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To whom it may concern

NICHIRIN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES who are manufacturing KICCOLATE ND-2HS for ASAHI KASEI hereby confirms that KICCOLATE ND-2HS (Croscarmellose Sodium) is free from genetically modified organisms (GMO-free). The raw materials for the production of KICCOLATE ND-2HS are Woodpulp, Monochloracetic acid, Sodium Carbonate, Sodium Hydroxide, Sulfuric acid and Water. The used Woodpulp is of tree origin not related to genetic modification. The forest are strictly naturally grown.

Sincerely yours,

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