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## BFC WINS \$2.5 MILLION SA GOVERNMENT GRANT

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The South Australian Government today announced that it will provide a regional development grant of \$2.5 million to assist Beston Global Food Company Limited ('BFC' or the 'Company') to develop a new state-of-the-art cheese processing facility as part of the Beston Pure Foods operations at Murray Bridge, South Australia.

The new facility will increase the existing capacity of the cheddar making operations and expand the range of cheeses to include Mozzarella, Gruyere, and Parmesan as well as a range of soft cream and white mould cheeses.

The planned expansion of the Beston Pure Foods manufacturing operations has previously been announced by BFC and will involve total expenditures, upon completion, of \$25 million. The expansion is part of the Company's strategy to become a producer of a diverse range of high end, premium dairy products for both local and export markets.

The Government Grant is conditional on BFC obtaining local council and other regulatory approvals for the development.

The Chairman of BFC, Dr Roger Sexton said that the project would provide the company with a greater diversity of products to offer to its customers and would also provide a significant long-term boost to the Dairy Industry in South Australia.

"The objective of the new facility is to produce cheeses which are import replacing, thereby creating a demand for additional milk from dairy farmers in South Australia. Working in conjunction with well-established local and national cheese distributors we also intend to build an incubation centre as part of the project whereby newly qualified cheesemakers can experiment with new cheese varieties in a way that meets both our own production requirements as well as the commercial requirements of distributors", he said.

The CEO of BFC, Mr Sean Ebert said that the award of the grant by the SA Government recognised the important role which BFC was playing to boost high value food production. "The project to expand production of Beston Pure Foods at Murray Bridge has been developed in response to customer demand and, importantly, satisfies all of our company's financial benchmarks and investment criteria", he said.