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### **ArborGen Welcomes Wayne A. Barfield as General Manager, U.S. Commercial Operations**

SUMMERVILLE, S.C., March 26, 2008 – ArborGen, a world leader in forest tree improvement technologies, announced that Wayne Barfield, previously Vice President, Forest Research at MeadWestvaco and member of ArborGen’s Board of Directors has recently joined ArborGen as General Manager, US Commercial Operations. In this role Barfield will oversee ArborGen’s recently acquired U.S. Nursery and Seed Orchards operations.

Barfield has deep roots in the forestry industry with more than 35 years of experience. He has enjoyed a successful career with Westvaco, and now MeadWestvaco. He joined Westvaco in 1971 as a forester in the Southern Woodland Department of the former Timberlands Division and has extensive experience in pine and hardwood management in South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Barfield is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the South Carolina Forestry Association and The Nature Conservancy. He also serves on the board of a number of forestry related organizations including the Institute of Forest Biotechnology, University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and the Natural Resources Advisory Committee, and the Southern Forest Research Partnership.

“Wayne is a great addition to the ArborGen team and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization,” notes Barbara Wells, Ph.D, President and Chief Executive Officer of ArborGen. “Wayne will oversee our commercial production, sales and distribution operations and lead our market expansion in providing forest landowners access to ArborGen’s rich and broad portfolio of superior pine products including Mass Control Pollinated (MCP), and varieties as well as hardwood products and high-value future biotech-enhanced products currently in our development pipeline. These products will provide vital and cost-effective structural lumber as well as feedstock for both bioenergy and pulp production in the southern U.S.”

Barfield has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Management from Duke University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia.

## **About ArborGen**

ArborGen is a world leading tree improvement and production business with primary markets in the United States, Brazil, Australia and New Zealand. Headquartered in the United States, the Company operates from more than 20 locations, producing more than 350 million treestocks each year and employing more than 185 people. The Company, through traditional breeding and advanced genetic technologies is dedicated to providing the best available genetics and tree planting stock for forest landowners that will enable the forestry industry to produce more wood on less land, thus conserving native forests in all their diversity for future generations. ArborGen is also developing trees as feedstock for biofuel production, an important solution for meeting the world's growing demand for renewable energy. For more information, please visit [www.arborgen.com](http://www.arborgen.com).