

**S&W SEED COMPANY  
CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS  
FOR EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
S&W SEED COMPANY**

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**1. Introduction**

S&W Seed Company, a Delaware corporation (“*S&W Seed*” or “*Company*”) has adopted this Code of Conduct and Ethics (this “*Code*”) to set high standards of ethical business conduct and provide guidance applicable to every employee, including every officer, and director of the Company.

**1.1 Scope**

This Code shall apply to all S&W Seed employees and directors. This Code is intended to supplement and not to replace existing Company policies and procedures. S&W Seed may modify or update these more specific policies and procedures from time to time and adopt new company policies and procedures in the future.

Nothing in this Code is intended to alter the existing legal rights and obligations of S&W Seed or any of its employees or directors, including “at will” employment arrangements or the terms of any employment-related agreements.

**1.2 Responsibility**

It is every employee’s and director’s responsibility to read and understand this Code, and to use it as a guide to the performance of his or her responsibilities for the Company. This Code cannot address every ethical issue or circumstance that may arise, so, in complying with the letter and spirit of this Code, employees and directors must apply common sense, together with high personal standards of ethics, honesty and accountability, in making business decisions where this Code has no specific guideline.

In complying with this Code, employees and directors should also consider the conduct of their family members and others who live in their household. For example, acceptance of inappropriate gifts by a family member from one of S&W Seed’s suppliers could create a conflict of interest and result in a Code violation attributable to you. Consequently, in complying with this Code, you should consider not only your own conduct, but also that of your family members, significant others and other persons who live in your household.

S&W Seed expects all of its directors, executives, managers and other supervisory personnel to help foster a sense of commitment to this Code among all of its employees, and to foster a culture of fairness, honesty and accountability within the Company. S&W Seed also expects such personnel to ensure that S&W Seed’s agents and contractors conform to Code standards when working on S&W Seed’s behalf.

### **1.3 Compliance**

Any employee that needs help understanding this Code, or how it applies to conduct in any given situation should contact his or her supervisor or the Compliance Officer designated by the Company. In addition, employees should be alert to possible violations of this Code by others and should report suspected violations, without fear of any form of retaliation, as described in Section 14.

## **2. Applicable Documents**

This Code is intended to supplement and not to replace existing Company policies and procedures, including the Company's employee handbook, as it may exist from time to time.

## **3. General Legal and Ethical Obligations**

S&W Seed's success depends upon each employee and director performing his or her Company duties in compliance with applicable laws and in cooperation with governmental authorities. It is essential that employees and directors know and understand the legal and regulatory requirements that apply to S&W Seed's business and to their specific area of responsibility. While employees and directors are not expected to have complete mastery of these laws, rules and regulations, they are expected to be able to recognize situations that require them to consult with others to determine the appropriate course of action. To address questions in the area of legal compliance, employees should approach their supervisor or the Compliance Officer immediately.

Disregard of the law will not be tolerated. Violation of domestic or foreign laws, rules and regulations may subject an individual, as well as the Company, to civil and/or criminal penalties. You should be aware that conduct and records, including emails, are subject to internal and external audits, and to discovery by third parties in the event of a government investigation or civil litigation. It is in everyone's best interests to know and comply with S&W Seed's legal and ethical obligations.

Legal compliance is only a part of S&W Seed's ethical responsibility, however, and should be viewed as the minimum acceptable standard of conduct. S&W Seed strives to act with the utmost integrity, not just in its most important corporate decisions, but also in the actions taken every day by its employees and directors. Ethical conduct is a high ideal, but often just means exercising common sense and sound judgment. Acting ethically will help S&W Seed become a better company, a better commercial partner for other companies, and a better corporate citizen.

### **3.1 International Business Laws**

Employees and directors are expected to comply with all applicable laws wherever they travel on Company business, including laws prohibiting bribery, corruption or the conduct of business with specified individuals, companies or countries. S&W Seed also expects employees and directors to continue to comply with U.S. laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct of business by U.S. citizens and corporations outside the United States.

