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MEDIA RELEASE

Peter Reading announced as new Chairman of Grain Trade Australia

Mr Peter Reading has been appointed as the Chairman of Grain Trade Australia following the retirement of Mr Tom Keene at the GTA Annual General Meeting held on 23 October 2012.

Mr Reading was appointed to the GTA Board in August 2012.

Mr Reading acknowledged the significant contribution of Mr Keene to GTA over the last four years.

“At a time of major change within the Australian and global grain markets, the GTA Board, working under the guidance of Mr Keene, implemented strategies to ensure trade was enhanced.”

Mr Reading added “On behalf of the Board and GTA members, I would formally like to acknowledge Tom’s substantial contribution to GTA.”

The Chairman’s Report to Members at the AGM detailed the sound financial position of the organisation and its achievements over the last 12 months.

“Reflecting on achievements, however does not entitle an organisation to future success,” said Mr Reading.

“The detailed Strategic Plan developed following widespread industry consultation sets the direction for GTA.”

Major initiatives to be undertaken in the forthcoming year include additional resources for trade and market access initiatives and expansion of the professional development program to a Diploma level course.

“The GTA Board looks forward to working with members and the broader grains industry to ensure trade activity, be it domestic or global is conducted in an efficient and commercially acceptable manner,” Mr Reading added.

The Annual Report and Strategic Direction documents can be downloaded from the GTA website at www.graintrade.org.au

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Grain Trade Australia develops the grain standards and contracts that are used across the Australian grain industry and has over 250 member organisations ranging from regional family businesses to large national and international trading/storage and handling companies.

Members operate within all sectors of the grain industry in Australia. Organisations involved in related commercial activities such as banking, communications, grain advisory services and professional services (solicitors and accountants) are also members.