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**To whom it may concern**

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UNIDO ITPO awarded Yarok Technology Transfer (now Yarok Microbio), the International Award for Food Innovation in recognition of the company's technology and its application to Developing Countries (DCs). The award ceremony was held within the framework of the Seeds & Chips Global Food Innovation Summit in Milan, Italy.

The objective of the Contest was to scout, classify, select and promote the best innovative ideas and technologies relative to the entire agribusiness value chain – developed by start-ups, businesses, research centers and academia – that could be successfully applied in DCs.

The jury in charge of the evaluation and selection was composed of highly-recognized representatives from different backgrounds, including international and DC institutions, research centers and academia, and business and financial entities.

Evaluation of the proposals was based on the following criteria:

- Economic and social relevance and innovation (40%)
- Environmental and economic long-term sustainability (25%)
- Actual possibility to be reproduced and extended in different contexts (20%)
- Expected occupational return (10%)
- Applicants' financial involvement (5%)

Priority was given to the following themes:

- Technologies and innovative ideas for the valorization of agricultural products of agricultural communities and aimed at fighting food waste and losses;
- Innovative solutions for access to international markets of agricultural products of DCs;
- Technologies and innovative solutions for the improvement of life conditions of workers in the agricultural and similar sectors in DCs;
- Technologies for the development and qualification of a local market for food and agricultural goods and products;

As such, UNIDO ITPIO views Yarok's innovation as meeting the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG #3 - Good Health and Well-Being
- SDG #8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG #9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

We are pleased to note Yarok's progress over the past year, and heartily endorse their mission to provide a fast, accurate microbiological testing system that can open export opportunities for DC food producers.

With best wishes,

Andrea Carapellese

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Carapellese", written over the printed name and title.