

Madhyabharat Consortium of Farmers Producer Company Limited

From | Associação Control Union Certificates
 Subject | Invitation to stakeholders' consultation of Madhyabharat Consortium of Farmers Producer Company Limited
 Date | 26.12.2023

Dear Ms. / Mr. Yogesh Dwivedi

Associação Control Union Certificates (ACUC) is announcing an assessment on Madhyabharat Consortium of Farmers producer Company Limited against the standards mentioned below. The standard(s) used can be obtained by accessing the following link: www.responsiblesoy.org.

| Details of Applicant | |
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| Company seeking certification: | Madhyabharat Consortium of Farmers Producer Company Limited |
| Group (if applicable): | |
| Company's contact person: | Mr. Mukesh Mewara |
| Position: | Regional Manager |
| Business Address: | House No 74, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh |
| P.O.: | Madhya Pradesh |
| Country: | India |
| Phone number: | +91 9425469672 |
| Details of Certification: | |
| Internal Control System: | Group |
| Type of application: | Initial |
| Standards to be used during the assessment | RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production v4.0: Indian NI of RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production v2.0 RTRS Group and Multi-site Certification Standard v3.2 RTRS Non-GMO V1.0 - 26/04/2018 ENs |
| Units (Localization) | House No 74, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India |

According to the Operational and Assessment Requirements for Certification against RTRS Production Standard:

- The auditors shall interview a sufficient variety and number of people affected by or involved in the farm operation to make direct factual observations as to conformity with:
 - The organization's documented systems and procedures.
 - All the indicators of the applicable RTRS standard.

A tentative agenda of the evaluation process is presented below:

| Activity | Dates |
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| Stakeholder consultation | 26/12/2023 to 18.01.2024 |
| Opening meeting | 18.01.2024 |
| Evaluation of documented/company system | 22.01.2024 |
| Field inspection | 18.01.2024 to 21.01.2024 |
| Closing Meeting | 22.01.2024 |
| Report writing and review | 24.01.2024 to 25.01.2024 |

| Audit Team | | |
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| Role | Name | Qualifications (including field of expertise) |
| Lead Auditor | Mr. Niketan Patil | Bsc Agri, MBA in Marketing and 8+ years' experience in Sustainable certifications |
| Auditor | Mr. Swapnali Hirve | 4.4 Years of experience in sustainability certifications |

The stakeholder consultation is one of the most important parts in the process of the certification process. National, regional, and local stakeholders and users of the surrounding soy plantation are asked for their experiences and/or opinions. You, as a stakeholder, can make a positive contribution to the certification decision. Therefore, we ask you to send your comments on any of the following topics related to the conformity of applicant with (but not only limited to):

- Legal requirements.
- Social issues (including interaction with local communities, labor relations, health, and safety, etc.).
- Environmental issues (including environmental protection and pollution).
- Good agricultural practices.
- Issues related to other production units owned by the same organization not included in the assessment.
- Any other aspect relevant to the assessment.

We strongly encourage you to participate and to submit any comment or complaint regarding this company. Please reply by mail, fax, e-mail, or any other communication channel to the Program Certifier (contact details below) and to RTRS Technical Unit (Tel: +54 11 45198010, technical.unit@responsiblesoy.org). If necessary, you can also contact the Managing Director of Associação Control Union Certificates in São Paulo, Brazil (certificationbr@controlunion.com.br, Tel: +55 (11) 3035 1600).

Your comment/complaint must include the following information:

- name of project,
- your relationship with the project,
- comment/complaint and its relevance,
- Evidence material (as attachments).

Internally, your comments will be duly evaluated by the audit team. Only if the comment/complaint is considered relevant by the audit team and/or by the RTRS technical unit personnel, such comment/complaint will be communicated with the applicant. The author of such comment/complaint will be notified about the evaluation outcome within 3 months after the date when the certification decision is taken.

After the closing meeting, a report of the certification assessment will be of public domain on the Control Union Certifications and RTRS websites, including a summary of the public consultation process.

In case the outcome is not of your satisfaction, we invite you to follow the dispute resolution procedure of Associação Control Union Certificates. You can directly get the Dispute Resolution Protocol on our website (Article 15 and Annex B of ACUC Inspection Regulation/Annex 16 PM). Our staff can provide you any advice on it and/or can send you the appropriate documents on your request. You can also contact the RTRS technical unit directly.

Any further information about responsible soy certification is available upon request.

We appreciate your effort and input in advance.

Sincerely,



Marjorie Canesin Basile Zanette
Certifier