



## Verenium Announces Organizational Changes

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 22, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Verenium Corporation (Nasdaq: VRNM), a pioneer in the development of high-performance specialty enzymes and next-generation cellulosic ethanol, today announced Gregory Powers, Executive Vice President of R&D, will be leaving the Company to pursue another opportunity. Nelson Barton, Senior Vice President of R&D, will assume leadership of the group effective May 1, 2010.

"I'd like to thank Greg for his dedication and for his significant contributions to Verenium's R&D efforts; we wish him all the best in his new position," said Carlos A. Riva, President and Chief Executive Officer of Verenium. "Nelson has been an integral part of the R&D leadership team for several years; he has made significant contributions to the cutting-edge science that has made Verenium the industry leader it is today in both enzymes and biofuels. I look forward to his continued leadership in delivering scientific breakthroughs that drive our products and processes."

Barton joined the Company in May of 2000. Prior to Verenium, he was a Manager of R&D at Calbiochem-Novabiochem International. Barton completed his postdoctoral work at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of California San Diego and at Harvard University. He received his Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology in 1990.

### About Verenium

Verenium Corporation is a leader in the development and commercialization of cellulosic ethanol, an environmentally-friendly and renewable transportation fuel, as well as high-performance specialty enzymes for applications within the biofuels, industrial, and animal health markets. The Company possesses integrated, end-to-end capabilities and cutting-edge technology in pre-treatment, novel enzyme development, fermentation and project development for next-generation biofuels. Through Vercipia, a 50-50 joint venture with BP, the Company is moving rapidly to commercialize cellulosic technology for the production of ethanol from a wide array of non-food feedstocks, including dedicated energy crops, agricultural waste, and wood products. In addition to the vast potential for biofuels, a multitude of large-scale industrial opportunities exist for the Company for products derived from the production of low-cost, biomass-derived sugars.

Verenium's Specialty Enzyme business harnesses the power of enzymes to create a broad range of specialty products to meet high-value commercial needs. Verenium's world class R&D organization is renowned for its capabilities in the rapid screening, identification, and expression of enzymes-proteins that act as the catalysts of biochemical reactions. For more information on Verenium, visit <http://www.verenium.com>.

### Forward Looking Statements

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