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European Commission

European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy

Mr Tonio Borg

Health & Consumers Directorate-General

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open letter

Munich, 2 June 2014

Dear Mr Borg

Re: Genetically engineered maize 1507: EFSA cannot invalidate criticism

Testbiotech would once again like to ask for the market authorisation of genetically engineered maize 1507 to be stopped. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has now issued a statement concerning two Testbiotech reports on maize 1507, for which authorisation for cultivation is pending. While EFSA defends its own risk assessment, it cannot disprove the substantial lack of relevant and sufficiently reliable data. It is evident that the existing data are not sufficient to exclude risks to human health and the environment. Please see attached our short backgrounder.

Given that the regulatory framework of the EU places so much emphasis on the precautionary principle, the EU Commission has to reject the EFSA statement and suspend market authorisation of maize 1507.

As we have proposed several times, we would be happy to meet the Commission to discuss the current practice of risk assessment and cases such as maize 1507 and SmartStax. We look forward to receiving your proposals for such a meeting in the near future.

With kind regards



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Annex: Testbiotech Backgrounder

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