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This letter is an endorsement of African Cashew Alliance's Seal Program.

RED RIVER FOODS is a leading U.S. importer of a wide variety of tree nuts, dried fruits, seeds, and specialty snack products. We supply the bakery, confectionery, cereal, dairy, and snack food industries with the finest quality product ingredients. Red River operates from offices strategically located near major ports on the east and west coasts of the United States. We enjoy a worldwide reach, serving a loyal and increasing customer base with approximately 50 product varieties from more than 20 countries across the globe.

In Africa we buy from several of the ACA Seal approved factories. We rely on the Seal Program to ensure that we will be getting quality cashew kernels from factories that have been certified with the ACA seal. We believe that the seal a good step in the right direction towards the Food Safety Modernization Act. Educating and instructing factories on food safety preventive controls such as having a food safety plan, understanding good manufacturing practices, and how to manage a recall plan are critical for factories to have in place if they want to export to the United States. The ACA Seal program can be the foundation on getting factories FSMA compliant.

Having established a relationship with ACA since 2009, and opening an office in Ghana in 2011, Red River Foods not only works to strengthen the processors but we are committed to improving farmer yields by educating farmers on best farming practices. RRF believes in strengthening the whole supply chain in Africa and the ACA seal is an integral part of the value chain.

We look forward to buying from more ACA Seal approved factories in the future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Tilton".

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