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AgGateway and ResponsibleAg Offer New Capability for Rapid, Automated Look-Up of Certified Fertilizer Facilities

Washington, D.C., January 29, 2018 – AgGateway and ResponsibleAg have collaborated on new look-up functionality that allows fertilizer manufacturers, distributors and retailers to quickly and automatically confirm that fertilizer locations they are doing business with are certified for safe fertilizer storage and handling. Certified locations are now included in AgGateway's Ag Industry Identification System (AGIIS), a database that houses agricultural reference data for industry subscribers. AGIIS is used widely by crop nutrition companies to provide location and product identifiers that allow for the automated exchange of data between agri-businesses. To access the new functionality, companies must be AGIIS subscribers and ResponsibleAg participants.

"This is an exciting new function, because it will save companies time," said Brent Kemp, AgGateway Executive Vice President and COO. "Fertilizer logistics are extremely time-sensitive – Any opportunity to reduce the time it takes to get the right product to the right place adds value to an operation's efficiency and enhances its relationships with its customers."

"We're excited to launch this joint effort with AgGateway," said ResponsibleAg Executive Director Bill Qualls. "This enhancement is just one more important step the industry is taking to demonstrate accountability and transparency, and to incorporate certification into regular, daily business."

Kemp noted that integration files can be scheduled as frequently as daily within AGIIS, providing the most up-to-date information to stakeholders. AGIIS enhancements to support the ResponsibleAg certification functionality were funded by AgGateway, as well as AgGateway member companies CF Industries, IRM and JR Simplot.

To learn more about subscribing to AgGateway's AGIIS, contact AgGateway Member Services at <u>Member.Services@AgGateway.org</u>. To learn more about ResponsibleAg and how to become a participant, go to <u>www.ResponsibleAg.org</u>.

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ResponsibleAg is a nonprofit organization founded in 2014 to promote the safe storage and handling of fertilizers. Utilizing on-site assessments, ResponsibleAg educates fertilizer storage and handling facilities to achieve and maintain compliance with federal environmental, health, safety and security laws and regulations. <u>www.ResponsibleAg.org</u>