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Hon Rob Kerin to participate in Viterra review

Viterra has announced the appointment of the Hon Rob Kerin as an independent expert to participate in its post-harvest review. Last week, Viterra announced its plans to conduct a post-harvest review to support its ongoing commitment to listen, respond to feedback and implement new initiatives to benefit growers.

As former Minister for Primary Industries and a former Premier of South Australia, Mr Kerin has an intimate understanding of the rural landscape within South Australia. Mr Kerin is currently the chairman of Regional Development SA and played a key role in the consultation process relating to the restructure of South Australia's regional development boards.

Rob Gordon, Viterra's President South East Asia said Viterra was pleased to have Mr Kerin on board to assist with developing and implementing the post-harvest review.

"Mr Kerin brings with him a wealth of experience and he has a great deal of knowledge about the industry," Mr Gordon said.

"He is well regarded and will bring some independent insight to the process."

Mr Kerin has also had a long association in agri-business through his family's rural services company. Early in his career, Mr Kerin worked as a senior grain classifier at Port Pirie silo for ten seasons and, as a result, has knowledge about the grain handling and classification process.

"Further to this appointment, the Minister for Agriculture, Hon Michael O'Brien, has requested PIRSA be represented on the working group. Viterra welcomes this addition as it will broaden the collective expertise of the group. The independent members will play a vital role in establishing the review framework, consulting with stakeholders and developing recommendations.

"Issues relating to this harvest will be explored in the context of the record South Australian crop. Every harvest is unique and this year is no exception with widespread rain in early December," Mr Gordon said.

The review will begin immediately, whereby its terms of reference and method of consultation will be formulated by the working group.

Viterra's review process will engage with key industry stakeholders, including growers and their representative groups, industry bodies, companies and government agencies. Growers will be given the opportunity to provide input directly to the review.

More details about the review will be announced next week.

About Viterra

Viterra provides premium quality ingredients to leading global food manufacturers. Headquartered in Canada, the global agribusiness has extensive operations in Western Canada, North America, Australia and New Zealand. Adelaide, Australia is the base for Viterra's Southeast Asian operations. Our growing international presence also extends to offices in Japan, Singapore, China, Switzerland, Italy, Ukraine and Germany. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, we operate in three distinct businesses: grain handling and marketing, agri-products, and processing. Our expertise, close relationships with producers, and superior logistical assets allow the company to consistently meet the needs of the most discerning end-use customers, helping to fulfill the nutritional needs of people around the world. TSX: VT ASX: VTA

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