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Dear Dr. Chan:

It has come to our attention that the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified glyphosate as a probable human carcinogen (Group 2A). During its review, it is our understanding that IARC participants purposefully chose to disregard dozens of studies and publically available regulatory assessments that support the conclusion that glyphosate does not pose a human health risk.

IARC's findings are contrary to robust scientific assessments conducted by regulatory agencies in the EU, Canada, US, Japan and even other bodies within the World Health Organization. All of these agencies concluded glyphosate is not a carcinogen. It is doubtful that a scientific process could have reached a conclusion that so dramatically differs from regulatory agencies around the globe.

Conclusions about a herbicide such as glyphosate, the most widely used crop protection product in the world, which is used on crops grown for food and feed purposes, must be non-biased, thorough and based on quality science that adheres to internationally recognized standards. As a manufacturer of glyphosate, we would like to request an urgent meeting with appropriate personnel from your organization to address the following:

- What steps can be immediately taken to rectify this highly questionable review and conclusion as compared to all other reviews that have been conducted with regulatory agencies around the globe;
- An accounting of all studies that were considered during the review process, and equally as important, an accounting of those studies that were disregarded;
- An understanding as to why glyphosate was selected for review in April 2014, but only made known to the public in September 2014;
- An understanding of how participants and specialists were selected for participation in this monograph; and
- An accounting of all funding for the classification of glyphosate by IARC, including donors.

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Safety is our number one priority, and we know that IARC's conclusions will likely cause a great deal of concern with growers and consumers alike. We are very anxious to determine a path forward to address these clear inconsistencies. I will be in contact with your office to inquire who may be available to meet with me, and potential dates and times. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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