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**Viterra invests a further \$2.5 million in storage and equipment**

Viterra is investing in 40,000 tonnes of additional bunker storage at Witera, and is confident across the state its storage and handling network has the capacity to take in this year's crop. Viterra has less than 2 million tonnes carry-over in the system, following a record export shipping program in the past 12 months.

Dean McQueen, Executive Manager Grain, said the company had been consulting with Silo Committee Chairs and local growers to finalise harvest preparations, including storage capacity and segregation planning.

"We are investing approximately \$800,000 to construct two additional 20,000 tonne bunkers at Witera, a strategic site on the Western Eyre Peninsula," Mr McQueen said.

"These additional bunkers will create greater capacity at Witera and improve turnaround times.

"Following consultation with the Silo Committee Chair and local growers in the region, work commenced late last week to have the bunkers ready by mid-November.

"We have also been clearing grain out of strategic sites across the network, such as Lameroo. This grain is being moved either to port for shipping or to alternative sites for consolidation, to ensure there is capacity for receivals."

Viterra has also purchased four new drive-over-hoppers/stackers as part of the company's final preparations for harvest.

Mr McQueen said the investment in equipment was part of the company's five year capital expenditure plan, developed in response to the Post Harvest Review.

"Drive over hoppers/stackers are critical machinery used for moving grain from trucks into bunkers and these new units have 600 tonnes per hour capacity," Mr McQueen said.

"This investment of approximately \$1.8 million will improve elevation capacity and turnaround times at the receival sites where they are located."

The new machinery will be deployed to sites in November.

"In addition to purchasing new machinery, we are upgrading the hydraulic units on 60 stackers across the state to optimise elevation capacity," Mr McQueen said.

These recent investments in storage and equipment add to the \$45 million Viterra has invested in storage, transport, logistics, people and port terminal infrastructure since 2009.

As Viterra makes its final preparations for harvest, the company is urging growers and carriers to ensure they are also prepared for delivering grain to its sites. Growers and carriers are required to present a Viterra Safety Card and wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including hard hat, protective eyewear, high-visibility clothes and enclosed shoes, when visiting a Viterra site.

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**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. Our growing international presence also extends to offices in Japan, Singapore, China, Vietnam, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Ukraine, Germany and India. 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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