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To Whom It May Concern:

Application to FSANZ to have Dimethyl Ether (DME) Approved as Solvent for Food Processing

Nutrizeal Limited is a New Zealand company specializing in the manufacture of high-grade oil products that are used around the world as ingredients in foods and nutraceuticals. Nutrizeal operates a commercial supercritical fluid extraction (SFE) facility at its facilities in Nelson in the south island of New Zealand. Nutrizeal's SFE facility is the largest in the southern hemisphere and is used to manufacture both the company's products and those for others (toll manufacturing).

Nutrizeal is aware of the potential manufacturing and market benefits that can arise from the use of DME in the manufacture of products for use in the food industry and has contributed co-funding to an Industrial Research Ltd research programme that includes development of DME based extraction technologies. Nutrizeal supports the application to FSANZ to have DME approved as a solvent for food processing.

Under circumstances where DME was an approved solvent, Nutrizeal would be in a good position to take advantage of opportunities created in the food and beverage area based on the firm's current expertise and client base. To take advantage of any arising opportunities Nutrizeal would investigate adapting/building facilities to enable manufacturing processes utilizing DME extraction. As is the case with our carbon dioxide-based SFE capabilities, Nutrizeal would be able to open up opportunities in DME extraction for a range of companies through toll manufacturing.

Nutrizeal welcomes this opportunity to contribute towards the development of new advanced extraction technologies with benefits for both consumers and manufacturers.

Yours faithfully,



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