February 14, 2024 – Plastomics Inc. is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Tom Adams to its Board of Directors.

Dr. Adams co-founded and leads Pairwise, one of the first companies in the world to commercialize gene-edited consumer food and agricultural products using proprietary CRISPR technology and custom tools.

Dr. Adams noted, “I am excited to join the Plastomics Board at such a pivotal time. Plastomics has demonstrated the commercial value and viability of trait introduction via the chloroplast in soybeans and is now focused on completing the same in corn. This approach has the potential to deliver Biotech traits in a way we haven’t seen since their first introduction and rapid grower adoption.

Tom has over 25 years of leadership experience heading up biotechnology for global companies, serving most recently as Vice President of Global Biotechnology at Monsanto where he led the team developing a broad range of innovative products. Tom co-founded Pairwise to have the ability to specifically focus on the potential of CRISPR and gene editing technologies in plants. Formerly a faculty member at Texas A&M University, Tom holds a PhD in microbiology and plant science from Michigan State University and a BS in botany and plant pathology from Oregon State University.

Tania Seger, CEO of Plastomics says, “Tom will provide both scientific and commercial insights to our business. Tom’s strategic mindset and demonstrated success with commercialization of novel agriculture technologies will advance the commercialization of the Plastomics approach to trait introduction. We look forward to working with Tom to achieve our goal of delivering new value adding traits that growers are demanding.”

About Plastomics

Plastomics is a Series A biotechnology company developing a novel delivery platform that introduces biotech traits into corn and soybeans through the chloroplast. Our approach delivers higher trait expression, shorter breeding cycles and eliminates pollen-mediated gene flow as compared to traditional trait delivery technology. Plastomics

empowers seed companies to create the next generation of high-performance crops. We reside in the St. Louis' 39 North Agtech Innovation District where we collaborate with other agriculture innovators, building a unique ecosystem of “cool” science.

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