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DG AGRI

**Re: Request for a meeting on Indirect Land Use Change and revision of EU biofuels policy perspectives**

Dear Mr Silva Rodriguez

The European Biodiesel Board, gathering nearly 80 European producers among 21 Member-States, is extremely concerned by the current proposal on Indirect Land Use Change. Biodiesel is the main valuable alternative to fossil fuel and works towards a sustainable use of renewable energy in the transport sector.

Following our numerous communication discussing the negative impact of a policy on Indirect Land Use Change for our sector, we are contacting you to raise our concerns as regards the developments that took place over the summer. The European Biodiesel Board is aware that the Commission will launch an inter-service consultation in the coming days.

An inappropriate proposal on ILUC could dramatically reshape the European energy and industrial policy structure for the next years and we believe it is of utmost importance to interact with your services.

As the voice of the industry, we have numerously expressed our concerns on the lack of maturity of the science used to assess ILUC, leading strong inconsistencies and loopholes. We believe an unsuitable legislative proposal would not only undermine Europe's capacity to lower its Greenhouse Gas emissions, but it would seriously damage an European-based industry in time of economic turmoil. On the contrary, it seems relevant to promote good practices. We are going to send you an official EBB position on the new draft compromise proposal drafted within Commission services, in the meantime, given the very short timeframe, we would be delighted to be able already to fix a meeting with you so to illustrate our arguments , concerns and suggestions.

As such, and in view of the imminent inter-service consultation, we would be available on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> except after 4pm or on September 18<sup>th</sup> (pm) or 19<sup>th</sup> (am). We would greatly value contributing to the current debate, disposing of the technical and economical insight of the sector.

We would like to thank you for the time you will take to consider our request and look forward to seeing you again,

Yours faithfully,

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