

# **Australian Dairy Farms Group**

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## **AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT – ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED 05 MARCH 2018**

The directors of Australian Dairy Farms Group provide this information to the market in the wake of the news, yesterday, that Aussie Farmers Direct has had an external administrator appointed.

Securityholders and investors will be aware that in March 2016, Australian Dairy Farms Group completed the acquisition of Camperdown Dairy Company from Aussie Farmers Direct which, at that time, remained as a very significant customer of Camperdown Dairy Company in respect of dairy products.

In August 2017, during negotiations for extension of the expiring milk supply contract, Camperdown Dairy Company declined to discount pricing of bottled white milk supplied to Aussie Farmers Direct. As a result, the contract for Camperdown Dairy Company to supply bottled milk was not renewed on expiry. Sales of low volumes of yoghurt products continued.

This information was communicated to the market as part of another announcement dated 24 October 2017.

Since that time, the Group has strictly ensured compliance with the agreed trading and credit terms and the total financial exposure to Aussie Farmers Direct is less than \$90,000.

In the intervening period Australian Dairy Farms Group has actively and successfully worked to identify and on-board new customers at realistic profit margins and volumes. This has been an important part of the Group's strategy to move away from the generic and highly competitive \$1 per litre bottled white milk market in Australia to focus on differentiated, higher margin "Own Brand" and specialty products.

In the Group's current budget forecasts for the ensuing 12 months the budgeted sales to Aussie Farmers Direct accounted for less than 5% of total sales expected.

In summary, while the appointment of an administrator to a company is regrettable, there is very little negative impact on the AHF Group's business and financial position.

## **AUSTRALIAN DAIRY FARMS GROUP**

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## **About Australian Dairy Farms Group**

**Australian Dairy Farms Group (AHF)** was Australia's first ASX listed dairy farmer. Its initial focus was on aggregating high quality dairy farms in Victoria, initially in the South Western region with particular emphasis initially, on the famous Dairy Golden Triangle region of South West Victoria between Warrnambool and Colac south of the Princes Highway to the coast around Port Campbell.

In April 2016 the Group completed the acquisition of Camperdown Dairy Company Pty Ltd - ACN 140 640 606 (Camperdown Dairy) – see announcement on <a href="http://www.adfl.com.au/announcements">http://www.adfl.com.au/announcements</a>.

Camperdown Dairy is a wholly owned subsidiary of AHF. The Group is now a vertically integrated milk producer, processor and product distributor in Australia and for export. See the above link to ASX announcements or the Group's website for a copy of the Group's Strategy Overview.

**Australian Dairy Farms Group** is listed as a stapled security comprising one fully paid share in **Australian Dairy Farms Limited (the Company)** and one fully paid unit in **Australian Dairy Farms Trust (the Trust).** Within the structure, the Company is the operator and manager of the dairy farm properties, which are leased from the Trust as the registered owner.

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