

Harris & Harris Group Announces New Investment in AgBiome

NEW YORK, April 11, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Harris & Harris Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:TINY), an early-stage, active investor in transformative companies, is pleased to announce its investment in AgBiome, LLC, as part of a \$14.5 million Series A financing. The funds will further advance the company's research and development programs and support the launch of its first products. Polaris Partners led the round and was joined by ARCH Venture Partners, Harris & Harris Group, Innotech Advisers and additional strategic investors. AgBiome's press release may be viewed at http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2013/04/11/7054874.htm.

"AgBiome is using life science tools and technologies to interrogate the plant microbiome and to provide unique agricultural solutions," said Douglas W. Jamison, Chief Executive Officer of Harris & Harris Group. "We are excited to join the AgBiome team in this new start-up."

"Over the last year, we have evaluated the challenges in the agricultural space and believe that AgBiome is uniquely positioned to aid in addressing global food security issues over the coming decades," said Dr. Misti Ushio, Managing Director of Harris & Harris Group, who has joined the AgBiome Board of Directors.

AgBiome is a privately held, product-oriented biotechnology company focused on delivering the best early-stage research and discovery to the agriculture industry. AgBiome's first product is a biological that controls the predominant soil-borne diseases of greenhouse and major row crops. AgBiome is also applying state-of-the-art genomics and screening technologies to identify plant-associated microbes that enhance plant health, pest resistance and yield.

Detailed information about Harris & Harris Group and its holdings can be found on its website at www.HHVC.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com.

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