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**GAVILON FERTILIZER EXPANDS ITS GLOBAL REACH**

**Savannah, Ga. (May 19, 2009)** – Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC announced today that it has established a South African subsidiary, Gavilon South Africa (Pty) Ltd. The company, to be based in Johannesburg, will commence business operations on July 1, 2009.

“The establishment of Gavilon South Africa (Pty) Ltd will enable Gavilon to further expand our commodity merchandising and distribution businesses around the globe in major commodity markets,” said Brian Harlander, president of Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC.

The Johannesburg office will be responsible for the group’s merchandising and distribution businesses in southern and eastern Africa, enabling Gavilon to better serve its agricultural clients and to expand its business in the region. The company currently has operations in Kenya, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia and South Africa.

Kobus Bosch, presently of PJC Commodities, with whom Gavilon has cooperated in the region for many years, will serve as managing director of the new company. Bosch brings 24 years of agricultural commodity experience to Gavilon.

**About The Gavilon Group, LLC**

Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC is a subsidiary of The Gavilon Group, LLC. The Gavilon Group, LLC provides essential services in the physical distribution, trading, merchandising, and risk management of raw materials and value-added products moving through the global supply chain of grain, feed ingredients, fertilizers, and energy products. For more information, please visit [www.gavilon.com](http://www.gavilon.com).

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