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To whom it may concern,

Bio Processing Australia has developed proprietary technology to make high value nutritional yeast products with global demand.

BPA has grown organically from its base in Orange NSW but is now at a stage where expansion and relocation will be dictated by the abundance of feedstock to grow the yeast. The vast majority of product is sold into animal feed with particular success into Asia. One of the world's largest global food companies sells our flagship product TorSel® into Asia.

A unique feature of the BPA process is utilizing crude glycerine from biodiesel production as substrate for the yeast. A biodiesel mandate in Queensland is very much in our interest – without support of local biodiesel production BPA will have to move offshore where glycerine is more available.

The scale of plant we are looking at in our next stage is quite considerable and will employ upwards of 25 people. SE Queensland is a potentially good location for our manufacturing – it has abundant sugar as backup substrate for our process although we much prefer glycerine.

Our process and our place in the market sustains biodiesel production very well – glycerine is a 10% by-product and so is potentially available in high volumes. Without our type of process glycerine becomes an abundant commodity that has seen a marked fall in value over the years.

I am told there is a push to delay the Queensland mandate for biodiesel back to 2017 – this is not good for the industry (or our company as we need to start planning our expanded plant asap) as I think local biodiesel producers need to make the most of the federal excise policy asap.

As the Queensland government has pointed out in the discussion paper, the bio-refining concept is very much a part of the future – BPA plays exactly this role in utilizing by-products and creating high grade feed ingredients that have world wide demand. Our biggest market is currently India but we expect China to fill this position in the next two years.

It would be splendid if we can remain in Australia and play a role in the bio-refining future of Queensland.

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