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## SourceOne Global Partners Files Federal Lawsuit against KGK Synergize

Canadian firm's threatening actions toward SourceOne, its customers and global partners leave few options

CHICAGO, IL – SourceOne Global Partners announced that it has filed a federal lawsuit in the United States District Court in the Northern District of Illinois against KGK Synergize, Inc. ("KGK"). The lawsuit alleges that SourceOne's exclusive award-winning Cholesstrinol<sup>™</sup> family of heart-healthy formulas do not infringe on KGK patents and trademarks, and that KGK has engaged in unfair competition by threatening SourceOne, its customers and its global partners with infringement lawsuits.

"Due to KGK's continued threats and meritless charges against SourceOne, our customers and global partners, we are left with no choice but to seek legal remedies," stated Jesse Lopez, CEO and President of SourceOne. "We have invested heavily in our relationships and a key component is being willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with our customers and global partners defending our rights to do business in an honest and ethical fashion."

He continued, "These difficult economic times make it more onerous on our company to defend our rights. Unfortunately, we don't have the luxury of choosing to protect our partners and customers only when it is convenient or comfortable. Our formulas represent solutions for millions of consumers worldwide seeking natural products that deliver the health and wellness they need during these stressful times."

Most recently, SourceOne was the recipient of the prestigious Frost and Sullivan Heart Health Supplements Product Innovation of the Year Award for its Cholesstrinol™ family of heart-healthy formulas. Frost and Sullivan praised SourceOne for demonstrating outstanding achievement and superior performance in the heart-health supplement marketplace.

"Every product under the Cholesstrinol™ umbrella is supported by a strong platform of clinical evidence demonstrating conclusive ability to deliver a desirable range of hearthealthy benefits," says Vivek Tapuriah, Frost & Sullivan Research Manager. "These attributes may include significantly improving healthy cholesterol and triglyceride levels, providing powerful antioxidant effects, promoting the body's natural anti-inflammatory response, and supporting healthy blood pressure and glucose levels."

"SourceOne has invested a great deal in the research and development of our award-winning Cholesstrinol™ formulas. We have launched our marketing campaign and will not be deterred by KGK's threats," Lopez asserted. "Our global partners such as Twin Rivers Technologies, Vesifact, and Inventa Technologies all remain committed to their innovations, technology and superior health benefits they promise to deliver as standalone products or in the Cholesstrinol™ formulas. Our commitment is broad in scope and deep in resolve."

According to Keith Grady of Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus PC, the law firm representing SourceOne, "SourceOne's policy is to respect the valid and enforceable intellectual property rights of its competitors because it views its own intellectual property as an important business asset. SourceOne prefers to avoid litigation whenever possible. We have carefully reviewed the allegations KGK has made against SourceOne and have found them to be without merit."

## **About SourceOne Global Partners**

SourceOne Global Partners, headquartered in Chicago, IL, is a leading supplier of innovative, science-based, branded ingredients and proprietary formulas to the nutritional supplement, functional food & beverage, cosmetic, and animal nutrition markets.

SourceOne has assembled an impressive and enviable portfolio of complementary condition-specific ingredients that address the most pressing health concerns, including heart health, Type II diabetes, cognitive function, diet and energy, and general wellness. SourceOne is recognized as a leader in delivering the best science nature has to offer through health solutions like the award-winning Cholesstrinol Family of Heart Healthy Formulas, OmegaChoice Concentrated Omega-3 Essential Fatty Acids (EFAs), CoQsource Bio-Enhanced Coenzyme Q10, and SterolSource Phytosterols. The SourceOne product line continues to expand and also includes tocotrienols and tocopherols, palm carotenoids, citrus flavonoids, tongkat ali, Vitamin D, green tea, resveratrol, chondroitin, and more.