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Dear All

Please find attached notes of meeting re GM
You guys need to decide how you react to this
Please treat this in confidence

thanks/Rohit

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Importance: High

Dear member

I attach a note of my meeting with Aventis last week. There are some extremely important developments to note:

1. Aventis informed me that 2000 acres of GM was grown and harvested this year and is now in dedicated storage. They tell me this is intended for commercial use once the last regulatory hurdle is overcome. They estimate that will be next spring. I also attach the Q&A briefing they gave to me.
2. They also informed me that they are working on commercial uses of this rice (a medium grain intended for use in US in the milling and cereal sectors). Their partner on the marketing side is Riceland Foods. The rice was grown under contract but I cannot definitely confirm that the farms used were Riceland farms.
3. I spoke to Fred Wersing (Riceland representative in Europe) at the US Rice Federation reception at SIAL the same day. He came back to me yesterday to confirm Ricelands involvement and that Riceland had a Question & Answer briefing available. He would not give this to me, asking that the NERMA President should request it from him directly.
4. I imagine members will be gravely concerned at the implications of these developments and would welcome views on how we should respond. In the first instance I would suggest a letter be sent to the US Rice Federation (Ellen Terpstra).

Regards

Michael Bellingham

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