(1) KUMIAI CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CO., LTD.

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Kumiai settles patent infringement proceeding in Australia

(Crop Smart Pty Ltd)

Kumiai Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. ("Kumiai") is one of the world's leading

agrochemical companies with over 70 years' experience in manufacturing herbicide

products. Kumiai manufactures Sakura® 850 WG pyroxasulfone herbicide which has

been trusted by Australian farmers for years. Kumiai has a global patent portfolio which

includes Australian patents relating to pyroxasulfone herbicide. Kumiai regards the

enforcement of its intellectual property rights to be of critical importance.

On 12 November 2024, Kumiai commenced patent infringement proceedings against

Crop Smart Pty Ltd in relation to its distribution and sale of the Smart Sayonara 850

WG Herbicide pyroxasulfone product (APVMA Product Registration No. 90448) in

Australia.

On 17 April 2025, the Federal Court of Australia made orders finalizing this proceeding.

See: The ORDER

The terms of settlement are confidential.

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