These U.S. laws, rules and regulations, which extend to all of S&W Seed's activities outside the United States, include:

- **The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act**, which prohibits any corrupt offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization to pay any money, gift, or anything of value (made directly or through intermediaries) to any foreign official, or foreign political party, candidate or official, in order to obtain or retain business for anyone or direct business to anyone, and requires the maintenance of accurate books of account, with all company transactions being properly recorded;
- **U.S. embargoes**, which restrict or, in some cases, prohibit U.S. persons, corporations and, in some cases, foreign subsidiaries from doing business with certain countries, groups or individuals;
- **Export controls**, which restrict travel to designated countries or prohibit or restrict the export of goods, services and technology to designated countries, identified persons or entities from the United States, or the re-export of U.S.-origin goods from the country of original destination to such designated countries or identified companies or entities; and
- **Anti-boycott compliance**, which prohibits U.S. companies from taking any action that has the effect of furthering any unsanctioned boycott of a country friendly to the United States.

Employees and directors who have questions as to whether an activity is restricted or prohibited should contact the Compliance Officer before taking any action.

#### **4. Conflicts of Interest**

Although employees and directors are generally free to engage in personal financial and business transactions, this freedom is not without constraints. Every employee and director must avoid situations where loyalties may be divided between S&W Seed's interests and the employee's or director's own interests. Employees and directors should also seek to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If an employee is considering engaging in a transaction or activity that may present a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, the employee should disclose the matter to the Compliance Officer, so that, if appropriate, the Compliance Officer may disseminate such information and/or obtain approvals before the employee engages in such transaction or activity.

**In evaluating whether an actual or contemplated activity may involve a conflict of interest, an employee or director should consider:**

- Whether the activity would appear improper to an outsider;
- Whether the activity could interfere with the job performance or morale of a Company employee;
- Whether the employee or director involved in the activity has access to confidential Company information or influence over significant Company resources or decisions;
- The potential impact of the activity on the Company's business relationships, including relationships with customers, suppliers and service providers; and

- The extent to which the activity could benefit the employee or director or his or her relative, directly or indirectly.

A few examples of activities that could involve conflicts of interests include:

- Aiding S&W Seed's competitors. Aiding S&W Seed's competitors can include without limitation passing confidential Company information to a competitor or accepting payments or other benefits from a competitor.
- Participating in any company that does business with S&W Seed or seeks to do business with S&W Seed. Employment by or service on the board of a customer, distributor, supplier or vendor is generally discouraged and employees and directors must seek approval in advance if they plan to have such a relationship.
- Owning a significant financial interest in a competitor or a company that does business with S&W Seed or seeks to do business with S&W Seed. In evaluating such interests for conflicts, both direct and indirect interests that an employee or director may have should be considered, along with factors such as the following:
  - The size and nature of the interest;
  - The nature of S&W Seed's relationship with the other entity;
  - Whether the employee or director has access to confidential Company information; and
  - Whether the employee or director has an ability to influence Company decisions that would affect the other entity.

Any employee or director who has or wishes to acquire a significant financial interest in a competitor; or in a customer, supplier or vendor with which he or she has direct business dealings (or approval responsibilities) must consult with the Compliance Officer. Similarly, any employee or director who experiences a change of position or seniority that results in direct business dealings with a customer, supplier or vendor in which he or she already has a significant financial interest must consult with the Compliance Officer.

- **Having authority on behalf of S&W Seed over a co-worker who is also a family member, or transacting business on behalf of S&W Seed with a family member.** Any employee who may be involved in such a situation should consult with his or her supervisor and the Compliance Officer to assess the situation and an appropriate resolution.
- **Soliciting or accepting payments, gifts, loans, favors or preferential treatment from any person or entity that does or seeks to do business with S&W Seed.** See Section 4.1 for further discussion of the issues involved in this type of conflict.
- **Taking personal advantage of corporate opportunities.** See Section 4.2 for further discussion of the issues involved in this type of conflict.

Employees must avoid these situations (and others like them), whenever their loyalty to S&W Seed could be compromised. Employees who believe they are involved in a potential conflict of interest are expected to discuss it with the Compliance Officer.

Like employees, members of the Board of Directors should also seek to avoid conflicts of interest with their obligations to S&W Seed. To that end, any director who confronts a conflict of interest in connection with a decision to be made by the Board, or otherwise, should take such steps as are necessary to avoid the conflict of interest, including notifying the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and, if appropriate, recusing himself or herself from discussions by the Board which could be perceived to create such a conflict.

#### **4.1 Gifts and Entertainment.**

Building strong relationships with customers, distributors and suppliers is essential to S&W Seed's business. Socializing with customers, distributors and suppliers is an integral part of building those relationships. However, good judgment should be exercised in providing or accepting business meals and entertainment or inexpensive gifts, so that all such conduct is consistent with customary and prudent business practices.

