



## **Casterra Announces the Completion of a Successful Castor Seed Growing and Harvesting Season in Brazil**

*Castor seeds from Brazil will be ready for shipment during third quarter of 2024.*

*Castor harvest season in Africa started as planned.*

**Rehovot, Israel – July 31, 2024 – Casterra Ag Ltd.**, a subsidiary of Evogene Ltd. (Nasdaq: EVGN, TASE: EVGN), and a provider of an integrated solution for industrial-scale cultivation of castor, based on its elite castor seed varieties, developed for bio-based industries including biopolymers & biofuels, is pleased to announce the successful completion of its current castor growing and harvesting season in Brazil. The seeds are planned to be shipped during the third quarter of this year. In addition, the castor harvesting season in Africa, which is expected to supply the majority of seeds for 2024, has started as planned. As noted in previous announcements, the castor seeds produced in 2024 in both Brazilian and African territories, are expected to allow Casterra to meet all its existing orders, amounting to ~\$8.4M.

**Mr. Yoash Zohar, CEO of Casterra states:** “Current castor yields from the harvest in Brazil show an impressive improvement in our production capabilities. I am very proud of our professional team, which in past months invested, and keeps investing, time and efforts working closely with our subcontractors to ensure the best agricultural practices and crop performance, to produce Casterra’s high quality castor seeds. We also expect to see such positive performance in our African territories where the majority of our seed production is taking place.”

Casterra is at the forefront of the industrialization of castor, with unique elite varieties (high oil yield, compact and short cycle plants), global span seed production operation (Africa and Brazil), and growing protocols for efficient large-scale castor farming, well-positioned to lead industrialized castor farming.

### **About Casterra Ag Ltd.:**

Casterra, a wholly owned subsidiary of Evogene, is an integrated solutions company for growing castor plants, based on its elite castor seed varieties, for bio-based industrial applications, such as biofuels & biopolymers. It has built its castor genetic assets based on a broad collection of over 300 castor lines from 40 different geographic and climatic regions. As part of its development process, Casterra applies advanced breeding methods utilizing Evogene's GeneRator AI tech-engine, enabling cutting-edge plant genomics tools and agro-technique expertise to enable efficient and sustainable industrial-scale production of the castor bean.

For more information, please visit <http://www.casterra.co>

### **About Evogene Ltd.:**

Evogene (Nasdaq: EVGN, TASE: EVGN) is a computational biology company aiming to revolutionize the development of life-science-based products by utilizing cutting-edge technologies to increase the probability of success while reducing development time and cost. Evogene established three unique tech-engines – *MicroBoost AI*, *ChemPass AI*, and *GeneRator AI* – leveraging Big Data and Artificial Intelligence and incorporating deep multidisciplinary understanding in life sciences. Each tech-engine is focused on the discovery and development of products based on one of the following core components: microbes (*MicroBoost AI*), small molecules (*ChemPass AI*), and genetic elements (*GeneRator AI*).

Evogene uses its tech-engines to develop products through subsidiaries and strategic partnerships. Evogene's subsidiaries currently utilize the tech-engines to develop novel life science products including human microbiome-based therapeutics by Biomica, ag-biologicals by Lavie Bio, ag-chemicals by AgPlenus, and castor seed varieties, for the biofuel and other industries, by Casterra.

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