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Senate Economics Committee
Inquiry into the food Standards Amendment (Truth in labelling laws) Bill 2009 – Palm Oil
Department of the Senate
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Dear Senator,

Carotino Australia (Pty Ltd) is a wholly joint venture between Carotino Malaysia Sdn Bhd and Pharmicare Laboratories Pty Ltd. The company is engaged in the sales, marketing and distribution of a range of consumer and food service cooking oils across Australia. The business is supported by a direct team of four sales, marketing and finance staff.

The Carotino Group is a member of the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

As a member of the RSPO, Carotino is fully committed to make a constant positive contribution to the environment. Our corporate environmental policy underlines this commitment.

Corporate Environmental Policy

- Ensure compliance with all applicable national environmental legislation and regulations
- Ensure that land used for cultivation is in accordance with national regulations and planning
- Preserve soil fertility, prevent soil erosion and conserve soil moisture through Good Agricultural Practices
- Promote biodiversity and natural ecological balance in the environment
- Select non-polluting technologies, minimise waste and practise re-use/recycling through good agriculture/manufacturing practices
- Focus on energy efficiency and deployment of alternative energy to reduce fossil fuel usage
- Mitigate or eliminate any adverse environmental impacts from our operation
- Promote environmental awareness amongst employees, contractors and suppliers and empower them to act responsibly
- Continually improve our environmental programs



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Carotino is fully committed to Good Agricultural Practices and its goal is to achieve sustainable production and distribution of premium quality palm products while adhering closely to its environmental principles. We aim to do this by:

- Promoting biodiversity in its oil palm plantations
- Adopting an integrated pest management policy
- Following a robust forest and riparian conservation policy
- Embracing Best Management Practices

Carotino follows Good Agricultural Practices to ensure that the land is responsibly managed and maintained. These practices include:

- Practicing a zero burning policy and burying all felled and shredded trunk chips from old palm trees
- Replacing felled palm trees with new and vigorous high yield seedlings to boost productivity
- Maintaining balanced ground vegetation and soil conditions to stimulate natural soil flora and fauna
- Optimizing soil fertility to encourage robust palm growth and yield

The red palm fruit oil used in Carotino comes exclusively from Malaysia and we do not source any palm oil from Indonesia. All of Carotino's oil palm plantations and palm oil products produced by Carotino are located on designated non-peat agricultural land that does not encroach on any orang-utan habitat. On top of that, Carotino contributes towards orang-utan rehabilitation and protection through the Malaysian Palm Oil Council, which has allocated a USD 5.5 million Malaysian Wildlife Conservation Fund.

The parent company J.C.Chang Group has been involved in the palm oil industry since the 1960s. It is the largest family owned palm oil plantation and palm oil processor in Malaysia.

We are confident that palm oil will continue to provide nutritional and health benefits and that the use of oil from sustainable plantations is the way of the future.

Yours faithfully

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