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GRAINCORP FORECASTS GRAIN RECEIVALS OF 9.5 MILLION TONNES

Leading Australian Agri-food business GrainCorp Limited has today issued a revised receival forecast of 9.5 million tonnes of grain for the coming harvest of winter crops in New South Wales and Victoria. This represents an increase of 0.5 million tonnes over last month's forecast.

The harvest will commence around October in the north of New South Wales, and finish in January in the southern parts of Victoria. The company received a total of 1.6 million tonnes of winter crop from these areas at the end of the drought affected 2002/03 harvest.

In addition, the company expects to receive another 1.6 million tonnes of winter grain from the Queensland operating area of Grainco Australia, which will become a fully integrated part of GrainCorp from 1 October 2003.

While sowing at this time is largely completed, recent rainfall across GrainCorp's operating Divisions has increased the likelihood of a healthy yield from already planted crops. The forecast of 9.5 million tonnes is based upon average rainfall for the rest of the year. Further rainfall will be required during the growing period through to October.

The merger with Grainco Australia received overwhelming support from its shareholders at a meeting held 15 August 2003. The relevant resolutions received 98% shareholder support with an extremely high participation of 57% of shares voted.

The acquisition of the Grainco Australia group will be funded through the issue of GrainCorp Reset Preference Shares (RPS). The priority offers of RPS to existing Grainco Australia and GrainCorp shareholders closed on 22 August 2003, while the public offer is scheduled to close on 8 September 2003.

"We are delighted with the huge vote of confidence in GrainCorp given by Queensland grain growers. They have clearly embraced the benefits that a strong and responsive merged entity can provide to the Queensland grains industry," said Tom Keene, Managing Director of GrainCorp.

"We have now knuckled down to the integration process and are looking forward to a seamless business transition and a successful harvest. Over the next few weeks we will be providing our customers with operational information and details of the structure of the new Northern Division of GrainCorp," he added.

GrainCorp has been through an extensive program of modernisation, geographic expansion and supply chain diversification – including public listing on the ASX in 1998, the merger with Vicgrain in 2000, the purchase of Allied Mills in 2002 in a JV with Cargill Australia, and most recently the merger with the Queensland based Grainco Australia in 2003.

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For complete information on the GrainCorp Reset Preference Shareholder offer, including the Grainco shareholder offer, refer to the Prospectus dated 7 July 2003 which was lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on that date. Applications for Reset Preference Shares can and will only be accepted on the application form forming part of the Prospectus. You can obtain a copy of the Prospectus by contacting Computershare Investor Services on 1300 137 324.

The closing date of the offer is subject to change. GrainCorp may, after consultation with the Lead Manager, close the public offer early or extend the closing date for the public offer without notice.

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