While individual circumstances differ, the overriding principle concerning gratuities is not to give or accept anything of value that could be perceived as creating an obligation on the part of the recipient (whether a S&W Seed employee, a customer, a distributor or a supplier) to act other than in the best interests of his or her employer or otherwise to taint the objectivity of the individual's involvement. Unless express permission is received from a supervisor, the Compliance Officer or the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the "*Audit Committee*"), gifts and entertainment cannot be offered, provided or accepted by any employee unless consistent with customary business practices and not (a) excessive in value of more than token or nominal monetary value, (b) in cash, (c) susceptible of being construed as a bribe or kickback, (d) made or received on a regular or frequent basis or (e) in violation of any laws. It is the responsibility of each employee to ensure that providing or accepting a gratuity is appropriate under the circumstances.

This principle applies to S&W Seed's transactions everywhere in the world, even if it conflicts with local custom. Under some statutes, such as the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, giving anything of value to a government official to obtain or retain business or favorable treatment is a criminal act subject to prosecution and conviction. Employees should discuss any uncertainties about proposed entertainment or gifts with the Compliance Officer.

#### **4.2 Corporate Opportunities**

Employees and directors may not compete with S&W Seed or take personal advantage of business opportunities that S&W Seed might want to pursue. Employees and directors who are interested in the use of Company property or information, or in pursuing an opportunity that they discovered through their Company position should consult with the Compliance Officer to determine an appropriate course of action. Even opportunities that are acquired through independent sources may be questionable if they are related to the Company's existing or proposed lines of business. Employees and directors owe a duty to S&W Seed to advance its legitimate business interests when opportunities arise. Accordingly, participation in an outside business opportunity that is related to S&W Seed's existing or proposed lines of business is prohibited.

### **4.3 Employee Loans**

Loans to employees or their family members by S&W Seed, or guarantees of their loan obligations, could constitute an improper personal benefit to the recipients of such loans or guarantees. Accordingly, Company loans and guarantees for executive officers and directors are expressly prohibited by law and Company policy. Any loans to employees require the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

### **4.4 Related Party Transactions**

A related party transaction includes any transaction, or series of similar transactions, since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction or series of similar transactions, where: (i) the Company or its subsidiary is a party, (ii) the amount involved exceeds, in the aggregate, the lesser of \$120,000 or one percent of the average of S&W Seed's total assets at year end for the last two completed fiscal years, and (iii) in which any of the following persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest: any director or director nominee; any executive officer; any holder of more than five percent of the Company's common stock; or any member of the immediate family of such persons. Through its Compliance Officer, S&W Seed will conduct a review of all related party transactions for potential conflicts of interest situations. All related party transactions must be approved by the Audit Committee or another independent body of the Board of Directors.

## **5. Insider Trading**

In the course of doing business for S&W Seed, or in discussions with one of its customers, distributors or suppliers, S&W Seed employees and directors may become aware of material non-public information about S&W Seed or another organization. Information is considered "*material*" if it might be used by an investor to make a decision to trade in the public securities of the company. Employees may only use such information for the purpose of conducting Company business.

Federal law and Company policy prohibit employees and directors, directly or indirectly through their families or others, from purchasing or selling Company stock while in the possession of material, non-public information concerning S&W Seed. This same prohibition applies to trading in the stock of other publicly held companies on the basis of material, non-public information.

If an employee or director is considering buying or selling a stock because of inside information he or she possesses, he or she should assume that such information is material. It is also important for the employee or director to keep in mind that if any trade he or she makes becomes the subject of an investigation by the government, the trade will be viewed after-the-fact with the benefit of hindsight. Consequently, employees and directors should always carefully consider how their trades would look from this perspective.

If an employee's or director's family or friends ask for advice about buying or selling S&W Seed stock, the employee or director should not provide it. Federal law and Company policy also prohibit the employee or director from "tipping" family or friends regarding material, non-public information that the employee or director learns about S&W Seed or any other publicly traded company in the course of employment or service on the Board. The same penalties apply, regardless of whether the employee or director derives any benefit from the trade.

Because of the sensitive nature of and severe penalties associated with insider trading and tipping, employees and directors must exercise the utmost care when in possession of material inside information.

