



## **Statement re Settlement in ADM EBS, Inc. v. American Bean LLC**

ADM Edible Bean Specialties, Inc. ("ADM"), a subsidiary of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, has secured a settlement with American Bean LLC ("American Bean") regarding American Bean's unauthorized activities with respect to ADM's Seedwest-branded seed products. ADM sued American Bean in April 2023 after discovering that American Bean was reproducing and selling varieties of ADM edible bean seed that are protected by patent and/or the Plant Variety Protection Act ("PVPA") – conduct commonly known as "brown bagging." During the lawsuit, American Bean admitted that it had engaged in brown bagging activities in cooperation with certain growers that infringed ADM's seed patents and PVPA protections. Following this admission, ADM and American Bean reached a settlement to compensate ADM for the substantial harm caused by American Bean's wrongful conduct and to ensure that American Bean does not infringe ADM's patent and PVPA rights in the future. This included American Bean agreeing to an injunction prohibiting it from engaging in infringing activities and granting ADM rights to audit and inspect American Bean's operations. American Bean also agreed to pay ADM a monetary settlement. ADM and American Bean are pleased that they were able to resolve this dispute in order to focus on serving the edible bean industry.