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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Rotunda, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Participants may attend in person or join via livestream. The link to the global live stream as well as registration information can be found on BIFAD's home page: <http://www.usaid.gov/bifad>.

The central theme of this public meeting will be *Resilience Measurement and Analysis*. Dr. Brady Deaton, Acting BIFAD Chair, will preside over the public business meeting, which will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. ET with opening remarks. At this meeting, the Board will address old and new business, including the presentation of the BIFAD Award for Scientific Excellence in an Innovation Lab. The purpose of this meeting is to share knowledge about theoretical and applied frameworks for resilience measurement and analysis and to identify opportunities to leverage U.S. university research capabilities to support resilience measurement and analysis. This event responds to priorities identified during the BIFAD meeting at the 2017 World Food Prize and the 2017 USAID Resilience Evidence Summit.

The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Brady Deaton, Acting BIFAD Chair and Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Missouri. The meeting will feature thought leaders on resilience measurement and analysis from USAID, academia and the practitioner

community. Speakers include Dr. Greg Collins, Director of USAID's Center for Resilience and Dr. Mark Conostas, Associate Professor at Cornell University, and Chair of the Food and Nutrition Security Resilience Measurement Technical Working Group.

At 4:00 p.m. ET, Acting Chairman Deaton will moderate a half-hour public comment period. At 5:00 p.m., Dr. Deaton will make closing remarks and adjourn the public meeting.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0119.

Clara Cohen,

Designated Federal Officer, BIFAD, Bureau for Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the Rotunda, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Participants may attend in person or join via livestream. The link to the global live stream as well as registration information can be found on BIFAD's home page: <http://www.usaid.gov/bifad>.

The central theme of this public meeting will be *Building an Evidence Base on Rural Youth Employment and Livelihoods*. Dr. Brady Deaton, Acting BIFAD Chair, will preside over the public business meeting, which will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. ET with opening remarks. At this meeting, the

Board will address old and new business and hear updates from USAID and the university community. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a shared understanding of rural labor markets and youth-specific constraints, discuss the evidence base on programs that aim to improve rural youth employment and livelihoods, outline cross-sectoral opportunities to support and empower youth to take advantage of agricultural system market opportunities, and identify knowledge gaps on which U.S. university research partners can generate evidence to address.

Following the opening remarks, the meeting will feature experts as well as panel discussions on the following topics:

- A Conceptual Framework on Youth and Agricultural Transformation;
- Framing the Evidence Base on Rural Youth Employment and Livelihoods;
- Youth Perspectives: Challenges and Opportunities in the Agricultural and Food Sectors;
- Youth Productivity: Technology, Mechanization, and Global Value Chains;
- Gender Considerations and Youth Employment;
- Research, Learning and USAID Programming: The Role of U.S. University Research Partners in Generating Evidence.

The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Brady Deaton, Acting BIFAD Chair and Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Missouri. Expert speakers include Dr. Louise Fox, USAID Chief Economist and Dr. David Tschirley, Food Security Group Co-Director, Michigan State University.

At 4:15 p.m. ET, Acting Chairman Deaton will moderate a half-hour public comment period. At 5:00 p.m., Dr. Deaton will make closing remarks and adjourn the public meeting.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington,

DC, 20523–2110 or telephone her at (202) 712–0119.

Clara Cohen,

Designated Federal Officer, BIFAD, Bureau for Food Security, 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 Koppert B.V. of The Netherlands, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/854,120, “STABLE FUNGAL BLASTOSPORES AND METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION, STABILIZATION AND USE”, filed on September 15, 2015.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 17, 2018.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian T. Nakanishi 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 Koppert B.V. of The Netherlands 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.

Mojdeh Bahar,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Settlement Pursuant to CERCLA; Libby Asbestos Site, Lincoln County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), notice is hereby given of an administrative settlement with W.R. Grace & Co. Conn. and the Kootenai Development Company (Grace) for the recovery of past response costs concerning Operable Unit 3 (OU3) of the Libby Asbestos Site, Lincoln County, Montana (the Site).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the Libby Ranger District, Canoe Gulch Ranger Station, 12557 MT Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, and at the offices of the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Jeff Johnson at (208) 765–7313, Pamela Baltz (406) 283–7597, or from Babak Rastgoufard, USDA Office of the General Counsel at (406) 329–3061. Comments should reference the Libby Asbestos Site OU3, and should be addressed to Babak Rastgoufard, USDA Office of the General Counsel, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Jeff Johnson, USDA Forest Service Northern Region, 3815 N Schreiber Way, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815; phone (208) 765–7313 or Pamela Baltz, Kootenai National Forest, 12557 Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923; phone (406) 283–7597. For legal information, contact Babak Rastgoufard, USDA Office of the General Counsel, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804; phone (406) 329–3061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), the settlement agreement resolves, in part, response costs incurred by the Forest Service at OU3. Under the settlement, Grace has

agreed to pay the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, \$219,308 to reimburse it for certain response actions the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, has undertaken at the Site. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue Grace for certain past costs pursuant to sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), with regard to the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Libby Ranger District, Canoe Gulch Ranger Station, 12557 MT Hwy. 37, Libby, MT 59923, and at the offices of the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

Dated: March 14, 2018.

Chris French,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Forest Products Removal Permits and Contracts

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested parties on the extension of a currently approved information collection, *Forest Products Removal Permits and Contracts*.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 18, 2018 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Director, Forest & Rangeland Management and Vegetation Ecology, Forest Service, USDA, Mail Stop 1103, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20250–1103.

Comments may also be submitted via facsimile to (703) 605–1575 or by email