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DECISION ON ISSUING A LICENCE FOR APPLICATION DIR 060/2005

The Gene Technology Regulator (the Regulator) has made a decision to issue a licence in respect of application DIR 060/2005 from Florigene Pty Ltd. The applicant has received approval for the limited and controlled release of three imported rose lines that have been genetically modified to alter flower colour. The trial will take place in the Shire of Yarra Ranges, Victoria, from March 2006 to April 2008, at a maximum of two sites on a total of 125m².

The decision to issue the licence was made after extensive consultation on the Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) with the public, State and Territory governments, Australian Government agencies, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee and the relevant local council, as required by the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.

Issues relating to the health and safety of people and the protection of the environment raised during the consultation process on this application were considered in finalising the RARMP and in making the decision to issue the licence.

The Executive Summary, Technical Summary, the complete finalised RARMP, together with the licence conditions and a set of Questions and Answers on this decision can be obtained on-line from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator's website or requested via the contacts detailed below.

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