

From Recife/PE to Geneva, June 1st, 2022.

To:

United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner

In attention to:

██████████,

Ohchr-registry@un.org

REF: AL OTH 34/2022

Dear ██████████,

AGROPECUÁRIA MATA SUL LTDA., a company organized and existing under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil, registered under Brazilian Tax ID (CNPJ) n. ██████████, herein represented according to its bylaws, comes before this United Nations Human Rights Special Rapporteur to present the following clarifications:

1.1. We would like to start by stating that Agropecuaria Mata Sul has received this Special Rapporteur's Joint Communication with great concern, as the Company upholds all the national legislation and regulations on its field of activities and observes the best international practices of the market. Additionally, Agropecuaria Mata Sul would like to state that it has great care and carries its affairs with the strict observance of Human and Environmental Rights.

1.2. According to the Joint Communication, Agropecuaria Mata Sul is implicated in human rights violations of the environmentally sound management by disposing hazardous substances and wastes against the surrounding peasant communities of Mata Sul of the State of Pernambuco.

1.3. According to the allegations, said acts involve the spraying of agrochemicals, damage to property and contamination of banana plantations of the peasant communities who live in the area. Additionally, the Joint Communication points out that the information received goes on to state that these allegations are supposedly documented in police reports, newspaper articles and even video recordings.

1.4. Despite all these serious allegations, the Joint Communication only describes part of the information the Rapporteur received by the accusing entities and does not have the Information itself,

that the Special Rapporteur refers to, nor any supporting document for such serious accusations.

1.5. In respect of the due process of law principle, we respectfully request that this United Nations Human Rights Special Rapporteur present the full copy of the case, comprehending supporting documents of the alleged violations of human rights committed by the Company. Specific names or other confidential information may be encrypted, if necessary.

1.6. We would like to clarify that whilst the Company waits for the exhibition of the file of case received by this United Nations Human Rights Special Rapporteur, it is currently gathering all the supporting evidence that refutes and further demonstrates that all the actions conducted by the Agropecuária Mata Sul in the regular course of its business are based on the respect for Human and Environmental Rights, especially those of the neighboring peasant communities.

1.7. Therefore, while the Company is in the process of gathering all the supporting evidence that utterly refutes these serious accusations, we would like to respectfully request that this United Nations Human Rights Special Rapporteur present the full report and file of the case for a fair and comprehensive defense.

1.8. In addition, we urge that this body refrains from publicly manifesting any concerns relating to the above stated facts prior to our response deadline, avoiding any irreparable and unfair image damages to the company and its stakeholders.

We put ourselves at your disposal for any additional clarifications.

Please accept the assurances of our highest considerations.

Sincerely,

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