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CALEA SERBAN VODA

Number 176

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BUCHAREST

ROMANIA.

Dear Friends from Vanilla Republica,

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Firstly, your organization participated exceptionally well in terms of quality control and maintenance with vanilla export license issued under the *PNG Spice Industry Board Act 1989*. Hence, on behalf of the PNG Spice Industries Board, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to Vanilla Republic for the significant contribution you have made in promoting and selling vanilla from Papua New Guinea in Romania and across Europe.

The collaboration between Sigowole Business Group and Vanilla Republic has played a crucial role in increasing the visibility and promoting the quality of our vanilla on international markets. Your efforts have helped to showcase the vanilla produced by our small-scale farmers in the rural communities in Bana District and further to strengthen its reputation as one of the world's most valued spice product. Furthermore, this is of vital importance to the local producer community, as the income from the sale of cured vanilla beans represents a major or if not the only source, of rural income for improved and sustainable livelihood and prosperity.

Over time, our relationship has grown beyond mere commercial agreements and has become more like a family bond. We wish to continue strengthening these ties and exploring new business opportunities such as in other spices that will benefit both Vanilla Republic and our community of vanilla producers.

Moreover, we are confident that, together, we can contribute to the development of a sustainable and thriving Spice Industry in PNG under the recently launched National

Agriculture Sector Plan (2023 – 2033) in July 2024 by the Prime Minister of PNG, Right Hon. James Marape, MP. and the Agriculture Minister, Hon. John Boito, MP. Take note Vanilla is a priority high value spice crop under this national agriculture plan.

Finally, we thank you once again for your commitment and dedication, and we look forward to strengthening our long-term partnership.

Sincerely,



Harry Godfrid

Caretaker Chief Executive Officer





PAPUA NEW GUINEA SPICE INDUSTRY BOARD

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

NAME : **VANILLA REPUBLICA**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED FOR OUTSTANDING WORK ON PROMOTING THE QUALITY OF VANILLA BEANS FROM COLLABORATIVE WORK BETWEEN SIGOWOLE BUSINESS GROUP (EXPORTER) IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE VANILLA REPUBLICA OF ROMANIA (IMPORTER) AND AS A RESULT, MANY RURAL COMMUNITIES IN PNG HAVE BENEFITED

HARRY GODFRID
SPICE COORDINATOR and CARETAKER CEO

DATE THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024
AND COMMON SEAL AFFIXED HERETO;



This Certificate of Participation is issued by the Papua New Guinea Spice Industry Board in pursuant to the powers conferred under Part VII of the Spice Industry Act (No. 34 of 1989)