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Dear [REDACTED],

As per your request, please find below a brief update related to the milk project. As you can see, everything is moving according to plan.

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Status of carton design

All designs have been approved, and everything is cleared from WFP for the two suppliers for both the tetra pack containers and the carton boxes. Finalized on 19 July 2016.

Status of finalization of product specifications

Product specifications were finalized in the beginning of June, and the tenders were issued shortly thereafter based on the agreed upon specifications.

Brief overview of tendering process and country of origin

- The **first tender** was issued on 8 June covering the requirement for the months of September to November 2016. A total of nine companies from the approved vendor list were invited, and two companies were awarded contracts:
 - Hoogwegt, Netherlands - Trader (producer is Lactogal based in Portugal),
 - Glanbia, Ireland;
- The **second tender** was finalized during the last week of July for the quantity covering the period December 2016 to January 2017. A total of ten companies were invited to tender, and the contracted was awarded to one supplier:
 - Hoogwegt, Netherlands - Trader (producer is Lactogal based in Portugal)
- Consequently, the countries of origin for the first tender will be Portugal and Ireland and for the second tender it will be Portugal

Supply chain

The first batch is expected to be delivered to Syria in September in time for the school start in September.

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