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PROJECT SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]
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**Accreditation
Number:** ACCR 034/2002

SCOPE OF THE REPORT

This report addresses the annual reporting condition of the DIR 066/2006 commercial licence covering Roundup Ready Cotton, Roundup Ready Flex Cotton and the Bollgard II trait issued to Monsanto Australia Limited by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.

This report details compliance with general and specific conditions of Sections 2 to 6 of the DIR 066 licence as issued to Monsanto Australia Limited on 26 October 2006, and as varied 22 December 2006, 6 December 2007 and 15 April 2009.

The report covers the period of time from 26 October 2008 to 26 October 2009, including the 2008/09 cotton growing season.

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SECTION 2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

2.1 Duration of Licence

DIR066/2006 (DIR066) has not been suspended, cancelled or surrendered.

2.2 Holder of Licence

Monsanto Australia Ltd (Monsanto) remains the holder of the licence.

2.3 Project Supervisor

██████████ is the project supervisor as per Attachment A of the licence. The licence was varied 15 April 2009 to reflect the change of contact details.

2.4 No dealings with GMOs except as authorised by this Licence

Persons covered by the licence did not deal with GMOs except as expressly permitted by the licence.

2.5 Location

The licence allows for dealings with GMOs to be conducted anywhere within Australia. This licence supersedes any previous licences regarding location.

2.6 Persons covered by this GMO Licence

Monsanto acknowledges that the persons covered by the licence are the licence holder and employees, agents or contractors of the licence holder and other persons who are, or have been, engaged to undertake any activity in connection with GMOs grown in a location pursuant to this licence.

2.7 Informing people of their obligations

DIR066 was issued in October 2006, permitting dealings with the GMOs to be undertaken during the cotton growing seasons in 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Monsanto Australia Limited informed all persons covered by the DIR066/2006 licence of the obligations imposed on them as a result of the conditions of this licence. This was primarily achieved through the Monsanto accreditation program and information course which includes information on regulatory obligations, as well as management of the crop.

Accreditation programs require all persons having management responsibility for Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready Flex and Bollgard II Cotton crops, to undergo training.

2.8 Applicant to notify of circumstances that might affect suitability

During the reporting period, Monsanto Australia Ltd did not receive a relevant conviction occurring after the commencement of this licence; nor was there any revocation or suspension of a licence or permit held by Monsanto Australia Ltd under a law of the Australian Government, a State or a foreign country, being a law relating to the health and safety of people or the environment; or any event or circumstance occurring after the commencement of the licence that would affect the capacity of Monsanto to meet the conditions of the DIR 066 licence.

2.9 Licence holder must provide information on matters related to suitability

Monsanto acknowledges that it must provide information related to its ongoing suitability to hold a licence when requested to do so in writing by the Regulator and must provide the information within a time period stipulated by the Regulator.

2.10 Additional information must be given to the Regulator

During the reporting period, Monsanto did not become aware of additional information as to any risks to the health and safety of people, or to the environment, associated with the dealings authorised by the licence; or of any unintended effects of the dealings authorised by the licence.

2.11 People dealing with GMOs must allow auditing and monitoring of the dealing

Monsanto acknowledges that if a person is authorised by this licence to deal with GMOs and a particular condition of this licence applies to the dealing by that person, the person must allow the Regulator, or a person authorised by the Regulator, to enter premises where the dealing is being undertaken, for the purposes of auditing or monitoring the dealing.

2.12 Remaining an Accredited organisation

At all times, Monsanto remained an accredited organisation and complied with conditions of accreditation as set out in the OGTR Guidelines for Accreditation of Organisations.

SECTION 3. GROWING THE GMOS

3.1 GMOs covered by this licence

The only dealings with GMOs under this licence were those with the GMOs described in DIR 066/2006 Licence.

