



## CORPORATE RELEASE

### GROWTH PRODUCTS ANNOUNCES

## COMPANION® BIOLOGICAL FUNGICIDE RECEIVES NEW EPA LABEL FOR ALL OUTDOOR NURSERY USE



WHITE PLAINS, NY (November 2008) – Companion® Liquid Biological Fungicide (71065-3), has been granted an expanded EPA label for use on all outdoor greenhouse, nursery and agricultural crops. Manufactured by Growth Products, Ltd., Companion® prevents, controls and suppresses a broad range of root and foliar diseases.

#### Horticultural Disease List

- **Root Rot**
- **Blight**
- **Wilt**
- **Bottom and Stem Rot**
- **Bacterial Leaf Spot**
- **Phytophthora**
- **Pythium**
- **Fusarium**
- **Rhizoctonia**
- **Sclerotinia**
- **Xanthomonas campestris**

Companion®'s GB03 strain of *Bacillus subtilis* has multiple modes of action in preventing and controlling plant diseases. It produces a broad-spectrum antibiotic (Iturin) that disrupts pathogen cell-wall formation. It is a competitive and fast colonizing rhizobacterium that crowds out pathogens and prevents pathogens' growth and antagonistic effects. University trials have shown that GB03 triggers Induced Systemic Resistance (ISR) in plants, by activating a plant's natural immune system to fight many plant diseases.

*Growth Products, Ltd., introduced Companion® – the first-ever EPA-labeled liquid biological fungicide – to the market in 2001. The company also manufactures liquid fertilizers, chelated micronutrients, and natural organics. Incorporated in 1984, Growth Products, Ltd., is dedicated to serving the Green Industry by providing agronomically sound and environmentally friendly products.*

*\* Also Registered For Hydroponics and Agriculture Use*

# Applications:

USE ON GREENHOUSE AND  
NURSERY CROPS  
INCLUDING ANNUALS,  
PERENNIALS, WOODY ORNAMENTALS, FLOWERING SHRUBS,  
TROPICAL PLANTS, PALMS, HERBS, AND FRUIT AND NUT TREES



FOR PREVENTION, CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION OF SOIL AND FOLIAR  
DISEASES

- EPA Registration No. 71065-3
- Activates the Plant's Defense / Immune System (ISR)
- A Rhizosphere Bacterium
- Quickly Establishes Beneficial Colonies on Roots and Leaves
- Stimulates Healthier Roots and Accelerates Plant Growth
- Antagonistic to Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria)

The Companion® line of products was first introduced to the Horticultural market in 2001. Now Professional growers can use this powerful, environmentally friendly tool to battle outdoor disease problems in nursery container and field-grown crops. Companion® is non-selective to plant materials and can be used on all greenhouse and nursery crops including annuals, perennials, woody ornamentals, flowering shrubs, tropical plants, palms, and herbs.

Companion® strengthens root systems, accelerates plant growth and improves plant vigor. Companion®'s unique formula has excellent stability and does not require any special equipment, handling or storage. It can be tank mixed with most chemical fungicides, and is easily injected through irrigation systems. The product has a low Re-Entry Interval (REI) of four hours.

*For more information about Growth Products, Ltd., or any of the other products in our Professional Liquid Line, please call 1-800-648-7626. Visit us on the World Wide Web at <http://www.GrowthProducts.com>.*

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