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Re: Proposed Merger of AstraZeneca PLC's Agricultural Chemicals Business
With Novartis AG's Agricultural Chemicals and Seeds Businesses, File
No. 001-0082

Dear Mr. Prince and Mr. Harty:

This is to notify you that, pursuant to Paragraph IV of the Order to Maintain Assets contained in the Agreement Containing Consent Orders for *In the Matter of Novartis AG et al.*, File No. 001-0092, the Federal Trade Commission has appointed Richard Gilmore as Monitor Trustee and has approved the trust agreement executed by respondents and Mr. Gilmore.

By direction of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald S. Clark".

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

cc: Richard Gilmore
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