3.2 Permitted dealings

Sales and planting of the Roundup Ready Cotton (RRC), Roundup Ready Flex (RRF) and Bollgard II (BGII) were undertaken under a Technology User Agreement, which sets out the conditions for planting and growing a cotton crop containing RRC, RRF and BGII technology. In order to be eligible to sign such an agreement, a grower was required to attend an accreditation program and pass a test based on the material covered in the accreditation program.

3.3 Crop Location and Volumes

Valley	BGII ha	RRC ha	RRF ha	BGII w RRC ha	BGII w RRF ha
Bourke	106.16	-	-	-	1,743.25
Burdekin	-	-	86.50	-	805.20
Darling Downs	1,469.49	407.07	665.36	1,592.13	16,489.32
Dawson/Callide	366.96	31.44	167.14	217.78	4,416.37
Dirranbandi	-	-	-	-	12,248.50
Emerald	23.20	-	256.27	312.00	10,966.76
Gwydir	516.46	3,688.07	4,429.22	2,649.61	14,027.80
Lachlan	-	-	41.20	435.50	1,527.46
Lower Namoi	522.25	1,154.36	1,896.89	5,687.30	9,796.09
MacIntyre	2,745.00	282.29	131.53	1,254.37	4,490.47
Macquarie	-	1,015.86	32.70	1,118.76	2,663.23
Mungindi	545.48	736.79	874.11	1,003.00	3,288.28
Murrumbidgee	-	-	-	106.00	876.00
St George	441.10	397.62	40.15	1,242.43	6,401.80
The Ord	-	-	-	-	12.15
Upper Namoi	7.00	31.00	22.90	5,515.10	2,536.76
Walgett	-	-	51.23	208.83	3,034.79
Grand Total	6,743.10	7,744.50	8,695.20	21,342.81	95,324.23

Total Bollgard II Hectares planted:

102,067.33Ha

Total Roundup Ready/Roundup Ready Flex Hectares planted:

133,106.74 Ha



Valley: Ord (WA)

Boundaries: Area north of 22° south in Western Australia.

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Valley: Burdekin (QLD)

Boundaries: Area north of 22° South in Queensland.

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Valley: Dawson/Callide (QLD)

Boundaries: Includes Taroom, Biloela, Moura and Theodore regions.

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Valley: Darling Downs (QLD)

Boundaries: Follows the Condamine River. Includes Toowoomba, Murgon, Dalby, Chinchilla, Condamine, and Roma. South-west boundary is Surat.

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Crop Locations:

Valley: Dirranbandi (QLD)

Boundaries: Runs north toward St George and includes Lower Plains, follows south along the Balonne River right down to the NSW border.

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Valley: Mungindi (NSW/QLD)

Boundaries: West of Garah and Boomi Road to Talwood and follows Barwon River south-west of Mungindi towards Collarenebri. Southern boundary is the Watercourse Road from Colly through to Gingham and then to Garah.

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Valley: Gwydir (NSW)
Boundaries: South of Fox Lane, north-west to Garah, west to Collarenebri, south to Bellata. The road that runs east-west through Bellata and to Rowena is southern boundary.

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Valley: Bourke (NSW/QLD)

Boundaries: West of Walgett Shire, north of Coolahbah. Includes Cunnamulla in Queensland.

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Valley: Upper Namoi (NSW)

Boundaries: South-east of Baan Baa-Manilla Road. Includes Coolah, Merriwa, Mullaley, Gunnedah and Quirindi.

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Valley: Lachlan (NSW)

Boundaries: Northern boundary is Peak Hill and Tullamore and the cotton follows the Lachlan River through to Booligal. The southern boundary is the road through to Gunbar and then follows the Great Western Highway through to West Wyalong.

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Valley: Murrumbidgee (NSW)

Boundaries: Northern boundary is the Great Western Highway from West Wyalong through Goolgowi to Gunbar, from Gunbar west to Booligal on the Lachlan River. Downstream of Booligal on the Lachlan and south-west is the Murrumbidgee River.

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Research Trial Site Locations:

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