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Mary E. Tomlinson  
Pesticide Registrar/Water Quality Specialist  
Maine Board of Pesticides Control  
28 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Tomlinson,

BetaTec Hop Products (a division of John I. Haas, Inc.) is actively working with USDA-ARS to bring to market HopGuard (a Beta Acids rich fraction) for the control of the Varroa mite in the beehive. The US-EPA has reviewed the Section 18 submission and has granted 28 states requests to date. We fully support the Maine Department of Agriculture's request for a Section 18 emergency exemption for the use of our product.

BetaTec Hop Products, Inc. has committed to provide sufficient product, properly labeled, for this emergency use when it is granted by the EPA. We have as well initiated the Section 3 approval process utilizing the services of the IR-4 Project.

We thank the State of Maine for their support in this endeavor. If you have any questions of me, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lloyd C. Schantz", is written over the typed name.

Lloyd C. Schantz  
Executive Vice President  
BetaTec Hop Products, Inc.