

SWAZILAND ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY

APPROVAL TO CONDUCT CONTAINED USE ACTIVITY USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM

Approval Number: <u>001</u>

Date of Issue: 15th November 2016

Valid up to: 31st May 2017

In accordance with the Biosafety Act, 2012, I hereby grant the approval to undertake Confined Field Trials of genetically modified (GM) cotton to the Institution mentioned in this approval.

Name and address of Applicant	Swaziland Cotton Board Mancishane Street Crop Promotion Unit P O Box 230 Manzini Tel: +268 25052775	
Specification of the GMO	Bt Cotton	/AL
Quantity Approved	20 kg	
Intended Use	Confined Field Trials (at Big-bend (Lowveld Experimental Station) and Malkerns Research Station)	
Risk Category		FREEZE/

This approval is granted subject to the following conditions-

- 1. The Swaziland Cotton Board conducts the field trials only on the two sites that were approved by the National Biosafety Advisory Committee (NBAC);
- 2. The CFTs should have restricted public access;
- The Swaziland Cotton Board (SCB) is responsible for protecting the seed during entry into the
 country, transportation, storage (lock and key), use, until at post-harvest (crushing), and the
 Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) should be informed of the status at all stages.
- 4. The Swaziland Cotton Board should submit a Crop Management Programme for the 2016/2017 planting season for both sites. This should include, but not limited to:
 - a. Transport of seeds to the different sites for planting and the planting dates.
 - b. Harvesting.
 - c. Transportation of seed-cotton to the gin.
 - d. Crushing of the seeds
 - e. Transportation of any material from the GM crop to neighbouring countries.
- 5. The SEA should be informed if there are any changes from the information that has been submitted as Schedule 1 and Schedule 5 of the application to conduct CFTs.
- 6. The Swaziland Cotton Board shall be responsible for the implementation and supervision of the day-today activities in both sites and will always be expected to be on sight when monitoring or inspection

(announced or un-announced) by the Competent Authority is done. This approval is not transferrable and is valid for: One cotton growing season (2016/2017 Season) Place: Mbabane Name: Isaac Gcina Dladla Date: 15th November 2016 ENVIRONMENT AUTHO Signature: P.O. BOX 2602 MBABANE 5 NOV 2016 The Acting Executive Director TEL: 2404 6960 **Swaziland Environment Authority**