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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

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DECISION ON ISSUING A LICENCE FOR APPLICATION DIR 067/2006

The Gene Technology Regulator (the Regulator) has made a decision to issue a licence in respect of application DIR 067/2006 from CSIRO. The applicant has received approval for the limited and controlled release of up to 30 GM cotton lines with tolerance to waterlogging. The trial may take place on a maximum total area of 0.1 ha at one site in the shire of Narrabri (NSW) during each of the three summer growing seasons of 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09.

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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