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**Former Deputy Secretary of U. S. Department of Agriculture and Fourth
Generation Farmer,
Richard E. Rominger Joins Marrone Organic Innovations as Board Member
and Investor**



DAVIS, Calif. (August 4, 2006) – Marrone Organic Innovations, Inc. (MOI) is very pleased to announce that Yolo County farmer Richard E. Rominger has joined the company's Board of Directors and has also invested in the company. Rominger is an icon in California's agricultural community and is recognized as a leader in bipartisan efforts to keep American agriculture healthy and sustainable.

Active in farm organizations and cooperatives, Rominger served as Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture for eight years during the Clinton Administration, where he worked to improve farm policy, including the establishment of the National Organic Standards. Prior to his term in Washington, DC, he was Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for six years. He currently serves on the University of California (UC) President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and recently completed a term on the Board of Regents of the University of California representing alumni. He is on the board of directors of the respected American Farmland Trust, the Roots of Change Council, and the Ag Innovations Network, founded to support the emergence of a sustainable food system. Rich received a Bachelor of Science Degree (summa cum laude) in plant science from UC Davis, where he met his wife Evelyne, and is a member of the agricultural honorary society of Alpha Zeta.

Rominger and his wife Evelyne raised a daughter and three sons on the same family farm where he grew up. Their sons now operate the farm with participation from their daughter, growing alfalfa, barley, beans, corn, native grass seed, oats, rice, safflower, sunflowers, tomatoes, wheat and wine grapes. Some of the crops are grown organically. The farm participates in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the Conservation Security Program (CSP).

"It is such an honor to have Rich involved in MOI," said Pam Marrone, MOI's Founder and CEO. "Not only will we benefit from Rich's farming and policy experience, but we are likeminded in the lifelong pursuit of a sustainable food system."

“I have known Pam Marrone for several years and wanted to support the important mission of MOI in the development of new natural products that will fill unmet needs for both organic and conventional farming,” said Rominger.

Marrone Organic Innovations (MOI) is a start-up that discovers and develops effective natural products that fill unmet market needs for weed and pest management. Through a combination of in-licensed technology and products and its own R&D, MOI is focusing on target markets in need of effective, safe and environmentally responsible solutions for weed, insect, and nematode control. A primary target is finding products for weed control for organic farming, the single largest cost of organic production. MOI is the only company that is focused on screening and development of natural products from microorganisms that kill weeds, pests and nematodes.

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