S&W Seed has adopted a separate Insider Trading Policy with which you will be expected to comply as a condition of your employment. You should consult this Insider Trading Policy for more specific information on the definition of “inside” information and on buying and selling S&W Seed’s securities or securities of companies with which S&W Seed does business.

## **6. Competition and Fair Dealing**

S&W Seed strives to compete vigorously and to gain advantages over its competitors through superior business performance, not through unethical or illegal business practices. No employee may through improper means acquire proprietary information from others, possess trade secret information, or induce disclosure of confidential information from past or present employees of other companies. Employees that have obtained information of this variety by mistake or have any questions about the legality of future actions must consult the Compliance Officer, as described in Section 14.

All employees are expected to deal fairly and honestly with S&W Seed customers, suppliers, employees and anyone else with whom they have contact in the course of performing their Company duties. Making false or misleading statements about S&W Seed’s competitors is prohibited by this Code, inconsistent with S&W Seed’s reputation for integrity and harmful to S&W Seed’s business. Employees may not take unfair advantage of anyone through misuse of confidential information, misrepresentation of material facts or any other unfair business practice.

### **6.1 Policies Specific to Procurement**

Employees involved in procurement have a special responsibility to adhere to principles of fair competition in the purchase of products and services by selecting suppliers based exclusively on normal commercial considerations, such as quality, cost, availability, service and reputation, and not on the receipt of special favors.

### **6.2 Policies Specific to Sales**

Employees involved in sales have a special responsibility to abide by all Company policies regarding selling activities, including policies relevant to revenue recognition by the Company.

### **6.3 Antitrust Laws**

Antitrust laws are designed to protect customers and the competitive process. These laws generally prohibit the Company from establishing:

- Price fixing arrangements with competitors;
- Arrangements with competitors to share pricing information or other competitive marketing information, or to allocate markets or customers;
- Agreements with competitors or customers to boycott particular suppliers, customers or competitors; and

- A monopoly or attempted monopoly through anticompetitive conduct.

Some kinds of information, such as pricing, production and inventory, should never be exchanged with competitors, regardless of how innocent or casual the exchange may be, because even where no formal arrangement exists, merely exchanging information can create the appearance of an improper arrangement.

Noncompliance with the antitrust laws can have extremely negative consequences for S&W Seed, including long and costly investigations and lawsuits, substantial fines or damages, and adverse publicity. Understanding the requirements of antitrust and unfair competition laws of the jurisdictions where S&W Seed does business can be difficult, so employees and directors are urged to seek assistance from the Compliance Officer whenever they have a question relating to these laws.

## **7. Environmental Compliance**

Federal law imposes criminal liability on any person or company that contaminates the environment with any hazardous substance that could cause injury to the community or environment. Violation of environmental laws can involve monetary fines and imprisonment. Employees are expected to comply with all applicable environmental laws.

It is S&W Seed's policy to conduct its business in an environmentally responsible way that minimizes environmental impacts. S&W Seed is committed to minimizing and, if practicable, eliminating the use of any substance or material that may cause environmental damage, reducing waste generation and disposing of all waste through safe and responsible methods, minimizing environmental risks by employing safe technologies and operating procedures, and being prepared to respond appropriately to accidents and emergencies.

## **8. Maintenance of Corporate Books, Records and Accounts; Financial Integrity; Public Reporting**

S&W Seed strives to maintain complete integrity of its records and public disclosure. S&W Seed's corporate and business records, including all supporting entries to its books of account, must be completed honestly, accurately and intelligibly. Company records are important to investors and creditors. They serve as a basis for managing Company business and are important in meeting its obligations to customers, suppliers, creditors, employees and others with whom S&W Seed does business. S&W Seed depends on its books, records and accounts accurately and fairly reflecting, in reasonable detail, its assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and expenses, as well as all transactions and changes in assets and liabilities.

To help ensure the integrity of its records and public disclosure, S&W Seed requires that:

- No entry be made in S&W Seed's books and records that is intentionally false or misleading, or hides or disguises the nature of any transaction or liability, or misclassifies any transactions as to accounts or accounting periods;
- Transactions be supported by appropriate documentation;



- The terms of sales and other commercial transactions be reflected accurately in the documentation for those transactions and all such documentation be reflected accurately in Company books and records;
- Employees comply with S&W Seed's system of internal controls and be held accountable for their entries;
- Any off-balance sheet arrangements of the Company be clearly and appropriately disclosed;
- No cash or other assets be maintained for any purpose in any unrecorded or "*off-the-books*" fund;
- Assets and liabilities of the Company shall be recognized and stated in accordance with S&W Seed's standard practices and generally accepted accounting principles ("*GAAP*"); and
- Records be retained or destroyed according to the Company's records retention policy.

