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Via Email

Mr. Jason Begley
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Re: *Texas Hemp Production*

To Whom It May Concern:

This firm represents Jstar labs LLC (“Jstar” or the “Company”) for certain commercial services in the lawful hemp industry. It is our understanding that the Company intends to produce various *Cannabis sativa L.* tissue cultures and to research and sell those cultures.

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 established a program under which participating states could establish lawful hemp production programs. On June 10, 2019, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed HB 1325 into law, electing participation in the domestic hemp program. In Texas, “hemp” is defined as

the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any part of that plant, including the seeds of the plant and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

Tex. Agric. Code § 121.001. After adoption of the [regulations](#) governing our hemp production program by the Texas Department of Agriculture (“TDA”), TDA began issuing licenses for hemp production on March 16, 2020.

To grow hemp in the state of Texas, Jstar must hold a valid Hemp Producer License issued by TDA and it must adhere to the regulatory requirements for the program, a copy of which are linked above. For each strain cultured, Jstar must also apply for a lot crop permit from TDA. If the Company intends to submit any varietal for approval from TDA, it must submit the [TDA Approved Hemp Variety Form](#) to the Department for potential approval. If the Company intends to import its original hemp plants, those plants must be accompanied by a valid transport manifest or documentation from the state of origination and a phytosanitary certificate. *See* 4 Tex. Ag. Code § 24.41; *Id.* at §19. For your reference, we have also attached TDA’s Frequently Asked Questions publication for the State’s hemp program.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chelsie Spencer".

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