

# **ASX Announcement FOR RELEASE** (ASX:RAN)

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## Thai Union in testing phase for Re>Pal HD1210 pallets.

Thai Union Group PCL, one of the world's largest seafood processors, headquartered in Thailand, has placed an order with Range International (ASX: RAN), trading as Re>Pal™ to start trialling the HD1210 pallet in its Thailand factory.

The Re>Pal pallet has been selected due to its very sustainable nature, as Re>Pal reuses plastics, avoids new plastic being made and halts deforestation for the sake of pallets being made. This fits well with Thai Union's global sustainability strategy, SeaChange®.

Dr Darian McBain, Global Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability at Thai Union commented "we are always looking for ways to reduce our usage footprint across our supply chain and build a more circular economy. Re>Pal pallet's use of recycled plastics is a perfect fit for us. With all the issues on pollution caused by waste plastic it is great to come across a solution that helps remove waste plastic from circulation while reducing reliance on timber, and I hope the trial order progresses to a larger order for us such that we can replace our timber pallets with Re>Pal".

Stephen Bowhill, Re>Pal Chief Executive Officer commented "Thai Union, as one of the largest seafood processors in the world, selecting Re>Pal, gives further confidence to potential Re>Pal clients looking for a long lifecycle pallet. We give clients the advantage of plastic; avoiding the use of timber. Timber is not a sustainable alternative in the long-term, as lumber prices increase and the lifetime value of timber is poor. Timber cross border for export has risks including handling risks in warehouse environments. We hope this trial will proceed through to a larger order. Thai Union will test the pallet for durability and strength in its factory warehouse. The trial is expected to be conducted over 8-10 weeks. Re>Pal is a great product fit for Thai Union as they want to help divert plastic waste from landfill and the risk of it entering oceans."

#### **Stephen Bowhill**

Chief Executive Officer sb@rangeinternational.com

## **About Thai Union Group**

Thai Union Group PCL is the world's seafood leader bringing high quality, healthy, tasty and innovative seafood products to customers across the world for more than 40 years.

Today, Thai Union is regarded as the world's largest producer of shelf-stable tuna products with annual sales exceeding THB 133.3 billion (US\$ 4.1 billion) and a global workforce of over 47,000 people who are dedicated to pioneering sustainable, innovative seafood products.

The company's global brand portfolio includes market-leading international brands such as Chicken of the Sea, John West, Petit Navire, Parmentier, Mareblu, King Oscar, and Rügen Fisch and Thai-leading brands SEALECT, Fisho, Qfresh, Monori, Bellotta and Marvo.



As a company committed to innovation and globally responsible behaviour, Thai Union is proud to be a member of the United Nations Global Compact, and a founding member of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF). In 2015, Thai Union introduced its SeaChange® sustainability strategy. Find out more at seachangesustainability.org.

Thai Union's on-going work on sustainability issues was recognized in 2018 by being ranked number one in the world in the Food Products Industry in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, achieving a 100th percentile ranking for total sustainability score. Thai Union has now been named to the DJSI for five consecutive years. Thai Union was also named to the FTSE4Good Emerging Index for the third straight year in 2018.

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#### **About Range International:**

Range is a manufacturer of plastic pallets, trading as Re>Pal<sup>™</sup>. Our ThermoFusion<sup>™</sup> technology allows Re>Pal<sup>™</sup> to make 'zero waste', 100% recycled and recyclable plastic.

Range currently has production lines operating in its East Java factory in Indonesia and sells its pallets under the brand Re>Pal™, supplying pallets into Indonesia and across Asia/ globally.

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