



## **GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF SUGAR CANE VARIETIES FROM THE CIRAD QUARANTINE STATION IN MONTPELLIER**

### **BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED:**

On the one hand,

Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development), hereinafter referred to as "CIRAD" having its registered office at 42 rue Scheffer, 75116 Paris Cedex, France, represented by Mr. Thierry Lefrançois in his capacity as Director of the Biological Systems department (BIOS),

And

On the other hand,

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Hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient"

### **WHEREAS:**

CIRAD has a sugarcane quarantine unit, called Visacane, located at its Montpellier centre, Campus International de Baillarguet, UMR BGPI, TA A-54 / K 34398 Montpellier Cedex 5, France. CIRAD ensures the scientific support, the management and the maintenance of these quarantine facilities. Visacane provides healthy cane varieties for the sugar industry and for breeding centres. It is part of a plant pathology joint research unit.

This installation enables Visacane to receive sugarcane varieties from breeding centres worldwide and supply Recipients with varieties of various statuses.

### **ARTICLE 1: SCOPE**

This General Agreement aims to define conditions for the supply of sugarcane varieties (or other related botanical genera) from the CIRAD quarantine unit. Each year, prior to each order, the Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) will specify the provisions relative to intellectual property, rights of access to, and use of the said materials (testing and/or commercial cultivation).



## **ARTICLE 2: DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

This General Agreement is concluded for a period of five years starting on the date of signature by both parties.

## **ARTICLE 3: TYPES OF VARIETIES SUPPLIED**

The varieties are supplied to the Recipient according to the options described below, which can be chosen separately or combined. Each option is subject to an annual payment specified under Article 5, as a contribution to the quarantine operations.

### ***Option 1: Varieties free of rights***

*The supply of varieties created by breeding centres worldwide that are royalty-free for experimental use, but subject to the breeding centre's authorization for industrial use. Each year, Visacane proposes a choice from around ten varieties free of rights.*

### ***Option 2: Elite varieties subject to royalties***

*The supply of varieties created by Breeders worldwide and subject to the payment of royalties, or to specific transfer agreements. Each year, Visacane proposes a choice from around thirty elite varieties. In order to receive them, the Recipient must sign an agreement beforehand with the breeding centre(s) of those varieties, except if the Breeders have commissioned CIRAD to supply Recipients with their varieties.*

### ***Option 3: Varieties created by WICSCBS (Barbados)***

*The supply of varieties created by the West Indies Central Sugar Cane Breeding Station WICSCBS (Barbados). Each year, Visacane proposes a complete batch of around thirty WICSCBS varieties.*

## **ARTICLE 4: RECIPIENT'S CHOICE**

Recipients choose the option(s) that suit them for the duration of the contract [tick the box(es)].

  
  

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

The Recipient expresses the intention to import one or more batches of varieties based on a list of varieties available under the different options, updated each year by Visacane. The list will be supplied on request by e-mail (or letter). It can also be consulted at <http://visacane.cirad.fr/en/>



## **ARTICLE 5: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES**

### **5.1 Technical procedures**

The list of varieties chosen by the Recipient is drawn up each year after exchanges of correspondence between CIRAD and the Recipient.

The varieties involved will be supplied in the form of one-eye cuttings (6 cuttings per variety) at the end of two quarantine cycles, on a mutually agreed date, ideally between 1 January and 15 March of each year. In fact, this period ensures the highest germinating quality for the varieties supplied by Visacane.

Shipment will be by air to a mutually agreed airport.

### **5.2 Financial procedures**

The financial arrangements depend on the option(s) chosen. Please, contact CIRAD for further information.

## **ARTICLE 6: CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLYING VARIETIES**

The Recipient agrees to the provisions of the Material Transfer Agreements (MTA), which will be adapted for each annual order in accordance with the varieties involved. A specimen copy of an MTA is appended to this General Agreement.

In order to obtain the elite varieties, the Recipient must sign a contract with the Breeders. Visacane will only be able to ship those varieties to the Recipient once the written agreement of the Breeder(s) has been received.

An import permit issued by the plant health authorities of the Recipient's country is essential for transferring the varieties. **Visacane must receive the permit each year by 1 March at the latest.**

## **ARTICLE 7: PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

Payment is to be made **each year** as follows:

- 100% of quarantine costs on receipt of the varieties based on the CIRAD invoice accompanying the shipment.
- Should no order be placed, payment will be due on receipt of the CIRAD invoice corresponding to the chosen option.
- Where applicable, 100% of the royalty received by CIRAD on behalf of other Plant Breeders, on receipt of the corresponding invoice.

The sums due are to be paid by bank transfer, in the name of CIRAD-BIOS, to the following account:



B.N.P. PARIBAS Etoile-Entreprises  
BIC: BNPAFRPPPKL  
Bank Code: 30004  
Sort Code: 00892  
Account number: 00010443518  
Check digits: 21  
IBAN: FR76 3000 4008 9200 0104 4351 821

## **ARTICLE 8: TERMINATION AND LITIGATION**

This General Agreement may be terminated each year on 1 July by each of the parties, subject to six (6) months' advance notice.

Such termination shall not entail the payment of any compensation if it is justified by the requesting party for a serious reason.

Any termination of the General Agreement shall not affect the existence or execution of the specific agreements already in force.

Any dispute regarding the interpretation and application of this General Agreement that cannot be amicably settled shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Paris Commercial Court, to which the parties attribute jurisdiction acting under French law.

Signed in Montpellier, on

For XX

Title

Name  
Stamp

For CIRAD

and by order,  
the Director,  
Biological Systems Department

Thierry LEFRANCOIS  
Stamp