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The facility will also provide alternative pathways for South Australian growers to capitalise on global demand for pulses, cereals and other commodities.

The new facilities will be one of the most advanced packing and storage facilities in Australia providing improved infrastructure and services for South Australian grain growers.

The project will create six ongoing full time positions, in addition to 20 jobs during construction.

Background

Australian Grain Export is a grain marketing company established in Maitland in 1996.

The Regional Development Fund (RDF) drives economic growth through grants to boost investment in regional infrastructure and the creation of jobs in South Australia.

According to independent analysis, projects awarded grants through Rounds 1 and 2 of the RDF created 2,265 regional jobs and contributed \$933 million to the South Australian economy in 2015-16.

In the Barossa, Light and Lower North RDF projects from Rounds 1 and 2 created 257 jobs and contributed \$82 million to the economy in 2015-16.

This project supports the State Government's economic priority of 'Premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world'.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

With harvest almost upon us Australian Grain Export, through its new Dublin facility, will be able to offer an alternative delivery point which will give growers access to global markets.

This new packing and storage facility will have flow-on effects across regional South Australia, benefiting the state's farming community and local businesses, as well as the many links in the commodity supply chain.

The project will create employment opportunities and significant economic benefits for the State.

Quotes attributable to Tyson Hewett, Director Australian Grain Export Pty Ltd

The strength of Australian Grain Export is in managing the export supply chain from grower to consumer, which results in competitive pricing for both the grower and global consumer.

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