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**MAKHTESHIM AGAN & CONTROL SOLUTIONS, INC.
CONTINUE MANUFACTURING AND SALES
OF FIPRONIL-BASED TAURUS™ SC**

(Tel-Aviv, Israel and Pasadena, TX, May 8, 2012) – Makhteshim Agan Group (“MAI”) and Control Solutions, Inc. (“CSI”) announce that they will continue manufacturing, marketing and sales of their fipronil-based Taurus™ SC product despite a recent court filing by BASF. BASF recently filed a motion for contempt in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, alleging violation to the October 2010 Consent Judgment regarding the process patent via a “material change” in MAI’s manufacturing of fipronil.

Regarding BASF’s current allegations, MAI and CSI maintain that the motion has no merit. MAI’s response is that there has been no change at all nor any material change in the manufacturing process of fipronil. MAI manufactures fipronil using proprietary technology and has filed a patent application to protect its intellectual property rights to this process. In October 2010, BASF and Bayer agreed that the MAI proprietary process used to make fipronil for Taurus™ SC did not infringe BASF’s process patent. Litigation related to BASF and Bayer use patents was resolved in Makhteshim Agan North America’s (MANA) and CSI’s favor earlier this year.

Mr. Shaul Friedland, Head of MAI’s Americas region says, “In the immediate matter, BASF has not accepted our offer to discuss the issue nor have they made any good faith effort to avoid court interaction. BASF has also refused the invitation to tour the plant where fipronil is manufactured as a way to verify that the process and materials used are unchanged in any way. We found this rejection to be revealing regarding what we assume to be the underlying objective of the recent filing. MAI remains steadfast in their belief that the Court will deny BASF’s motion and will recognize BASF’s ongoing efforts as an attempt to disrupt the marketplace and distributor relationships. MAI and CSI will defend their legal rights to compete in the marketplace with Taurus™ SC.”

Mr. Mark Boyd, President and CEO of CSI says, MANA and CSI are opposing BASF’s motion and will continue to seek all available legal remedies to resolve the matter.

“In the immediate future, CSI will continue its sales initiatives which started after the court ruled in our favor last year,” Mr. Boyd says. “The addition of Taurus™ SC to our portfolio positions CSI as the leading company in the termite segment. Taurus™ SC gained the customers trust and sales continue to strengthen which is a positive response to marketplace demand.”



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Mr. Friedland concurs by saying, “MAI and CSI have based their offerings and continued growth in the ability to provide the market with quality, effective agro- and non-agro chemical solutions. We will maintain our commercial and development focus on providing real value through simplifying the lives of our customers across the Americas region.”

In June 2011, MAI’s affiliate CSI launched sales of fipronil based products under the brand names Taurus™ SC for the professional pest control market and Prefurred™ for companion animal use.

Fipronil is utilized for termite prevention and treatment, flea, ant and tick control, and as a broad-spectrum insecticide for crop markets in a variety of branded products throughout the world. The active ingredient is used in crop protection mainly for treatment of cotton, potatoes, rice and seed treatment in addition to broad uses for non-crop applications.

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About Makhteshim Agan

Makhteshim Agan Industries, Ltd. (TASE: MAIN), www.ma-industries.com, is a world-leading manufacturer and distributor of branded off-patent crop protection products. With sales of US\$2.69 billion in 2011, MAI ranks seventh in global agrochemical companies, fourth in Europe, with a global share of over 5%. The Company is characterized by its knowhow, high-level technological-chemical abilities, expertise in product registration, the observance of strict standards of environmental protection, stringent quality control and global marketing and distribution channels. The Company is well positioned to deliver effective and reliable solutions to farmers globally.

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