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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

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DECISION ON ISSUING A LICENCE FOR APPLICATION DIR 069/2006

The Gene Technology Regulator (the Regulator) has made a decision to issue a licence in respect of application DIR 069/2006 from Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd. The applicant has received approval for the limited and controlled release of GM canola and Indian mustard lines containing introduced genes for herbicide tolerance and a hybrid breeding system.

The trial will occur on a maximum of 252 hectares, comprising up to 42 sites of no more than 6 ha over 6 seasons between 2007 and 2010. Potential sites have been identified in 24 shires in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

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 councils, as required by the *Gene Technology Act 2000* and corresponding State and territory laws.

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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