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TO: Ms. Barbara BRAMBLE, President of the Round Table of Sustainable Biofuels (RSB)

CC: Mr. Alwin KOPSE, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Re: European Biodiesel Board membership in RSB

Dear Barbara,
Dear Alwin,

I have the regret to announce you that the EBB - European Biodiesel Board has taken the decision to withdraw from RSB membership.

The reason for this is that although the initial project that you developed would have been interesting, in reality the work that the RSB is performing is becoming excessively complex and theoretical in the sense that it does not keep enough into consideration the pragmatic implementation of what you intend to develop.

Another obstacle was generated by the fact that obscure consultants from eventually non-biofuels producing countries or sometimes from ambiguous organisations, work in your organisation on the same step of many highly experienced and reliable experts from world-wide well recognised companies, NGOs and industrial associations that you have the missed chance to gather.

Unfortunately the decision-making reform that was adopted very recently did not solve the important point that we repeatedly tried to raise: i.e. the fact that the respectable RSB objective to build an international and democratic initiative on biofuels needs to be based only on reliable and recognized interlocutors.

I do recognize the good will and enthusiasm that you put in your work and would like to emphasize that it was an interesting experience to work with you and other sometimes very creative RSB colleagues, but unfortunately I am now obliged to focus on the pragmatic implementation of sustainability rules, which is becoming a *de facto* reality for the European Union as soon as next December.

In this frame we have to tackle imminent priorities and I regrettably have to leave my seat also in the Board of your organisation. Should you announce our decision to the other RSB Chambers and Members, thanks in advance to be so polite as to attach the present positive letter of explanation.

I hope that you will appreciate the constructive perspective in which I express some criticism today so as I did during recent meetings. I deeply believe in a bright future for sustainable biofuels as, I am sure, you also do, but you will certainly agree with the fact that one has always to fight in order to build up concrete things out of his beliefs.

I sincerely wish all the best for your initiative in the future and remain,

Yours faithfully,


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Secretary General

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