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Dr Krieger has extensive experience in the field of Intellectual Property Protection for plant innovation and has held the position of CIOPORA Secretary General since 2004. Prior to CIOPORA, Dr Krieger worked as a lawyer at an international law firm specialising in IP protection, particularly Plant Breeder's Rights, advising agricultural breeders in hundreds of court cases up to the European Court of Justice. Dr Krieger holds a law degree from the University of Bonn and a degree in business administration from the Aachen University of Applied Sciences. He completed his doctoral dissertation on the topic "Farmers' Exemption in Germany" at the Philipp University of Marburg.

CIOPORA: Uniting Breeders, Protecting Innovation. CIOPORA is the International Association of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Horticultural Varieties. Breeders of such varieties account for two-thirds of all Plant Variety Rights (PVR) titles in the world. For more than 50 years, CIOPORA has represented these breeders in all matters of Intellectual Property (IP) protection and aims to foster an environment in which the innovation of these breeders can flourish. CIOPORA is a member-based, non-profit organization. www.ciopora.org

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