



Murray Burke, Vice President and General Manager of SunOpta's BioProcess Group Speaking at the Platts Cellulosic Ethanol Conference

TORONTO--Oct. 26, 2006--SunOpta Inc. (SunOpta or the Company) (Nasdaq:STKL) (TSX:SOY) today announced that Murray Burke, Vice President and General Manager of the SunOpta BioProcess Group, will be speaking at the Platts Cellulosic Ethanol Conference in Chicago on October 31, 2006. (www.events.platts.com)

Murray Burke will speak on the transition to cellulosic ethanol and the advantages of cellulosic ethanol versus grain based ethanol. He will discuss the state of cellulosic ethanol development and confirm that commercial production of cellulosic ethanol is now possible.

The SunOpta BioProcess Group has been designing, building and optimizing biomass conversion plants for over thirty years and is currently supplying equipment and technology to three cellulosic ethanol projects in the U.S., Spain and China.

About SunOpta Inc.

SunOpta Inc. is an operator of high-growth ethical businesses, focusing on integrated business models in the natural and organic food markets. The Company has three business units: the SunOpta Food Group, which specializes in sourcing, processing and distribution of natural and organic food products integrated from seed through packaged products; the Opta Minerals Group, a producer, distributor, and recycler of environmentally friendly industrial materials; and the SunOpta BioProcess Group which engineers and markets proprietary steam explosion technology systems for the pulp, bio-fuel and food processing industries. Each of these business units has proprietary products and services that give it a solid competitive advantage in its sector.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements included in this press release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to references to business strategies, competitive strengths, goals, capital expenditure plans, business and operational growth plans and references to the future growth of the business. These forward looking statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Company in light of its experience and its interpretation of current conditions, historical trends and expected future developments as well as other factors that the Company believes are appropriate in the circumstance. However, whether actual results and developments will agree with expectations and predications of the Company is subject to many risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to; general economic, business or market risk conditions; competitive actions by other companies; changes in laws or regulations or policies of local governments, provinces and states as well as the governments of United States and Canada, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Consequently all forward-looking statements made herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by the Company will be realized.

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