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To whom it may concern

Genetic architecture of highland adaptation in Zea mays

In my capacity as Director of the Mexican seed company UNISEM, I support the proposal *Genetic architecture of highland adaptation in Zea mays*.

UNISEM has many years of experience breeding for the Mexican highland niche, and we regularly use a number of highland field sites for trials. In addition, we run lowland and mid-elevation nurseries for development, trial and production. Since 2010, UNISEM has collaborated with the research group of Dr. Ruairidh Sawers (LANGE BIO) in the development of novel mapping populations.

UNISEM will lend our expertise in cultivation of highland maize to this project, and specifically, we will extend our existing collaboration with LANGE BIO to provide access to field sites in the seasons 2015-17, at cost, and without further obligation. It is anticipated that work in this project will further our collaboration with academic researchers, and provide a potential first step towards a greater implementation of molecular techniques in our highland breeding program.

Yours sincerely,

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