New, Sugarcane-Derived, Zero Calorie Sweetener

EMERYVILLE, Calif., Dec. 12, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Amyris, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMRS), a leader in the development and production of sustainable ingredients for the Health & Wellness, Clean Beauty and Flavors & Fragrances markets, announced today that it has received a successful GRAS notification from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its zero calorie sweetener. With this notification, the FDA has accepted the unanimous conclusion of a panel of food-safety experts, we announced on August 30, 2018, that Amyris's zero calorie sweetener made from sugarcane is safe for use as a sweetener. The sweetener has the highest level of purity available today, the best taste of any alternative sweetener, and is made from a sustainable production process using fermentation.

"We are very pleased with the FDA GRAS acceptance of our zero calorie sweetener from sugarcane. We are making very good progress with sales and customers, and are developing a significant pipeline to advance and support our growth. The combination of our offer and product taste performance is unmatched in the industry and we believe this will lead to market leadership for our sweetener business. We continue to make great inroads overall and have strong momentum into the final weeks of the year," said John Melo, Amyris President and CEO.

About Amyris

Amyris is the integrated renewable products company that is enabling the world's leading brands to achieve sustainable growth. Amyris applies its innovative bioscience solutions to convert plant sugars into hydrocarbon molecules and produce specialty ingredients and consumer products. The company is delivering its No Compromise™ products and services across a number of markets, including specialty and performance chemicals, flavors and fragrances, cosmetics ingredients, pharmaceuticals, and nutraceuticals. More information about the company is available at www.amyris.com.

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