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Attention: Applications Entry Point

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Annual Report: Licence No. DIR 021/2002**

I refer to the requirements of the above licence, (viz. condition No 16 through to 20), to provide the OGTR with an annual report within 90 days of the licence issue date anniversary.

During the period of July 2004 to June 2005, no intentional commercial activities were undertaken with InVigor Hybrid canola in Australia.

Topas 19/2 (an event covered by DIR021/2002 was detected at low levels (around 0.01%) in commercial conventional canola produced in Victoria. The OGTR has been aware of this issue and participated in discussions involving industry and the Victorian DPI around the month of July 2005. The Victorian government, in conjunction with certain sectors of the industry (eg Australian Oilseeds Federation and the Australian Seeds Federation) are currently investigating possible sources of the GM canola. This has been necessary due to the requirements of the moratorium legislation currently in force in Victoria. No adverse impact on the safety to humans and the environment have been reported from this incident.

Research and innovation trials were carried out during July 2004 –July 2005 under State Exemptions Orders in South Australia and Victoria. Details of the activities are as follows:

South Australia 55 ha

Victoria 34 ha

Total area, 89 ha

Note, this does not include plantings of InVigor Hybrid canola as part of DIR 57/2005 trials.

During the period from July 2004 through to July 2005, no adverse effects had been noticed at any of the trial sites. No unexpected adverse effects have been reported to us resulting from dealings with GM canola approved under Licence No. DIR 021/2002.

Yours sincerely,