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Notice to the Trade

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DATE: June 10, 2003

TO: All Warehouse Operators Approved Under the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA)

SUBJECT: Selling Additional Wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) for Wheat Flour Costs

The Agency for International Development (AID) requested that Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) ship 99,890 metric tons (MT) (3,670,292 bushels) of Hard Red Winter (HRW) or Hard White (HW) wheat to Ethiopia. On April 14, 2003, CCC issued an invitation to purchase HRW or HW wheat and a notice to the trade (BCD-47) announcing the sale of the same quantity from the BEHT. AID also requested that CCC acquire flour for export food aid using BEHT wheat. Accordingly, CCC issued Invitation #053 to purchase several commodities including flour on April 25, 2003. CCC purchased 19,440 MT of flour and will sell an equivalent quantity of wheat, 26,827 MT (985,721 bushels) from the BEHT.

Additionally, CCC swapped BEHT wheat for wheat flour for Ethiopia. The swaps were on a bushel for bushel basis plus cash. CCC paid out \$4,125,024.37 on the wheat flour swaps. The dollar value of this transaction must be covered by sales of BEHT wheat. Accordingly, an additional 31,099 MT (1,142,666 bushels) must be sold to cover the cash cost of the swap. These transactions bring the total quantity of BEHT wheat that must be sold to 157,816 MT (5,798,678 bushels).

Under BCD-49, CCC announced the continued wheat sales for both the wheat and wheat flour purchases from the BEHT. As of June 9, 2003, 122,221 MT (4,490,789 bushels) remain to be sold.

CCC is making HRW and HRS classes of CCC-owned wheat stocks available for sale through negotiated sales. CCC-owned wheat inventory information is available at www.fsa.usda.gov/catalogs. CCC will not issue specific wheat listings for the sale.

CCC-owned wheat in quantities less than 300,000 bushels at one location is not available for sale to third parties, however, storing warehouse operators may elect to purchase any class of CCC-owned wheat from any of their own locations.

All other sales provisions issued in BCD-47 remain in place.

Storing warehouse operators have the exclusive right to purchase CCC-owned wheat from any of their own locations from 9:00 a.m. CT on June 6, 2003 through 4:30 p.m. CT on June 11, 2003. CCC will sell wheat to any interested party beginning at 9:00 a.m. CT

on June 12, 2003. CCC will not contact the storing warehouse operator for right of first refusal on any third party bids.

/s/ George W. Aldaya

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