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Columbia Grain International Hires Director of Human Resources

Columbia Grain International continues its mission of "Cultivating Growth" with the addition of new team leader Patty Groman.

Portland, OR (August 2020) — [Columbia Grain International \(CGI\)](#), a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds and organics for the northern tier of the United States, is pleased to announce the hire of Patty Groman as Director of Human Resources. Groman will lead the department as a key strategic contributor, to streamline and build efficiency through talent development and engagement, and act as a business partner to the executive team across the CGI footprint.



"Patty is very well known in the industry and brings an impressive set of credentials to her new role as Director of Human Resources," said CEO of Columbia Grain International, Jeff Van Pevenage. "Her strong background in human resources and significant experience in helping companies and employees attain strategic objectives, for both performance and growth, makes her a great fit for our corporation."

Groman commented, "I am delighted to join Columbia Grain International, and I look forward to helping them navigate the current challenges present in the ag environment, as well as, nurturing an inspiring, supportive, and inclusive corporate culture in which our knowledgeable, dedicated team can focus on what matters ... cultivating growth."

Most recently, Groman served as the Vice President of Human Resources at Opus Agency. Additional experience includes her roles as Human Resource Manager for Audigy Group and Human Resource Business Partner at Xenium HR. Groman began her career 18 years ago following her graduation from Portland State University with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, Management, and Human Resources.

About Columbia Grain International

Since 1978, Columbia Grain International™ (CGI) has been *Cultivating Growth*™ as a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds and organics for U.S. domestic and worldwide export markets. Headquartered in Portland, OR, CGI's reliable



supply chain spans the western region of the US, ensuring abundant ingredients for all of its partners, thanks to their trusted relationships with their farmers throughout the fertile croplands of Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, well known for its high-quality wheat, feed grains, canola and pulses. CGI is an owner of Montana Specialty Mills, who operates an organic and non-GMO oilseed crushing facility in Great Falls, Montana, a mustard seed facility in Conrad, Montana, and most recently Montana Craft Malt — providing specialty malt barley from Montana farmers to the craft brewing world. Today, they are vertically integrated, operating assets including grain elevators, processing plants and agronomy centers to support their farmers, which stretch the northern tier of the United States. With multiple touchpoints across the food supply chain, CGI provides trusted solutions and cultivates high-quality ingredients from their local farmers for a farm to table philosophy that nourishes the world, safely.

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