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West Joins AgIS Capital as Senior Investment Analyst

June 1, 2013: Announcement by Jeffrey A. Conrad, President and Founder

I am very pleased to announce that Kellen M. West, CFA, has joined AgIS Capital in the newly created role of Senior Investment Analyst.

Kellen joins us from John Hancock Asset Management, where he worked as a fixed income and REIT analyst. Earlier in his career he worked with the Hancock Agricultural Investment Group, where he collaborated with me and other members of the executive management team here at AgIS Capital. I am pleased to have Kellen on board and I am very confident he will be an outstanding contributor for us.

In his new role, Kellen will leverage his years of experience as an agricultural and real estate investment analyst to help us evaluate and manage investment opportunities that fit with our unique strategy, which focuses on integrating fee simple ownership of row and permanent croplands with structured finance investments in related agricultural operating companies.

Kellen graduated summa cum laude with a BSBA degree from Boston University and he is a CFA charter holder.

About AgIS Capital LLC:

AgIS Capital is a Boston-based private equity firm that invests in farmland and agricultural operating companies. The principals of the firm have decades of experience in the farmland investment sector and have completed billions of dollars of transactions during the last 20-plus years. The firm focuses on \$50 to \$100 million transactions in the United States and other mature markets. For further information, please visit the firm's web site at <u>www.agiscapital.com</u>.