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**SWINE BIOGAS COST SHARE PROGRAM
 INITIAL PHASE I SCREENING APPLICATION**

Screening Application Information	
Applicant Name (“Applicant”):	
State of Residency/Formation:	Do you Lease or Own the Premises? (Circle One) <p align="center">Lease / Own</p> Lease Expiration Date (if applicable): _____ Landlord: _____ (if applicable)
Contact Person:	
Business Address: Line 1: _____ Line 2: _____	
Farm Address (if different): Line 1: _____ Line 2: _____	Will you agree to enter into a ten-year binding contract with Align for the purchase and sale of all biogas produced as part of this Cost Share Program? (Circle One) <p align="center">Yes / No</p>
Email Address:	
County:	Steady State Live Weight Design Capacity (Lbs): _____
Integrator:	Facility Type (Finishing, Feeder, Etc.):

Applicant hereby applies for eligibility screening for cost-sharing assistance under the Swine Biogas Cost Share Program (the “**Cost Share Program**”) sponsored by the N.C. Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, Inc. (the “**Foundation**”) and Align RNG North Carolina, LLC (“**Align**” and, together with the Foundation, the “**Program Sponsors**”). THIS SCREENING APPLICATION AND CONSIDERATION THEREOF, INCLUDING ANY CONSULTATION WITH APPLICANT OR THIRD PARTIES, DOES NOT GUARANTEE COST SHARE APPROVAL OR OBLIGATE PROGRAM SPONSORS TO (I) PROVIDE ANY COST SHARE FUNDING OR ANY SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF COST SHARE FUNDING, (II) PURCHASE ANY BIOGAS FROM APPLICANT, OR (III) ENTER INTO ANY COST SHARE PROGRAM CONTRACT, BIOGAS PURCHASE AND SALE CONTRACT, OR OTHER CONTRACT WITH APPLICANT. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the eligibility requirements attached hereto as Exhibit A will be used to determine its eligibility for participation in the Cost Share Program, invitation to submit a Phase II application for acceptance, and acceptance to participate in the Cost Share Program and the amount of any Program Grant, if any, is in the sole and absolute discretion of the Program Sponsors. If Applicant is invited to submit a Phase II application, its participation in the Cost Share Program will be subject in all respects to the execution of and the terms and conditions provided in the Swine Biogas Cost Share Program Agreement entered into

by Applicant and the Foundation after final acceptance. For the purposes of developing and implementing this Screening Application, the Applicant listed above hereby authorizes the release of all records that are in custody of the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and acknowledges that such records and any other information provided to the Program Sponsors may be disclosed to third parties in connection with evaluation of this Screening Application. Applicant represents and warrants that all information provided in this Screening Application is true and correct and is not misleading. Applicant shall execute and deliver such further information, documents and instruments, give such further assurances and perform such acts as may be reasonably required by the Program Sponsors to evaluate Applicant's eligibility for participation in the Cost Share Program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

EXHIBIT A
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant accepts the following eligibility requirements and, through submission of this Screening Application, represents and warrants that it satisfies such requirements:

- Applicant has received a Letter of Interest from Align, and has included the Letter of Interest as an attachment with this Screening Application.
- Applicant hereby certifies that it is in compliance with all laws, regulations, zoning requirements, or other federal, state, and local governmental rules, and has no unpaid taxes, penalties or judgments outstanding.
- Applicant and its proposed swine biogas equipment must be located within the State of North Carolina.
- Applicant must have a design capacity of less than one million (1,000,000) pounds of steady state live weight.
- Applicant must enter into a contract with Align with a duration of ten (10) years or more for the purchase by Align of the biogas produced by the anaerobic digester.
- If Applicant leases the premises on which the Business or Farm is situated (the “*Premises*”), there is a minimum of ten (10) years remaining in the term of the lease, and the lease will not expire prior to the expiration of the biogas contract with Align.
- The maximum amount of cost-share that Applicant may ultimately receive (subject the sole and absolute discretion of Program Sponsors) is the lesser of (a) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or (b) seventy-five percent (75%) of the portion of actual construction and equipment costs of the biogas equipment that exceed Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$440.00) per thousand (1,000) pounds of steady state live weight.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Completed applications can be submitted via email or by mail.

- 1) By email: Send to asand@ncsoilwater.org and put “Digester Phase 1 Application” in the subject line.
- 2) By mail:

Send by USPS with Delivery Confirmation / by UPS / by FedEx:

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