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## **Murray River Organics Strategic Review Update**

Murray River Organics Group Limited (**Company**) refers to its request for a voluntary suspension of trading in its securities on ASX dated 4 June 2018 under Listing Rule 17.2.

The Company is in discussions with its bank regarding amendments to its facility, including an extension to the existing facility. Concurrently the Company is also in discussions with parties, including existing shareholders, regarding support for a potential equity raising. The Board's goal is to align the balance sheet with its long dated agricultural assets and the opportunities in its processing and distribution businesses. These processes are ongoing and incomplete.

Andrew Monk stated, "we appreciate that this is a difficult time for shareholders, and our focus is on working with our advisors to restructure our balance sheet to allow the Company to proposer and capture the significant customer opportunity before us in organic dried fruit and 'Better for You' products. We recognize the value of our assets and will continue to keep the market informed as these discussions progress. Our goal will be that the Company's securities resume trading on ASX as soon as possible once these structural issues are addressed."

The operational focus of the Company remains on delivering the cost improvements identified through the Company's cost out program, "Project Muscat" announced on 8 May 2018, and building capability to better serve our customers, growers and suppliers.

Valentina Tripp, Managing Director, added "Our review of farm operations is progressing well. We have good people across our farming team, excellent farm assets, and are adding to our leadership group. We are aligning our significant customer demand by variety to our long term Crop Plan to strengthen 2019 and beyond.

"We have made significant changes to our operating model in our Dandenong processing centre to reduce our cost base and improve focus on our customers. The operational changes will continue until we can achieve acceptable service and delivery targets, and reduce our out of stocks. Our team is busy creating unique new ranges to launch in early 2019, in collaboration with our retail partners.

"The capital re-set is underway and, once complete, will support our transformation momentum and enable us to create long term sustainable value for our investors."

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The Company currently anticipates that a further period of voluntary suspension of trading in its securities of up to four weeks will be required for the Company to complete its current discussions and resolve a clear path forward regarding its debt position and a potential equity raising. The Company will provide additional updates to the market in the coming weeks as matters progress.

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Murray River Organics Group Limited (ASX: MRG) is a leading Australian producer, manufacturer, marketer and seller of certified organic, natural and better-for-you food products. We service the organic, natural and healthy food and snack market globally. Our customers include industrial customers (such as cereal manufacturers, bakeries and confectionary manufacturers), retail customers (such as supermarkets, organic food stores, mass-market, e-commerce retailers and convenience stores) and food service channels (such as specialty and natural food distributors). We operate both in the domestic and international markets, with customers in 26 countries.

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