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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that Mr. Carlo Bakker participated as one of the key note speakers in the bio fuels seminar which was held during the EU SADC Sector Partnership Meeting 'Agro-Industry 2008' in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania (www.agro-ind2008.com) in May 2008.

Due to his hands-on and entrepreneurial experience as an investor in the bio fuels sector in Africa, Mr. Carlo Bakker (Netherlands) was successfully able to add significant value to our program. His interactive presentation was extremely well received by the audience which was comprised of investors from Europe, project promoters from the SADC Region, intermediary organisations from Europe and Africa, donor agencies as well as of financial institutions.

During the seminar Mr. Bakker was addressing the following topics:

- The current situation of the bio fuels sector in Africa
- Existing opportunities in the bio fuels sector (without competing with food chains)
- Entrepreneurial perspective as a foreign investor in Africa
- The social aspect of bio fuels, with particular focus on the food versus fuel debate
- Experience with local governments

The positive response/reactions of this entrepreneurial story does provide a lot of "food for thought", for stakeholders which are involved on different levels in the bio fuels sector (e.g. strategy, planning and implementation level). Carlo Bakker's knowledge of the bio fuels sector combined with his entrepreneurial approach and practical experience in several African countries made him an ideal speaker for our seminar program at Agro-Industry 2008. We therefore can recommend Mr. Carlo Bakker as a keynote speaker for upcoming similar events without any reservations.

Kind regards,

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