S&W Seed's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to help ensure that S&W Seed's public disclosures are full, fair and accurate, that they fairly present its financial condition and results of operations, and that they are timely and understandable. Employees who collect, provide or analyze information for or otherwise contribute in any way to preparing or verifying these reports should adhere to all disclosure controls and procedures and generally assist the Company in producing financial disclosures that contain all of the information about the Company that is required by law and would be important to enable investors to understand S&W Seed's business and its attendant risks. In particular:

- No employee may take or authorize any action that would cause S&W Seed's financial records or financial disclosures to fail to comply with GAAP, the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*SEC*") or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- All employees must cooperate fully with S&W Seed's finance department, as well as S&W Seed's independent public accountants and counsel, respond to their questions with candor and provide them with complete and accurate information to help ensure that the Company's books and records, as well as its reports filed with the SEC, are accurate and complete; and
- No employee shall knowingly make (or cause or encourage any other person to make) any false or misleading statement in any of the Company's reports filed with the SEC or any third party or knowingly omit (or cause or encourage any other person to omit) any information necessary to make the disclosure in any of such reports accurate in all material respects.

If any employee becomes aware that S&W Seed's public disclosures are not full, fair and accurate, or if any employee becomes aware of a transaction or development that he or she believes may require disclosure, he or she should report the matter immediately to the Compliance Officer.

## **9. Records Management**

The Compliance Officer has companywide responsibility for developing, administering and coordinating the record management program, and issuing retention guidelines for specific types

of documents. Records should be maintained to comply with applicable statutory, regulatory or contractual requirements, as well as those pursuant to prudent business practices. Employees can contact the Compliance Officer for specific information on record retention.

## **10. Political Contributions and Gifts**

S&W Seed reserves the right to communicate its position on important issues to elected representatives and other government officials. It is S&W Seed's policy to comply fully with all local, state, federal, foreign and other applicable laws, rules and regulations regarding political contributions. Accordingly, it is Company policy that no corporate funds may be used to make political contributions of any kind to any candidate, political party or to intermediary organizations such as a political action committee ("**PAC**"), provided that this policy does not prohibit the formation of a PAC sponsored by S&W Seed and the use of corporate funds to defray the administrative expenses of the operation of such a PAC in accordance with appropriate federal and state laws. This general prohibition covers not only direct contributions but also indirect assistance or support of candidates or political parties through the purchase of tickets to special dinners or other fund-raising events, and the furnishing of any other goods, services or equipment to political parties or committees. Political contributions or activities by individuals on their own behalf are, of course, permissible. Employees should not make such contributions in a way that might appear to be an endorsement or contribution by S&W Seed. No person may be reimbursed directly or indirectly by the Company for any political contribution either to a candidate or a PAC or for the cost of attending any political event.

## **11. Confidentiality**

As a condition of employment with S&W Seed, each employee is required to sign a confidentiality agreement. This agreement imposes an obligation upon each and every employee to protect S&W Seed's proprietary information, which includes such things as business, financial, research and development, engineering marketing and personnel information.

Confidential information also includes any proprietary information shared with S&W Seed by its customers and business partners, or information that has been acquired by an employee during the course of working for a former employer. S&W Seed employees have an equal obligation to protect against the unauthorized disclosure or misuse of such third party confidential information. Anyone who has had access to confidential Company information must keep it confidential at all times, both while working for S&W Seed and after employment ends.

### **11.1 Sharing Information with Third Parties**

Employees must not share confidential Company information, or any confidential information of a customer, distributor, supplier, service provider or business partner, with anyone who has not been authorized to receive it, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated. An employee's unauthorized use or distribution of this information is extremely serious; it would violate his or her Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement and could be illegal, resulting in civil liability or criminal penalties.

