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RE: Request to Submit Samples for Testing

Dear Rice Variety Owners, Rice Seed Growers (registered, certified or grade), and Rice Growers using farm saved seed:

The California Rice Commission is undertaking the testing of all seed to be planted for 2008, as part of our ongoing effort to provide the market with assurance that California rice is Liberty Link free. Tests of all seed last year yielded a non-detect to the 0.01 percent detection level for the presence of Liberty Link genes. In the confusion surrounding U.S. origin rice, these results were settling to the market.

Currently, all export markets in Asia and Europe still require testing. Russia which, has been closed to all U.S. rice, is expected to open to shipments shortly but will require testing. The states in the Southern U.S. continue to require extensive seed testing for all seed to be planted in 2008.

On going discussions with our customers for California rice continue to indicate that a comprehensive test of all California rice seed, to the .01 percent tolerance would be very useful in easing market testing requirements. In response, the California Rice Commission, is requesting that all California rice variety owners submit samples for laboratory testing. All registered, certified and grade seed (including farm saved seed) for the 2007 crop is also required to be submitted for testing and must confirm a non-detect status. California Crop Improvement Association will be assisting us with this effort.

Attached is a copy of the testing protocol and a sample submission form. Please note that you are requested to submit samples of "foundation level" seed as the developer or owner of the variety. You are also requested to submit samples of all rice seed by variety to be sold or used for planting for the 2007 crop.

Sincerely,

Tim Johnson

President–CEO

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