



## **Blue Rhino Victorious in Patent Case Against American Biophysics Corporation**

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LIBERTY, Mo., Sep 13, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. (NYSE: FGP), one of the nation's largest retail propane marketers, announced today that Blue Rhino Global Sourcing, LLC has received a favorable ruling in the International Trade Commission proceeding brought by American Biophysics Corporation (ABC).

In the ruling dated Friday, September 10, 2004, Judge Sidney Harris of the International Trade Commission concluded that the 2004 model of Blue Rhino's SkeeterVac(R) mosquito trap does not infringe ABC's alleged patent rights. American Biophysics had sought to prohibit Blue Rhino from importing and selling its 2004 models of the SkeeterVac(R) mosquito trap because of alleged patent concerns relating to ABC's Mosquito Magnet products. Blue Rhino has maintained throughout these proceedings that its SkeeterVac(R) mosquito traps do not infringe ABC's alleged patent rights and that the action brought by ABC in the International Trade Commission was without merit.

"This is a great ruling for retailers and consumers alike," says Blue Rhino Chief Executive Officer Billy Prim. "It vindicates the position taken by Blue Rhino from the beginning and establishes that Blue Rhino can continue to offer customers its 2004 line of SkeeterVac(R) mosquito traps without interruption. As we have done in the past, we will continue to fight those who attempt to stop Blue Rhino from offering its customers the highly effective and affordable SkeeterVac(R) mosquito traps."

Blue Rhino is a leading national provider of branded propane tank exchange and complementary propane-fueled products to consumers. Blue Rhino offers propane by tank exchange at leading home improvement centers, mass merchants, hardware, grocery, and convenience stores, with branded tank displays at more than 32,000 retail locations in 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada. Propane is delivered in tanks to retailers through a national network of both independent and company-owned distributors. Blue Rhino's propane-fueled products division is focused on appliances such as grills, patio heaters and mosquito eradication devices, which are sold through many of the same retailers that offer Blue Rhino's branded propane tank exchange service. Blue Rhino is a division of Ferrellgas, L.P.

Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., through its operating partnership, Ferrellgas, L.P., currently serves more than one million customers in 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada. Ferrellgas employees indirectly own approximately 18 million common units of the partnership through an employee stock ownership plan.

Statements in this release concerning expectations for the future are forward-looking statements. A variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors could cause results, performance and expectations to differ materially from anticipated results, performance or expectations. These risks, uncertainties and other factors are discussed in Ferrellgas Partners' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2003, and other documents filed from time to time, by Ferrellgas Partners, with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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