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Deliberate release of two genetically modified bacteria (B/DK/00/01)

We, the project partners of the EU project who jointly applied for the above-mentioned release in early 2000, have discussed the scientific aspects of the envisioned release experiment, considering that more than 3 years have passed since we designed the experiment and we still have not received a decision from the competent authority of Denmark.

Based on our deliberations, we declare:

1. As detailed earlier, preparations for the field release require up to 6 months and the release can only be performed during the months of March, April and May. If we were to receive the requested release permit today, we would have to schedule it for spring of 2004.
2. The expected scientific benefit from the release experiment has been reduced due to the inexplicable delay in the decision-making process. In the meantime we have developed better GM-constructs than those targeted in the application. Consequently, our scientific interest in the originally planned release experiment is low at this point and will be marginal in 2004.
3. As the release experiment originally was to be supported by our EC project that ran from 1 September 1997 til 31 December 2000 and its follow-up project that runs from 1 January 2002 til 31 December 2004, performing the release in 2004 would require extra funds for the monitoring effort, which we do not have available presently.

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Therefore, we would like to withdraw our application.

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