



Media Release

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GRAINCORP ISSUES DIVIDEND AND PROFIT GUIDANCE

GrainCorp Chairman, Mr. Don Taylor today announced that the GrainCorp Board intended to declare a dividend for the financial year ended 30 September 2009.

Mr. Taylor said, "The proposed dividend, equivalent to \$0.15 per existing share, is expected to be paid in mid-December and will be adjusted to reflect the New Shares to be issued as part of the process of acquiring United Malt Holdings. This equates to a dividend of approximately \$0.073 per share¹ following the issue of the New Shares²."

"The early indication by the GrainCorp Board of its intention to pay a dividend enables existing shareholders to benefit to the maximum extent from the structure of the funding arrangements put in place for the United Malt Holdings acquisition. The record date for the payment of the dividend is expected to be in early December. This date will be confirmed in late November, after finalisation of GrainCorp's financial results for the year ended 30 September 2009.

GrainCorp Managing Director, Mr. Mark Irwin, today updated the 2008/09 financial year³ net profit after tax (NPAT) guidance.

Mr. Irwin said, "The updated NPAT guidance range is now \$60 million to \$63 million⁴ and follows a strong last quarter result. Following two years of drought driven losses, it is pleasing for the company to return to profitability in this manner." Previous NPAT guidance issued on 3 August 2009 was \$53 million to \$63 million.

"In the 2009 financial year, grain tonnage received was above our original budget, due to a combination of higher than forecast production, and the dynamics of the new competitive bulk wheat export market. GrainCorp Ports, and GrainCorp Trading via our new bulk wheat export business, have contributed significantly to the FY 2009 result."

Mr. Irwin also noted that GrainCorp has a very strong balance sheet. "As at 30 September 2009, GrainCorp had net debt of \$38 million, and undrawn debt facilities exceeding \$256 million."

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GrainCorp carry-in stocks were 2.7 million tonnes as at 1 October 2009 and the harvest, which commenced in early September in central Queensland, and is now underway in southern Queensland and northern NSW, has added more than 161,000 tonnes of winter cereals and summer crops to those stocks.

Depending upon weather conditions, the 2009/10 harvest should be complete in Victoria during January 2010.

GrainCorp will provide a further grain receival update at the time of the release of the company's annual results in late November.

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¹ The exact amount will depend on the final number of New Shares issued as part of the funding for the acquisition of UMH. This also assumes the acquisition proceeds as contemplated by GrainCorp's ASX announcement in relation to the acquisition today.

² Where a dividend is paid in respect of the New Shares, a shareholder is required to hold the New Shares 'at risk' for a minimum of 45 days, not counting the day of acquisition and disposal, to be entitled to utilise franking credits attached to the dividend.

³ GrainCorp's financial year is 1 October to 30 September.

⁴ Refer to Section 5 of the Pathfinder Prospectus lodged with ASX today for detail of the basis of preparation and assumptions underlying this guidance.

GrainCorp's vision is to be Australasia's leading handler and supplier of agriproducts and bulk products.

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