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### Grain project creates Limestone Coast jobs and market access growth

A \$1.5 million project to increase grain storage options in the Limestone Coast will improve access to premium markets for local farmers and create job opportunities through the supply chain.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said the expansion of grain and fertiliser storage and logistics company – TE Storage and Logistics – would modify the company's grain handling and storage processes to cater for the high end, niche segregated market.

“This project will increase the company's storage capacity allowing for greater segregation of local premium grain,” Mr Brock said.

“The Naracoorte-based company will be able to achieve higher returns and cater for niche markets through this segregation capability.

“The company has been awarded a \$250,000 State Government Regional Development Fund (RDF) grant to support the project, which will also encourage local grain growers to diversify their cropping mix.

“This project has the potential to provide a significant economic boost for the area and is supporting South Australia's economic priorities of Premium food and wine from our clean environment exported to the world and Growth through innovation.

“Five new jobs will be created through this project, in addition to 14 jobs during construction, but the benefits reach beyond this, to farmers, transporters, local businesses and all along the supply chain.

“This new storage will particularly play a significant role in increasing the production and supply of South Australian malt barley to brewing, distilling and food manufacturing business around the world,” Mr Brock said.

Owner and Director of TE Storage and Logistics, Mr Tom Hage said the funding would provide a foundation for the future growth of the malt barley industry in South Australia.

“This RDF grant will assist in getting our barley storage expansion off the ground with the installation of a bespoke storage system providing sealable gas tight containers for storage,” Mr Hage said.

“This specialised infrastructure will ensure the quality and integrity of the grain is maintained.

“It will also support crop diversification for farmers in the region to grow and supply premium varieties of barley for domestic and international beer production.

“Our aim is to become the preferred supplier to premium malthouses by sourcing and supplying the best grain from Australia, to have the capacity to store and segregate to meet customer needs, and provide full product traceability.”

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