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## OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

The President Agronomic Producer Association Private Bag 13255 Windhoek Namibia, 9000

Dear Sir or Madam

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT (SEA), AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (SEMP) FOR THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED MAIZE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSE IN NAMIBIA

The SEA and SEMP makes adequate consideration at the strategic scale, of the environmental and legislative frameworks that may be affected by the proposed introduction of Genetically Modified Maize for Agricultural Purposes in Namibia. However, further and detailed assessment remains prudent in respect to the specific / individual project scale activities. Therefore, individual proponent's activity are subject to environmental assessment as per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation (GN 4878, No. 30 of 2012).

With reference to paragraph 14 of the EIA Regulations the following is decided:

- The SEA report provides sufficient information needed for the assessment
- The report further integrates environmental (natural resources) considerations for decision making in policy development, and identifies cumulative impacts on key socioeconomic and environmental sectors with generic mitigation measures for potential impacts proposed, and
- Compliance with environmental impacts arising from individual activities of the proposed project remains relevant and should be addressed as required and outlined in regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations.

I trust that these recommendations are in order and shall receive your favorable considerations

Yours sincerely.

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