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Mr Leyland Minter
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Dear Leyland,

Re: Hydretain Trial

Since completing the trials on Hydretain over the past two months, and our subsequent use of the product commercially, I wish to briefly express my view on Hydretain:-

In summary we assessed the material on potted flowering Chrysanthemums, Poinsettias and Geraldton Wax (*Chamelaucium uncinatum*). The 13cm pot size was common throughout the trial, as well as subsequent commercially evaluations.

Our primary interest in Hydretain was to gain increased shelf life for the plant in a retail situation. Specifically the chain store operations, which generally do not have facilities for correctly maintaining plant products.

I am pleased to say that when using Hydretain at a ratio of 1:30 (100ml solution per pot), we found that we gained at least an additional 2 to 3 days shelf life, prior to any evidence of wilting.

In association with our on going in house trial work to potting media amendments, we believe that Hydretain will offer additional support to our range of techniques in supplying a quality product to our customers.

Yours faithfully,
AJ NEWPORT & SON PTY LIMITED

Andrew White
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