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## **CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS**

### **Nordzucker – extension to Exclusivity Period**

The negotiations with Nordzucker are progressing well and work has continued on finalising the transaction documents and the new constitution.

The negotiations with senior bankers have commenced with Nordzucker working on developing their preferred debt and equity structure for the recapitalised business. To date the banks have exhibited strong support for the Nordzucker proposal. During the last couple of months Nordzucker has sought to better understand the banking environment in Australia.

We are also continuing to progress the other conditions attached to the Nordzucker non-binding indicative offer.

The recent visit to Mackay of members of the Nordzucker Supervisory Board and Executive Board has provided an opportunity to meet with growers from across the region and review the mills and cane areas. This has been a good process allowing MSL growers and the growers on the Nordzucker Supervisory Board to interact and gain confidence in the way forward.

As a result, whilst the parties have been dedicated to the process, the transaction documents will not be completed and executed by 31 December 2018. Both parties have now agreed to extend the Exclusivity Period from 31 December 2018 to 31 January 2019 to provide an opportunity to finalise the documents and seek to move forward with the transaction.

### **Mossman Mill**

The State Government made a significant announcement on Friday that they are supportive of the project of Far Northern Milling (FNM, Mossman growers) acquiring the mill and progressing their biorefinery project. This announcement comes a month after the Federal Government announced their support. These are significant milestones for FNM and they will now complete their detailed business case and present this to both levels of government for final approval.

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