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Linda Delli Santi  
Executive Director  
BC Greenhouse Growers Association

CC: Armand Vander Meulen, BCGGA President/Chair  
Derek Sturko, BCVMC Chair  
BCVMC Commissioners

Dear Ms. Delli Santi:

**RE: Follow-Up to Our Discussion Yesterday**

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I am writing to follow-up on my telephone discussion with you on September 9, 2024. As you know, I called to discuss when the results of the BCGGA Marketing Study Survey will be made available, and to set a date for the next meeting between the BCGGA executive and our Chair and Vice-Chair. You will recall that we had originally requested a meeting sometime the week of September 23, 2024, by letter dated September 3, 2024.

I confirm you advised me:

- As of September 9, 2024, the BCGGA directors had not seen the results of the survey.
- The marketing study survey issued to growers on August 8, 2024 was extended another week to September 6, 2024, and you will be reaching out to producers to discuss the MNP study that was introduced at the BCGGA AGM in June.
- The BCGGA executive is unwavering in its pursuit of regulatory authority with respect to greenhouse vegetables regulated by the Commission (despite not having heard the views of producers from the industry survey).
- There is no point for the BCGGA to meet with the BCVMC in order to engage in further discussions about the current Research and Industry Development Agreement, and the ways in which the Commission could exercise better oversight and control of the proceeds from levies and charges imposed by the Commission (despite our mutual agreement to do so).
- Any meeting between the BCGGA and BCVMC should be delayed in any event having regard to the pending provincial election.

The Commission will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the next steps.

Yours truly,



Andre Solymosi, General Manager