

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**
(Alexandria Division)

TRIANTAFYLLOS TAFAS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 1:07cv846 (JCC/TRJ)
)	
JON W. DUDAS, et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

CONSOLIDATED WITH

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM)	
CORPORATION, et al.)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 1:07cv1008 (JCC/TRJ)
)	
JON W. DUDAS, et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

**MOTION OF CROPLIFE AMERICA
FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF**

Pursuant to the Court’s December 18, 2007 Order, CropLife America (CLA) respectfully moves for leave to file a brief as *amicus curiae* in support of the Plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. As per the Court’s December 18, 2007 Order, CLA’s Brief would be due on December 27, 2007.

Counsel for CLA have conferred with Counsel for Plaintiff Triantafyllos Tafas, the GlazoSmithKline Plaintiffs, and Defendants regarding this Motion and are authorized

to state that the Plaintiffs do not oppose this Motion. Defendants take no position on this Motion.

As explained in the accompanying memorandum, CLA's members are the world's leaders in the development of plant science and crop protection technologies. CLA and its members have a direct interest in the outcome of this litigation. CLA seeks leave to participate as an *amicus* based on its interest in avoiding changes to the U.S. patent rules that will irreparably damage the plant science and crop protection industry, CLA members, and the public.

For the foregoing reasons, CLA respectfully moves for leave to file a brief as *amicus curiae* in support of the Plaintiffs on December 27, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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