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**RE: Hispanagar SA Essential Business Designation**

To All Emergency Management Agencies,

**Global BioIngredients Inc.** is recognized by US State and Federal emergency management agencies as an essential business for the importation and distribution of medically essential raw materials and food ingredients. Global BioIngredients supplies businesses within the United States and Canada that are vital to maintaining a functioning healthcare system and food-manufacturing infrastructure. Given the need for continuity in these industries it is essential that Global BioIngredients and all of its suppliers and service providers remain operational in the event of any local, national, or international closure orders.

Hispanagar SA is a globally recognized manufacturer of agar and agarose and a critical vendor in Global BioIngredients’ supply chain. Agar and agarose are used in the manufacture of media for clinical diagnostics, vaccine production, and cell culture propagation and purification. Agar in particular has both medical and food applications and is not manufactured within the US or Canada. Continued production of agar and agarose by Hispanagar is vital to the functioning of the US heathcare system

Global BioIngredients recognizes the importance of social distancing for the containment of COVID 19. Global BioIngredients requests that all suppliers follow local recommendations to the greatest extent possible while remaining operational. Such recommendations typically include the use of remote workers for all non-essential tasks and personal protective equipment such as facemasks and gloves for those that absolutely must be on-site.

Sincerely,



Robert Gallo.

President

Global BioIngredients Inc.