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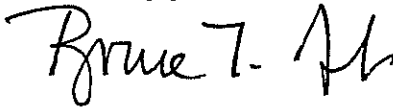
Dear Dr. Vink:

I have received your revised publication called "Applications of Life Cycle Assessment to NatureWorks® Polylactide (PLA) Production: An Update". The report is identified as: 20060811 Final Version Submitted for Publication.doc. We have carefully reviewed this publication according to ISO standards for life cycle analysis and for overall scientific quality. Your revised publication takes into account and largely adopts our suggestions for improvement.

Accordingly, we are happy to confirm that this is a very high quality publication that meets both ISO and peer-reviewed literature standards. The paper certainly merits publication in a reputable journal and is a significant addition to the life cycle literature on biobased products.

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Sincerely yours,



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