



June 2, 2000

Glenn Erickson
LaBudde Group, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Erickson:

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Thank you for applying to the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for brand name product review.

OMRI has reviewed LaBudde Group, Inc.'s product, VitaSoil, and has determined it is Allowed for use in organic production in the category of bone meal. This listing indicates that your product meets organic standards based on OMRI's *Generic Materials List* and *Operating Manual for the Review of Brand Name Products*, as well as good faith acceptance of the documentation you provided with your application.

Subscribing certifiers and state organic programs will receive information regarding the listing status of VitaSoil with OMRI. Your product will appear in the next update of the *OMRI Brand Name Products List*. This listing is not OMRI certification or endorsement, and cannot be construed as certification or listing by any of the subscribing certifiers. Final decisions regarding the acceptability of use of the product, and any restrictions on its use under any particular certifier's program are made by that certifier who still has the right to decline OMRI's recommendation. Producers and handlers still need to contact their certifiers for information as to whether or not this material may be used in organic production or handling. OMRI is not responsible for any losses that may occur as a result of this listing or the actions of OMRI subscribers as the result of this listing. Also, OMRI listing does not imply that the product has been registered for use by the appropriate state or Federal agencies.

Enclosed are OMRI's icon and wording options you can use on labeling and promotional literature to promote a listed product. Any use of OMRI's name outside of this sanctioned policy may result in a product being removed from the list or further action against the company that violates that policy. OMRI reserves the right to remove any product from its list at any time. Also enclosed is a form to subscribe to OMRI's lists. With a subscription, you can receive the most current *Generic Materials List* and *Brand Name Products List*, and all updates to these lists.

This letter serves as the Final Response Letter to LaBudde Group, Inc. regarding the status of VitaSoil. If LaBudde Group, Inc. wishes to appeal this decision, please refer to the "Appeals" section of the most current *OMRI Operating Manual*.

LaBudde Group, Inc. needs to annually renew VitaSoil for that product to remain on the *OMRI Brand Name Products List*. The annual listing period starts with the date of this letter. OMRI sends renewal reminder packets during the last quarter of the product listing. See the current *OMRI Operating Manual* for more details.

Again, thank you for your participation in the OMRI Materials Review Program. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Cindy Douglas
Product Review Coordinator

Organic Materials Review Institute™

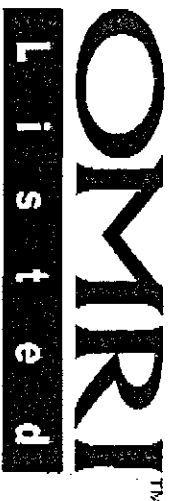
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Icon and Wording Options for "OMRI Listed" Suppliers

To assist you in promoting your products, OMRI developed wording options and an icon for packaging, literature, and ads. To be authorized to use any of these icons or wording options, the supplier must be listed as ALL-OWED or REGULATED on the most current *OMRI Brand Name Products List*. A supplier may not use OMRI's name, wording options, or icon to advertise or promote any product that has not yet completed OMRI review. No other wording options or OMRI icons may be used. See the most current *OMRI Operating Manual* for more information. The wording options can be used in conjunction with the icon. If a distributor of a listed product wants to use an icon or wording option, please contact OMRI's Executive Director for details at 541-343-7600.

After a supplier's annual listing cycle, usage of these wording options and icon may continue only if the supplier renews with OMRI and the product continues to receive an "Allowed" or "Regulated" status.



Three Wording Options

- ◆ OMRI Listed
- ◆ Listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in production of organic food and fiber
- ◆ Listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in organic production