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Exhibit C

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
Laurisagrass (*Pennisetum orientale*)

NAME OF APPLICANT (S)	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
ADDRESS *(Street and No. or RD No., City, State, Zip Code and Country)*		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:

1. PLANT HEIGHT: (Longest Shoot from Soil Surface to Top of Head)

☐☐☐ cm Height

2. HABIT:

☐ Stems: 1 = Simple 2 = Simple and Branched from Base and Lower Stem Nodes

☐ Stems: 1 = Coarse 2 = Fine ☐ Stems: 1 = Geniculate 2 = Erect

☐ Leaves: 1 = Erect 2 = Ascending

3. RHIZOMES:

☐ 1 = Absent 2 = Present

☐ Length: 1 = Short (Up to 10 cm) 2 = Medium (10-20 cm) 3 = Long (21 - 40 cm)

☐ Thickness: 1 = 3 - 6 mm) 2 = (7-10 mm)

☐ Coriaceous Scales: 1 = Present 2 = Absent

4. LEAF BLADE:

☐ Surface: 1 = Flat 2 = Convolute

☐ Color: 1 = Light Green 2 = Moderate Green 3 = Dark Green 4 = Blue Green 5 = Blue

☐☐ mm Width

☐☐ cm Length

☐ Upper Surface: 1 = Scaberulous 2 = Pubescent 3 = Glabrous

☐ Lower Surface: 1 = Scaberulous 2 = Pubescent 3 = Glabrous

☐ Leaf Edge: 1 = Toothed 2 = Smooth

5. LEAF SHEATH:

☐ Upper Sheath: 1 = Open 2 = Overlapping

☐ Keel 1 = Not Keeled 2 = Keeled

☐ Seedling Color (Base): 1 = Green 2 = Red

☐ Surface: 1 = Glabrous 2 = Pubescent 3 = Scaberulous

6. LIGULE:

☐ Membrane: 1 = Denely Ciliate 2 = Glabrous

☐ Hairs: 1 = Less than 1 mm 2 = More than 1 mm

7. STEM NODES:

☐ Nodes: 1 = Not Apparent 2 Slightly Swollen 3 = Prominently Swollen

☐ Hairs on Nodes: 1 = Absent 2 = Present

☐ Length of Node Hairs: 1 = 1-2.5 mm) 2 = 3-4 mm)

8. INFLORESCENCE:

☐ Tip of Peduncle: 1 = Glabrous or Minutely Pubescent 2 = Hairy

☐ Rachis: 1 = Villous or Woolly 2 = Glabrous

☐ Rachis: 1 = Ribbed or Grooved Vertically 2 = Not Ribbed, Cylindrical

☐ Rachis: 1 = Straight 2 = Flexous (Curved Alternately)

☐☐☐ mm Length ☐☐ mm Width

☐☐☐ Number of Heads per Plant

☐☐☐ Number of Involucres per Head

☐☐☐ Milligrams Involucres per Head

☐☐☐ Milligrams Caryopsis per Head

☐ Color at Anthesis: 1 = White 2 = Purple Bristles and Glumes 3 = Manila

☐ Color at Maturity: 1 = White 2 = Manila 3 = Brown 4 = Purplish

9. INVOLUCRES OR FASCILES:

☐☐ mm Length to Tip of Longest Bristle

☐ mm Wide at Base of Involucre

☐☐ mm Wide at Top of Bristles

☐ Spikelets per Fascicle: 1 = Usually 2 – 5 2 = Single Only

☐ Spikelets: 1 = Pedicelled (Pedicels 0.5 – 1 mm) 2 = Sessile

☐ Pedicle of Involucre: 1 = Hispid 2 = Glabrous

☐ Pedicel of Involucre: 1 = (1 – 1.5 mm) 2 = (0 – 0.8 mm)

☐ Bristles Originating: 1 = At Base Only 2 = At Base and Subtending Spikelets

☐☐ Number of Bristles

☐ mm Length of Shortest Bristles

☐☐ mm Length of Inner Bristles

☐ Cilia on Bristle: 1 = Lower 1/3 2 = Lower 1/2 3 = Lower 2/3

☐ Cilia Length: 1 = Less than 1 mm 2 = (1 – 1.5 mm) 3 = Greater than 2 mm

☐ Cilia Density: 1 = Light 2 = Moderate 3 = Dense

10. SPIKELETS:

☐	Spikelet Length:	1 = Less than 4.5 mm	2 = (4.5 – 6.0 mm)	3 = Greater than 6.5 mm
☐	Lower Glume:	1 = 1/4 Length of Spikelet	2 = 1/3 Length of Spikelet	3 = 1/2 Length of Spikelet
☐	Upper Glume:	1 = 1/2 Length of Spikelet	2 = 2/3 Length of Spikelet	3 = 3/4 Length of Spikelet
☐	Lemma (Longest):	1 = Aristately Acuminate – (5 Nerved)	2 = (3 Nerved)	
☐	Stigmas:	1 = Purple	2 = White	3 = Pink

11. SEED HEAD:

☐ Appearance at Anthesis in Mass:

1 = Purplish cast due to purple bristles (but not cilia) purple stigmas, marginally purple lemmas and glumes, and purple stamens in one floret of the involucel.
2 = As above but purple bristles remain at maturity.
3 = Only purple stigmas, a white to greenish cast.

12. SEED:

☐ mm Width

☐ mm Length

☐ • ☐☐ Grams per 1000 Seeds

☐ Seed Shatter Resistance: 1 = Poor 2 = Good 3 = Strong

13. ENVIRONMENTAL RESISTANCE:

☐	Cold Injury	1 = Susceptible	2 = Tolerant	3 = Resistant
☐	Poor Drainage			
☐	Drought			
☐	Competitive Species			
☐	Poor Fertility			

14. PLANT CROWN AND ROOT STRENGTH:

☐ 1 = Strong 2 = Moderate 3 = Weak

15. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**: Provide any additional information (e.g. statistical data including data from paired analysis, AVOVA values and tables, T-tests, etc.), additional visual descriptive data not captured on this form which may be useful in providing a thorough characteristic description of the variety.