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**MAYPRO's JAPANESE PARTNER, AMINO UP CHEMICAL,  
OPENS NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY**

**– Sapporo Facility Supports Production Demands of Japan's #1 Immune Ingredient, "AHCC" –**

**PURCHASE, NY (September 20, 2011):** Maypro Industries LLC announced today the opening of a new expanded production facility by its Japanese partner, Amino Up Chemical Co., Ltd. The new facility will double the production capacity of AHCC (Active Hexose Correlated Compound) – Japan's top specialty immune support ingredient.

"We are proud to announce the opening of this new facility which will help us meet the increasing demand from around the world," said Ken-ichi Kosuna, Chairman of Amino Up Chemical Co., Ltd. "While continuing to allow us to provide the highest quality products and service to our customers, we are also pleased that this expansion will create more job opportunities for the people in the city of Sapporo and nearby areas."

"We are very excited about the expansion of Amino Up's production facility," said Steve Yamada, President of Maypro. "Having introduced AHCC in North America over 10 years ago, we are delighted to see Amino Up achieve dramatic growth and look forward to helping them build on this success."

The construction of the new facilities incorporates a number of environmental enhancements as well as the use of locally sourced materials to improve overall sustainability. Consequently, the new building that houses the plant is one of only three in Sapporo to have gained the highest "SSS" rating on the Comprehensive Assessment System for Environmental Building Efficiency.

**About Amino Up Chemical Co., Ltd.**

Amino Up Chemical is a biotechnology company that develops and commercializes novel natural bioactive compounds and supports clinical and basic research on its products, both in-house and at highly prestigious universities and clinics around the world. In addition to AHCC, Amino Up's products include Oligonol (the world's first commercially produced low molecular

weight polyphenol from lychee fruit), GCP (a genistein-rich highly bioavailable soy-based compound) and Japanese perilla extract. Both AHCC and Oligonol have won multiple industry recognition, including the prestigious Nutracon Award.

**About Maypro Industries:** As the leading global supplier of nutritional supplements ingredients, Maypro's mission is to introduce highly innovative, research-backed products from one geography to the rest of the world. As the first company to have brought some of the top specialty ingredients such as CoQ10, glucosamine and natural Vitamin E to the U.S. market, Maypro built on this reputation by launching AHCC more than 10 years ago. Headquartered in Purchase, NY and with regional hubs in Tokyo and Shanghai, Maypro has become the industry leader by focusing on providing global sourcing, trusted service, reliable quality and competitive pricing to its customers worldwide.

**About AHCC:** Active Hexose Correlated Compound (AHCC) is one of the world's most researched natural immune-modulating compounds. Derived from the mycelia (roots) of hybridized *Lentinula edodes* shiitake mushrooms, AHCC is very rich in acetylated alpha-glucans – a type of carbohydrate shown to modulate the immune system. Supported by 30 studies published in PubMed-referenced journals, AHCC is used in over 1000 clinics in Japan and worldwide. AHCC has been clinically studied in patients with various forms of cancer and both , viral and non-viral hepatitis. Human studies have also demonstrated the benefits for elderly people and healthy adults. Importantly, AHCC has an excellent safety profile backed by safety data (both human and animal) and supported by its long history of use.

For more information and study references, please visit [www.AHCCresearch.org](http://www.AHCCresearch.org).

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