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Grain Trade Australia appoints new CEO - Pat O’Shannassy

The Grain Trade Australia Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Pat O’Shannassy as the Chief Executive Officer effective from November 1, 2016. Pat had been the interim CEO of Grain Trade Australia following the passing of Geoff Honey in June.

In announcing the appointment, the GTA Chairman Peter Reading commented that Pat was selected from a highly competitive field of candidates and that his skills and background are ideally suited to the GTA CEO role.

“Pat has been very effective in the interim CEO role and has established strong working relationships with the Board and staff, members and the broader grains industry”, stated Mr. Reading.

Mr O’Shannassy said, “The grains industry is progressing through an exciting phase in its growth and development. I look forward to working with GTA members and all segments across the value chain and continuing to make a contribution to the ongoing success of the Australian grains industry. The grains industry is such an important part of the agricultural and export sectors of the Australian economy”.

Mr Reading noted “Pat has vast industry experience, having spent more than 20 years in the grains industry in Australia and USA. He has a diverse experience across the entire value chain, with roles in management, grain origination, trading, trade policy and business strategy, gained from working for trade houses, financial institutions as well as customer service and information focused businesses”.

He has previously been a Director of Grain Trade Australia and a past Director of the Australian Grain Exporters Association (AGEA) and Member of the Commodity Markets Council (USA).

Pat holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture from University of Melbourne, Australia and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment.

About Grain Trade Australia:

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is the focal point for the commercial grains industry within Australia. It facilitates trade and works to provide an efficient, equitable and open trading environment by providing leadership, advocacy and commercial services to the Australian grain value chain. GTA members are responsible for over 95% of all grain storage and freight movements made each year in Australia.

The vast majority of grain contracts executed in Australia each year refer to GTA trading standards and/or trade rules. GTA members are drawn from all sectors of the grain value chain from production to domestic end users and exporters. GTA members are involved in grain trading activities, grain storage and processing.

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