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Re: Withdrawal of application EFSA-GMO-SE-2010-88

Dear Ms. Waigmann,

BASF Plant Science is hereby informing you of the withdrawal of application EFSA-GMO-SE-2010-88 for the amylopectin potato AM04-1020.

Please note that the application contains confidential business information and the relevant sections of the documents are labelled as confidential. BASF Plant Science would like to emphasize that confidentiality is maintained and none of the information declared as confidential shall be released to the public at any time.

Application EFSA-GMO-SE-2010-88 is withdrawn for business strategic reasons.

On 29 January 2013, BASF Plant Science announced to no longer pursue the regulatory approval for its genetically modified amylopectin starch potato products Amadea (AM04-1020) and Modena (AV43-6-G7) and its genetically modified late blight resistant potato Fortuna (PH05-026-0048).

This decision follows the announcement made on 16 January 2012 to halt the commercialization of all plant biotechnology products that are targeted solely at cultivation in the European Union (EU) market, but to continue the regulatory approval processes for the above-mentioned potato products to keep future strategic business options open. BASF Plant Science cannot justify continued investment in these products due to uncertainty in the regulatory environment as well as the continued possibility of field destructions. BASF Plant Science no longer sees

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opportunities for a successful commercialization of genetically modified plants for cultivation in the EU in the medium term.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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