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To whom it May concern

I confirm that I work for Greenvale AP Ltd and have 23 years' service. Greenvale AP are a vegetable growing and trading business, and the UK's leading producer of potatoes. Our head office is in Peterborough. Whilst I have been at Greenvale I have specialised in the potato business. I am responsible for buying potatoes in East Anglia and surrounding areas. Greenvale purchase approximately 130,000 tonnes per annum from around 100 farmers to supply our Supermarket customers.

I know the area North of Newmarket well and have bought potatoes from A G Wright & Son Farms Ltd for 15 years which have been grown on land surrounding Chippenham. I confirm these potatoes are suitable for fresh packing, they are the variety Maris Piper and are produced to a high quality standard. We like to buy these potatoes as the soil produces high quality potatoes, with a bright skin finish, little scab or bruising, and are easy to wash. There are not many soil types that can achieve this in the country on a consistent basis. As we strive to supply our customers with British potatoes all year round it is important we maintain a supply of potatoes throughout the season grown on soil types such as those in question.

In my experience it is not possible to grow high quality potatoes on any soil type without the use of irrigation. The soil type in this area makes the very best use of irrigation due to its free draining nature.

Yours, Neil Barnes, Procurement Manager Greenvale AP

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