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Circular to Mackay Area Growers

As reported to you in a communication on 26 May, the start date for Farleigh mill has been pushed back to 5 June. I can confirm that Farleigh mill is ready to receive cane commencing 8.00am on 5 June, with Marian ready for start at 8.00am on 6 June for one train operation. The current work plan will have Racecourse ready as of 8 June at 8.00am.

The staff at Cane Supply have contacted all of the harvest Groups to reassess cane supply for the planned starts as detailed above. The availability of cane for crushing will allow Farleigh to start up on Monday 5 June as planned, but we will not have sufficient supply to start until midday due to projections of harvesting capability.

Likewise at Marian, it appears that we will start the season with several days of lost time due to an inability to harvest sufficient cane to operate. Current projections are indicating we may not have sufficient supply until 9 June, at which point we would start Marian mill on a single train. If supply builds faster than indicated by the current assessment then the Marian start will be brought forward.

Racecourse will likewise incur some outside lost time until available cane supply is sufficient to operate efficiently, which as of today may be sometime the following week. The second train at Marian will be available to operate as of 14 June after final track cyclone repairs are completed, and we hope that conditions will allow it to start up to plan.

We appreciate the efforts in the grower community this past year to grow the crop which we will soon be processing. It is unfortunate that conditions outside our collective control have resulted in lost crushing opportunity when the mills are ready and able to receive cane. Our thanks also go out to the employees who have worked hard throughout the shortened off-season to get the mills back to an operational state and to get the vast majority of our track re-opened after the cyclone damage. Let's all hope for favourable conditions that would allow for harvesting and transporting of cane to the mills to reach full production levels soon and kick off the 2017 season.

Kind Regards

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Chief Executive Officer