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SUBJECT: DIOXIN AND PCP IN GUAR GUM

- 1) The EU authorities on July 25th sent to EUROPEAN MEMBERS AN ALERT NOTIFICATION warning about a CONTAMINATION OF DIOXIN AND PCP IN GUAR GUM SUPPLIED BY INDIA GLYCOLS AND UNIPEKTIN.
- 2) A second "NOTE OF ATTENTION" was sent on August 1st stating:
- "THE CONTAMINATION IS RELATED TO ONE COMPANY IN INDIA (INDIA GLYCOLS) and the possibly contaminated Guar Gum has been sent through Swiss Companies to 9 EU Members: Austria, Czech R., France, Germany, Denmark, Poland, Hungary, Finland and U.K. and directly from India Glycols to Germany and Spain, tracing of possibly contaminated batches of Guar Gum is on going on the basis of the available information and samples are taken and analyzed.
- 3) CESALPINIA has never received Guar Gum directly from India Glycols or through Unipektin confirmed by the above EU statement (ITALY IS NOT INCLUDED)
- 4) Nevertheless we started to alert our Guar Gum suppliers to runt test on their own production and we have done the same on Guar Gum lots in our stock.
- 5) Up to now we have analytical reports from our suppliers confirming that DIOXIN AND PCP content is within EU requirements.
- 6) The same we confirm that our stock samples have been found in line with EU requirements (results from accredited external labs).
- 7) Our suppliers and ourselves will keep on monitoring all future deliveries.
- 8) Based on the above "NEGATIVE" results on our stocked raw material we are able to issue "STATEMENTS" to our customers that our FRIMULSION are produced with no risk of contamination.
- 9) For practical reasons we cannot issue certificates for single lots of FRIMULSION produced (more than 300 types of FRIMULSION and thousands of customers)
- 10) We will continue to check our Guar lots during the alert period in cooperation with our suppliers.

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