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### **HARVEST UPDATE**

- **Wine grapes harvest completed, yield up 40% on last season**
- **Hemp harvest completed, yielding 20 tonnes and high quality for first pilot crop**
- **Fresh table grapes harvest 95% complete, estimating 30% increase in yield**
- **Dried vine harvest 90% complete, yield impacted by challenging growing season**
- **Citrus harvest has commenced**

Murray River Organics Group Limited (ASX:MRG) (“MRG” or “the Company”) provides the following update to its 2020 harvest.

#### **Harvest Update**

MRG has completed the wine grape harvest at its Nangiloc property. Total yield was 1,223 tonnes, which was 40% higher than last season, principally due to improved nutrition and irrigation management. Market pricing was strong with the average price per tonne 25% higher than the previous season.

MRG’s hemp harvest has completed at Nangiloc, with yields totaling approximately 20 tonnes in line with expectations and seed quality exceeding expectations. The harvested seeds are currently awaiting final processing.

The fresh table grape harvest is 95% complete with the quality good, and significantly improved yields, 30% higher than last year. This builds on the 74% improvement in 2019 as compared to the 2018 harvest, primarily due to the new farm leadership team, improved nutrition, irrigation, and overall operational management. MRG’s primary market in China has experienced lower pricing, as significant volumes were routed to China given some COVID-19 related closures in other table grape markets such as Indonesia, Philippines, and South East Asia.

The citrus harvest at Nangiloc is 20% complete, with citrus harvest at the Gol Gol farm having commenced this week with early varieties.

MRG’s dried vine harvest is 95% complete with two small areas of non-preferred varieties currently being assessed for potential harvest, with the crop yield expected to be down on last season. The yield decrease was mainly due to the severe heat conditions that damaged berries earlier in the growing season in December and January. The difficult cool drying season and the rain events during March and

April have impacted the availability of light-coloured fruit with most fruit graded as 'brown' across the dried vine industry in Sunraysia. Volumes will be updated once harvest is complete and all dried vine fruit is dried, graded and weighed in the coming days. Due to the wet nature of the season, MRG has commissioned five dehydrating units at its Mourquong facility to enable acceptable moisture levels for this year's crop.

Approximately 70% of the expected 2020 dried vine crop has been contracted. As announced previously, pricing for conventional 5 Crown Light Sultana opened at \$4800/tonne CIF Europe, \$400 higher than last season. Although availability of light fruit is limited, overall pricing is stronger due to shortages in crops across Sunraysia. The Australian Dried Vine industry estimates that this year's crop will be down by 20-30% on last season due to poor growing conditions, high water prices and low water allocations, and dried vine growers exiting the industry.

MRG's new agronomy and irrigation program implemented this season is expected to improve yield performance in dried fruit next season.

### COVID-19 Update

MRG has continued to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's operations. The Company continues to adhere to strict preventative measures to reduce risks to its people and operations at all sites including social distancing, split production teams, limiting visitors to sites unless critical to operations, meetings using technology and remote working where possible. MRG is monitoring and updating these measures where appropriate.

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This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of MRG.

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