## 11.2 Precautions

Employees must take precautions to prevent unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. Accordingly, employees should also take steps to ensure that business-related paperwork and documents are produced, copied, faxed, filed, stored and discarded by means designed to minimize the risk that unauthorized persons might obtain access to confidential information. Employees should not discuss sensitive matters or confidential information in public places, and they should avoid discussing confidential information on cellular phones to the extent practicable. Employees may not discuss Company business in any Internet “*chat room*,” regardless of whether they use their own name or a pseudonym, or otherwise post Company information on the Internet. All Company emails, voicemails and other communications are presumed confidential and should not be forwarded or otherwise disseminated outside of the Company, except where required for legitimate business purposes.

Employees are required to observe the provisions of any other specific policy regarding privacy and confidential information that the Company may adopt from time to time.

## 12. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets

All employees and directors are expected to protect S&W Seed’s assets and ensure their efficient use for legitimate business purposes. Theft, carelessness and waste have a direct impact on S&W Seed’s profitability. Company property, such as computer equipment, buildings, furniture and furnishings, office supplies and products and inventories, should be used only for activities related to employment, although incidental personal use is permitted. You may not, however, use the Company’s corporate name, any brand name or trademark owned or associated with the Company or any letterhead stationery for any personal purpose.

You may not, while acting on behalf of the Company or while using its computing or communications equipment or facilities, either:

- access the internal computer system (also known as “hacking”) or other resource of another entity without express written authorization from the entity responsible for operating that resource; or
- commit any unlawful or illegal act, including harassment, libel, fraud, sending of unsolicited commercial email (also known as “spam”) in violation of applicable law, trafficking in contraband of any kind, or espionage.

If you receive authorization to access another entity’s internal computer system or other resource, you must make a permanent record of that authorization so that it may be retrieved for future reference, and you may not exceed the scope of that authorization.

Unsolicited commercial email is regulated by law in a number of jurisdictions. If you intend to send unsolicited commercial email to persons outside of the Company, either while acting on the Company’s behalf or using its computing or communications equipment or facilities, you should contact your supervisor or the Compliance Officer for approval.

All data residing on or transmitted through the Company's computing and communications facilities, including email and word processing documents, is the property of the Company and subject to inspection, retention and review by the Company, with or without an employee's or third party's knowledge, consent or approval, in accordance with applicable law. Any misuse or suspected misuse of the Company's assets must be immediately reported to your supervisor or the Compliance Officer.

Employees should bear in mind that S&W Seed retains the right to access, review, monitor and disclose any information transmitted, received or stored using Company electronic equipment, with or without an employee's or third party's knowledge, consent or approval. Employees must immediately report any misuse or suspected misuse of Company assets to their supervisor or the Compliance Officer.

### **13. Media Contacts and Public Communications**

It is S&W Seed's policy to disclose material information concerning S&W Seed to the public only in accordance with its communications and disclosure guidelines and policies, in order to avoid inappropriate publicity and to ensure that all such information is communicated in a way that is reasonably designed to provide broad, non-exclusionary distribution of information to the public. All inquiries or calls from the press, investors and financial analysts should be referred to the Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**"). S&W Seed has designated its Chairman of the Board ("**Chairman**"), Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") and Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") and its investors relations personnel as its official spokespersons for financial matters and for marketing, technical and other related information. These persons are the only ones who are authorized to communicate with the press, investors or financial analysts on behalf of the Company, unless a specific exception has been made by the Chairman, CEO or CFO. You also may not provide any information to the media about us off the record, for background, confidentially or secretly, including, without limitation, by way of postings on internet websites, chat rooms or blogs.

### **14. Compliance Standards and Procedures**

#### **14.1 Compliance Resources**

S&W Seed has an obligation to promote ethical behavior. Every employee is encouraged to talk to his or her supervisor, managers and other appropriate personnel when in doubt about the application of any provision of this Code.

In addition to fielding questions with respect to interpretation or potential violations of this Code, the Compliance Officer is responsible for:

- Investigating possible violations of this Code;
- Training new employees in Code policies;
- Conducting periodic training sessions to refresh employees' familiarity with this Code;

- Updating this Code as needed, with approval of the Board of Directors, to reflect changes in the law, Company operations and recognized best practices, and to reflect Company experience with this Code; and
- Otherwise promoting an atmosphere of responsible and ethical conduct.

