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# Press Release

## **Jamaican Chemicals Distributor Says ... Dealing With Deadly Rodent Problems Now Manageable**

**Atlanta, Ga., December 1, 2005** – It is no secret that Jamaica and other Caribbean islands have had to undergo a tremendous amount of devastation due to multiple hurricanes and tropical storms. Besides the obvious wind, rain and flood damage associated with the storms, there is an additional threat to the islands – disease-carrying rodents.

"These rats are getting bigger and bolder year by year and their breeding goes unchecked," says Reg Burgess, Vice President of Jamaican chemicals dealer, Antilles Chemical. Everyone from food companies, restaurants and businesses to homeowners continue to battle the growing problem of rats. The rats are literally eating away these businesses. "And to complicate matters," Burgess notes, "there is the concern that these rats are carrying diseases like leptospirosis, which has been linked to several deaths in Jamaica to date."

Leptospirosis is an infectious disease caused by bacteria and can be fatal. It is carried by rats and mice, which do not get sick, but transport the disease in their urine. If these rats urinate on or near exposed food and people eat it, then a serious health problem can exist. Leptospirosis causes liver and kidney damage with fever and jaundice setting in.

However, Burgess says they finally have a rodenticide available that seems to be stopping these rodents in their tracks.

"The new rodenticide we have available for sale is called Gladiator™, from Agrisel USA," outlines Burgess. "It is now the Government's and many local town councils' 'meal of choice' for these destructive, disease-carrying rodents."

Burgess adds that many rat and mouse populations have grown resistant to certain types of rodenticides, specifically anticoagulants; but Gladiator™ is a neurotoxin

for anticoagulant-resistant rodents. Formulated for higher palatability to ensure consumption, a single dose is lethal to rodents – but safe for pets and animals.

Once Gladiator is consumed, rats and mice stop eating additional bait and feeds which results in a huge cost savings since these immediate effects require 400% less bait for the same results. Standard anticoagulant rodenticides allow rodents to continue feeding for up to five days. After consumption of Gladiator, results are achieved within one or two days. In addition, there is no secondary toxicity because Gladiator's stop-feed action minimizes the amount of product rodents consume.

“Gladiator is effective in smaller quantities and ‘cleans up’ residual populations, which other rodenticide products do not,” Burgess concludes. “The different mode of action is highly attractive to the pest control operators.”

For more information, contact the Gladiator dealer nearest you, or call Agrisel at 877-AGRISEL. You also can learn more online at [www.agrisel.com](http://www.agrisel.com).

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