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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development One Hundred and Fifty-Fourth Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and fifty-fourth meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 17, 2008 at the National Press Club located at 529 14th St., NW., Washington, DC. The venue will be the 1st Amendment Room which is located on the 13th floor of the National Press Club. "Global Food Prices and Policy Actions" is the theme of BIFAD's June meeting.

Dr. Robert Easter, Chairman of BIFAD, will preside over the proceedings. Dr. Easter is Dean of the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environment Sciences at the University of Illinois.

The morning session will include the Board's special study on "Defining a Title XII Activity", and the results from BIFAD's recent Conference of Deans, which emphasized "Higher Education on a New Stage in Global Agricultural Development." The conference was held on April 30, 2008. Highlighting the morning session will be the presentation entitled; "Food Prices: The What, Who, and How of Proposed Policy Actions." This will be delivered by Dr. John Hoddinott, Deputy Division Director, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC. This presentation will be followed by a discussion on the Board's "White Paper", and with particular reference to BIFAD's recommendations to USAID's senior leadership.

The afternoon session will shift to technical topics with reports from the Strategic Partnership for Agricultural Research and Education (SPARE).

SPARE is BIFAD's analytical sub-committee. This session will be led by Dr. Robert Paarlberg, member of the SPARE committee. Dr. Paarlberg will report on SPARE's review of the Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) guidelines, and SPARE's review and pending revisions to USAID's ADS 216 as related to implementation of Title XII. A progress report on the procurement of USAID's new Horticultural CRSP will also be presented.

The Board and SPARE meetings are open to the public. The Board welcomes open dialog to promote greater focus on critical issues facing USAID and international agriculture.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Dr. Ronald S. Senykoff, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-085, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-0218 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Ronald S. Senykoff,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to VMRD, Inc. of Pullman, Washington, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,171,685, "Cloning Of The Babesia Bovis 60KD Antigen", issued on December 15, 1992.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the date of

publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as VMRD, Inc. of Pullman, Washington has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Public Hearing on New Entrant's 2008 Crop Cane Sugar Marketing Allotment

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on providing an allocation to a new entrant sugarcane processor in Louisiana and possible impacts on existing cane processors and producers. CCC also requests comments on the evidence CCC should require from a new entrant to demonstrate eligibility for a marketing allocation.

DATES: The public hearing will be held Thursday, June 26, 2008, in the Howard