The most immediate resource available to employees for matters related to this Code is their supervisor. The supervisor may have the information requested or may be able to refer the question to another appropriate source. There may, however, be times when employees prefer not to go to their supervisor. In these instances, employees should feel free to discuss their concerns with the Compliance Officer. If an employee is uncomfortable speaking with the Compliance Officer because the Compliance Officer works in that employee's department or is one of that employee's supervisors, the employee may contact the Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

## **14.2 Clarifying Questions and Concerns; Reporting Possible Violations**

### **(a) Employee Reporting**

If an employee becomes aware of or suspects that unethical or illegal conduct has occurred or is about to occur, the employee should discuss the matter promptly with his or her supervisor or the Compliance Officer; even the appearance of impropriety could be very damaging to the Company. Employees that are aware of a suspected or actual violation of Code standards by others have a responsibility to report it.

All information regarding suspected ethical violations or unlawful activity will be received on a confidential basis. While complete confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible in conducting internal investigations and, where action is warranted, in carrying out disciplinary measures. Employees are assured that they may report unethical conduct without fear of retribution. S&W Seed will not tolerate adverse actions being taken against an employee for reporting violations of law or Company policies, or for participating in internal investigations.

### **(b) Compliance Officer Investigation**

Supervisors must promptly report any complaints or observations of Code violations to the Compliance Officer. If you believe your supervisor has not taken appropriate action, you should contact the Compliance Officer directly. The Compliance Officer will investigate all reported possible Code violations promptly and with the highest degree of confidentiality that is possible under the specific circumstances. Neither you nor your supervisor may conduct any preliminary investigation, unless authorized to do so by the Compliance Officer. Employee cooperation in the investigation will be expected. As needed, the Compliance Officer will consult with outside counsel, the Human Resources department, the Audit Committee, and the full Board of Directors if necessary.

### **(c) Response to Violations**

If the investigation indicates that a violation of this Code may have occurred, S&W Seed will take such action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. If S&W Seed determines that an

employee is responsible for a Code violation, he or she will be subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, termination of employment and, in appropriate cases, civil action or referral for criminal prosecution. Appropriate action may also be taken to deter any future Code violations.

### **14.3 Identification of Responsible Parties; Anonymous Reporting Procedures**

Employees are responsible for promptly reporting any issue or concern that they believe in good faith may constitute a violation of this Code or any other Company policy. To report a violation of this Code, or of any other Company policy, employees should contact the Compliance Officer, who is the Company's Chief Financial Officer at 2101 Ken Pratt Blvd., Suite 201, Longmont, CO, 80020 or (720) 593-3570. Anonymous letters may be sent to S&W Seed Corporate Governance Committee, c/o Cooley LLP, 4401 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121, or such other address as shall subsequently be provided to employees.

To address any concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters relating to S&W Seed or other issues that should be brought to the attention of the Audit Committee, employees may contact the Audit Committee directly:

- By email to [auditcommittee@swseedco.com](mailto:auditcommittee@swseedco.com);
- By phone to the Chairman of the Audit Committee at (646) 238-7580,, or such other number as shall be subsequently provided to employees; or
- Anonymously by mail to the following outside mailing address: S&WSeed Audit Committee, c/o Cooley LLP, 4401 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121, or such other address as shall subsequently be provided.

With respect to any complaints or observations of matters that may involve accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters, the Compliance Officer shall promptly inform the chair of the Audit Committee, and the Audit Committee or such other persons as the Audit Committee determines to be appropriate under the circumstances shall be responsible for supervising and overseeing the inquiry and any investigation that is undertaken. In addition, any matters involving accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing concerns that are reported via the compliance email address referenced above shall be routed to both the Compliance Officer and the Audit Committee.

### **15. Waiver and Amendment**

Any waiver or amendment of this Code that applies to any of S&W Seed's directors or executive officers must be in writing, must be authorized only by the Board of Directors and must be promptly disclosed to stockholders, along with the reasons for the waiver. Any such amendment or waiver will be disclosed as required by applicable laws, rules and regulations.

### **16. No Rights Created**

This Code is a statement of fundamental principles, policies and procedures that govern S&W Seed employees, officers and directors in the conduct of S&W Seed business. It is not intended to

and does not create any legal rights for any customer, supplier, competitor, stockholder or any other person or entity.

## **17. Modifications**

This Code shall be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors and the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors and shall be updated as deemed appropriate or necessary by the Board and/or the Nominating and Governance Committee. Company management shall obtain written acceptance of this Code and maintain records thereof from each employee and director. A copy of this Code and any subsequent updates hereto shall be made available to the public on the Company's website.