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**Vantage Acquires Second Jojoba Farm
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Vantage Specialty Ingredients is pleased to announce its recent acquisition of a majority share in Agrinsa, one of the world's largest jojoba farms located in Argentina. The Agrinsa farm is significantly larger than Vantage's existing farm in Arizona, which was acquired in 2012 when Vantage purchased the Desert Whale Jojoba Company.

Becoming a majority owner of Agrinsa represents a substantial investment allowing Vantage to expand its jojoba growing capabilities. It is also part of Vantage's ongoing commitment to providing a wide range of high quality, sustainable jojoba products – including jojoba oil, biodegradable exfoliant alternatives to polyethylene beads, and many natural jojoba derivatives. Vantage now has an even stronger platform for expanding its jojoba product line, and continuing to meet the fast-growing demand for natural, sustainable cosmetic ingredients.

Vantage is vertically integrated and involved in every aspect of the jojoba supply chain -- from farming to oil extraction to derivatives manufacturing. Owning multiple sources of jojoba, with farms located 5,000 miles apart, in regions that have different growing seasons and weather patterns, will help to further ensure a reliable supply of Vantage's jojoba products.

Over the course of almost 40 years, Vantage's jojoba business has built expertise in the development, production and supply of environmentally-friendly cosmetic ingredients through green, sustainable practices. It began in the 1970s when founders of the Desert Whale Jojoba Company promoted jojoba oil as a unique plant-derived replacement for sperm whale oil, playing a key role in the development of jojoba as an industry and assisting in the "Save the Whales" environmental movement.

Going forward all of Vantage's jojoba products will be promoted under the brand name Desert Whale, or DW.

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