



News Release

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Cyanotech’s Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica® Proven Nutritionally Superior

KAILUA KONA, Hawaii (March 5, 2009) – Cyanotech Corporation (Nasdaq: CYAN), a world leader in producing high-value nutrition and health products from microalgae, today announced the results of nutritional comparison testing between Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica®, California Spirulina and Indian Organic Spirulina.

“We are ecstatic over the results,” said Andrew H. Jacobson, Cyanotech President and CEO. “We have always been recognized as a global nutrition leader and these results make following the leader much harder.”

An independent third-party lab tested the nutritional content in three grams of Spirulina powder and the results clearly identified Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica as the leader in nutrition.

Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica vs. California Spirulina*	Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica vs. Indian Organic Spirulina*
Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica leads the way, delivering:	Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica stays in the lead, delivering:
125% more Vitamin A	64% more Vitamin A
260% more Zeaxanthin	75% more Zeaxanthin
90% more SOD	90% more SOD
54% more Total Carotenoids	41% more Total Carotenoids
91% more Vitamin B-12	121% more Vitamin B-12
203% more Vitamin K	70% more Vitamin K
601% more Iron	815% more iron

“These results reinforce and confirm our exceptional value proposition and nutritional leadership in the marketplace,” Jacobson continued. “The combination of our continuous cultivation methods, strict quality standards, patented Ocean Chill™ drying technology, and unique location in a BioSecure Zone free from pollution ensures we produce the purest and most superior Spirulina in the world. Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica has the highest nutritional content available among competing Spirulina brands.”

Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica is exclusively cultivated in an environment most similar to nature, using 100% potable drinking water from Hawaiian aquifers, and pure deep ocean water with 94 trace minerals to deliver a superior product with the highest nutritional content available.

*Nutritional Content Disclaimer: The information contained herein is made available to the public by Cyanotech Corporation. The new nutritional content and competitor comparisons reported for Cyanotech’s Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica are based on analytical results from an independent third-party laboratory, with the exception of Vitamin A, which is based entirely on label claims. The nutritional comparison for Zeaxanthin was based on label claims for Hawaiian and California Spirulina. Label claim information was not available for the Indian Organic Spirulina, therefore the comparison value for Zeaxanthin was obtained from an independent third party laboratory.

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Cyanotech Corporation, a world leader in microalgae technology, produces BioAstin® Natural Astaxanthin and Hawaiian Spirulina Pacifica®—all natural, functional nutrients that leverage our experience and reputation for quality, building nutritional brands which promote health and well being. Cyanotech's spirulina products, FDA reviewed and accepted as Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) for use as a food ingredient, augments energy and immune response. BioAstin's benefits derive from its superior antioxidant activity and from its ability to support and maintain natural inflammatory response, enhancing skin, muscle and joint health. Cyanotech produces these products from microalgae grown at its 90-acre facility in Hawaii using patented and proprietary technology and distributes them to nutritional supplement, nutraceutical and cosmeceutical makers and marketers in more than 40 countries worldwide. Cyanotech was the first microalgae company in the world to obtain quality management standards ISO 9001:2000 certification and is GMP-certified by the Natural Products Association™. Visit www.cyanotech.com for more information.

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