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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,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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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

Johnson Maria Louisa Rienza Room, 203 East Bayou Road, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301. The hearing will start at 9 a.m. central standard time (CST).

ADDRESSES: Barbara Fecso, Dairy and Sweeteners Analysis Group, Economic Policy and Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0516, Washington, DC 20250-0516; telephone: (202) 720-4146; fax: (202) 690-1480; e-mail: barbara.fecso@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Fecso at (202) 720-4146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA will hold a public hearing as requested by Louisiana sugarcane processors regarding the application of the Andino Energy Enterprises, L.L.C., (Andino Energy) for a cane sugar marketing allocation for the 2008 crop year. Andino Energy is requesting a 2008-crop year allocation of 50,000 short tons, raw value (STRV), and subsequent increases to the allocation of 60,000 STRV for the 2009 crop, 80,000 STRV for the 2010 crop, 100,000 STRV for the 2011 crop, and 120,000 STRV for the 2012 crop.

Section 359d(b)(1)(E) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359dd(b)(1)(E)), as amended, authorizes CCC to provide a sugarcane processor, who begins processing on or after May 13, 2002, an allocation that provides a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of the allocations from the allotment for the State in which the processor is located. To make an allocation to a processor in Louisiana, a proportionate share State, the Secretary establishes proportionate shares in a quantity sufficient to produce the sugarcane required to satisfy the allocations. CCC must consider the adverse effects on existing cane processors and producers in mainland States when determining whether a new entrant processor allocation is warranted. Also, prior to the cane sugar allotment establishment, Andino Energy must provide satisfactory evidence that it has a viable processing facility, an adequate sugarcane supply, and a market for the cane sugar product. If approved, the new sugarcane allocation will be subtracted, on a pro rata basis, from the allocations otherwise provided to each Louisiana cane processor when the 2008 crop allocations are determined by USDA.

CCC will use this hearing to collect comments on (1) any adverse effects that the provisions of an allocation to Andino Energy may have on existing cane processors and producers and (2) the evidence CCC should require from a new entrant to demonstrate the ability

to process, produce, and market raw cane sugar. Attendance is open to all interested parties.

The hearing and any results from it will be subject to new regulations that will be published to implement the sugar provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (popularly known as the "2008 Farm Bill"), Pub. L. 110-234, enacted on May 22, 2008. There are no current regulations that specify a particular amount of advance notice for the hearing. The new law, as to allotments, is much the same as the old law. The hearing date and place have been set to allow a sufficient time for consideration in the normal allotment cycle and for convenience for interested parties in light of already scheduled industry meetings.

The hearing will be held on June 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. CST, in the Howard Johnson Maria Louisa Rienza Room, 203 East Bayou Road, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement may do so, time permitting. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. A signup sheet for oral statements will be available at the entrance of the meeting room one hour before the hearing begins. Oral statements will be made in the order the request was received. Anyone wishing to make a written statement in lieu of an oral statement should send their statement to Barbara Fecso, Dairy and Sweeteners Analysis Group, Economic Policy and Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0516, Washington, DC 20250-0516; telephone: (202) 720-4146; fax: (202) 690-1480; e-mail: barbara.fecso@wdc.usda.gov. Statements must be received by close of business on June 26, 2008.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to attend or participate in the meetings should contact Barbara Fecso.

Signed in Washington, DC on May 30, 2008.

Glen L. Keppy,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—State Administrative Expense Funds Regulations

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collections. The proposed collection is a revision of a currently approved collection related to State administrative expense funds expended in the operation of the Child Nutrition Programs administered under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Ms. Melissa Rothstein, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 636, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 640.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request