

AGRICO ORCHARD ACQUISITION ANNOUNCEMENT & COMPANY UPDATE

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Orchard Acquisition

Managing Director Paul Thompson today announced that Select Harvests have agreed to acquire the 690 acre Agrico almond orchard at Wemen, Victoria for A\$4.3 million, including title to the 2013 crop. The payment comprises A\$3.0m for the orchard, A\$1.3m for the title to the 2013 crop and is earnings accretive from 2013.

The Agrico orchard is situated directly adjacent to Select Harvests' Almond Processing Facility and in the Carina West complex of company owned/managed orchards. The acquisition will be funded within existing facilities and reinforces Select Harvests strategy to capitalise on the rapidly growing consumption of almonds globally.

Already managed by Select Harvests, Agrico is one of the company's Top 5 yielding orchards and comprises a mix of varieties. With an average age of 13 years and only one third of the way through their mature production life, the Agrico trees are now mature cash generators, requiring minimal ongoing capital expenditure.

Paul Thompson explains "The Agrico acquisition demonstrates an important element of the Select Harvests growth strategy – the opportunity to acquire a high performing orchard located close to the company's state of the art almond processing facility to supply its market leading trading and consumer businesses".

Harvest & Market Update

The seasonal conditions to date and long term weather forecast continue to be positive and at this stage harvest is anticipated to be underway in February. Including the Agrico acquisition and the company orchards returning to normal yields, the 2013 crop will be between 70% to 80% greater than last year.

Following the November update, news of US crop downsizing to less than 1.9 billion pounds (from 2.1 billion pounds) has resulted in the Almond Division experiencing strong demand. The global almond price has continued to strengthen, increasing approximately 25% over recent months inclusive of the impact of the high AUD. Select Harvests has taken advantage of increasing price and booked some forward sales of the 2013 crop.

WA Review

The WA Greenfields Project Review remains on schedule for completion within the 1st quarter of the calendar year. The horticultural challenges of growing almonds economically in this new almond growing region remain significant, further exacerbated by the higher than anticipated cost of electricity in WA. As noted in the 30 June 2012 Annual Report, any changes in key assumptions can have a significant impact on the carrying value of the project.

Pasteuriser Project

A pasteuriser is currently being installed at Select Harvests' Almond Processing Facility at Wemen. It will be commissioned in the last half of January and will be available in time to pasteurise the 2013 crop. The pasteurising of almonds is a known kill step to eradicate product infections such as Salmonella. Select Harvests will be actively marketing pasteurised almonds to its global customer base.

Business Update

The performance improvement program that commenced last year is gaining traction with cost savings and working capital reductions across the business. Significant opportunities for continued improvement have been identified by the Executive Team.

Paul Thompson says "It is an exciting time for Select Harvests - We have a lot of work yet to do, but the Executive Team and staff are focussed on delivering improved results. I am impressed by the efforts and engagement in the organisation, embracing the changes and delivering improved performance. We have started 2013 in a strong position and I am confident that Select Harvests is well positioned to address the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities presented by the horticultural environment and dynamic market, capitalising on the outstanding fundamentals of the global almond industry and our strong local brands".

Select Harvests will announce its 1st half results for the 2013 financial year in the last half of February 2013.

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BACKGROUND:

Select Harvests Ltd (ASX:SHV) is an ASX listed, fully integrated almond business, consisting of orchards (company owned, leased, joint venture and managed), primary processing (hulling & shelling), secondary processing (blanching, roasting, slicing, dicing, meal), trading (industrial products) and consumer products (Private Label & Brands - Lucky, Sunsol, Soland, Nuvit, Renshaw & Allinga Farms). Select Harvests also import a full range of nuts (in addition to almonds) for inclusion in their Consumer Products range of nut products. Australia is a significant global almond producer and Select Harvests are one of Australia's largest almond companies, supplying almonds domestically and internationally, to supermarkets, health food shops, industrial segments and the almond trade. The company is headquartered at Thomastown on the outskirts of Melbourne, Australia while its orchards are located in North West Victoria, Southern New South Wales and Western Australia. Its primary processing facility (Carina West) is located at Wemen in North West Victoria and the secondary processing facility is located at Thomastown.

