

## POSITION STATEMENT of FORAGE SEED CANADA INC.

Position Statement on Recombinant DNA Technology and Subsequent Genetically Engineered (GE) Alfalfa and GE Forage Seeds including Roundup Ready™ Alfalfa for

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**Whereas** it is the position of Forage Seed Canada Inc. that the CFIA has failed to do a complete due diligence assessment in the approval of GE alfalfa for release into Canada, by neglecting to factor in potential market losses or market impact by allowing GE traits in alfalfa into Canada before widespread market acceptance;

**Therefore**, the following is the position of Forage Seed Canada Inc. on recombinant DNA technology and subsequent genetically engineered alfalfa and genetically engineered forage seeds, including Roundup Ready™ alfalfa:

We do support a regulatory environment based on sound science that openly communicates clear and meaningful information to stakeholders. We do not support testing or commercialization that poses a risk for release of a specific transgene or any forage seed transgenes (ie the Roundup Ready™ alfalfa transgene) into the environment or commercialization of any transgenic variety including Roundup Ready™ alfalfa or stacked traits in Canada until such time as:

- Federal, Provincial, and Municipal regulatory approval, consumer acceptance by the majority of each individual market, marketplace acceptance by not only governments, but also the majority of buyers, seed multipliers, end users, and their customers, in not only Canada, but also in the export markets including United States, the European Union, China, Japan, Mexico, South America, and the Middle East;

- a strong identity preservation system for alfalfa varieties is in place in Canada;

- a rapid, cost-effective, sensitive, accurate test (based on each export market's specific requirements) for the specific transgene is available;

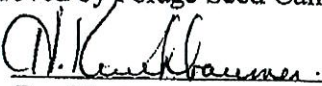
- issues including legal or fiduciary pertaining to responsibility, liability, loss of markets, insurance, and consequences of contamination are clarified;

- a current economic impact assessment on how this product would impact all forage seed markets and other industries that forage seed has an impact on, including GE sensitive export markets is done;

- a liability clause is in place to compensate affected stakeholders fully for lost seed markets due to contamination by gene transfer, or contamination by uncontrolled feral alfalfa populations, and also for monetary losses and costs due to rejected seed shipments due to GE contamination.

Until such time as all the above stipulations are in place, Forage Seed Canada Inc. opposes the release of this technology into western Canada.

Approved by Forage Seed Canada Inc. as of February 12, 2015.

Per:   
President