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Mr Angel Javier Fernandez
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Dear Mr Fernandez

Thank you for your letter, dated 9 May 2006 to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), outlining your business and operations and how this contributes to the cleanliness of used machinery destined for import into Australia.

As you are aware, used machinery represents a significant risk in terms of the potential to harbour many forms of Quarantine Risk Material, which if introduced into Australia, could have a detrimental effect on our agricultural industries, the environment and export markets. One of the ways to eliminate the introduction of many of the weeds, pests and diseases that used machinery could harbour and introduce to Australia, is to remove those risks (via cleaning) in the country from where the machinery originates.

After reading the correspondence you forwarded to the Machinery and Military National Coordination Centre (M&M NCC), it is pleasing to see Panablasting have thoroughly researched the AQIS import conditions for used machinery and provided Australian importers with a quality service.

AQIS would be pleased to meet with you and provide you with further information on the cleanliness standards for used machinery imports to Australia.

Upon finalising the details of your visit to Australia, please contact Mr Matt Howard from the M&M NCC to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet during your visit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Hawe'.

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