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**Subject: *Withdrawal of Application EFSA-GMO-DE-2008-63 for authorization of H7-1 sugar beet for cultivation and associated uses in the EU according to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003***

Dear Dr. André,

Monsanto Europe S.A. on behalf of Monsanto Company and KWS SAAT AG hereby withdraw the application EFSA-GMO-DE-2008-63 for the authorization of H7-1 sugar beet cultivation in the European Union, submitted on 28 November 2008 through the German Competent Authority, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

Following Commission Decision 2007/692/EC, food produced from H7-1 or containing ingredients produced from H7-1, and feed produced from H7-1 can be lawfully placed on the market. This notification of withdrawal does not impact that decision. This event also remains approved for cultivation in other countries and its safety is, and remains, well established.

In light of our withdrawal decision, we respectfully request the European Commission to return to Monsanto and KWS any copies (paper or electronic) of the application and response documents in its possession or in the possession of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) or the Member States and to suspend public access to this application. Per Article 30(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 we

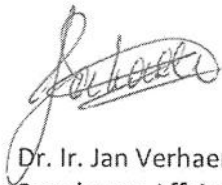
maintain the confidentiality of the information claimed as Confidential Information (CI) in this application, and we maintain all intellectual property rights, particularly copyrights, and data protection rights, on all Monsanto and KWS proprietary data and information submitted, unless specific data access rights were/are granted to a third party in the form of a Letter of Access (LOA).

Yours sincerely,



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