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Good morning! My name is Pieter Johannes. I'm Dutch and have been living here in Brazil for 24 years. About 14 years ago, I purchased this property, Sítio Maracatu, located in São Sebastião do Paraíso. This will be my third year using KFORTE®. Here we have a three-and-a-half-year-old Catiguá MG2 coffee field. It's heavily loaded, very uniform, and performing very well in terms of production.

The most important results are still expected next year, when the weather cooperates. This field is intercropped with mahogany — African mahogany — planted in the same year. The idea is to provide some shade and greater comfort for the coffee plants, helping them suffer less from the heat. It's working. There is another larger area where you can clearly see that both crops thrive very well together.

Over the past two to three years, we've slightly changed the way we work. We started with KFORTE®. Two years ago — and again this year — we're applying it across the entire area. The first year I used KFORTE®, I was a bit concerned because the plant will absorb potassium and everything else. But I have to say the results have been very positive.

Overall, the plants are healthier. The crop went through both cold and drought conditions and came through well. In the first year, Tuli mentioned the leaf miner issue, because this Catiguá MG2 variety is relatively new — it's been on the market for about ten years, maybe a little more. Its biggest challenge is leaf miner. Last year there was some presence, but this year I'm very satisfied with it, especially with the growth it has achieved.

As for next year's crop, the harvested green coffee with KFORTE® seems slightly heavier compared to coffee produced with conventional fertilizer. Regarding flavor: since I started using KFORTE®, I believe my coffee has significantly improved in cup quality, and I'm very satisfied. I believe this is the result of teamwork — Carlão, my farm manager, who is very careful and always on top of everything, and Felipe, the agronomist who provides support and keeps me on the right track.