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Stage 1 of new Riverland almond orchard completed

Geoff Brock October 28, 2016

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock is today officially opening the first stage of a new Riverland orchard which will significantly boost almond production in the region.

CMV Farms Pty Ltd was awarded a \$600,000 Regional Development Fund grant last year to convert 466 hectares of dryland farming land near Loxton into prime irrigated horticultural land for almond orchards.

Stage 1 of the Fielke's orchard project has resulted in the planting and irrigation of almost 85,000 almond trees across 150 hectares of land with three ongoing full time positions already created.

Work has also been completed on electrical works, as well as the installation of a pump station and major pipeline and suction infrastructure for the entire 466 hectares site.

Stage 2 of the \$14 million project will see a further 300 hectares of almond trees planted mid next year.

Thirteen new ongoing positions will be created as a result of the project.

Background

CMV Farms specialises in growing almonds, pistachios and wine grapes in South Australia and Victoria.

In addition to its fully-owned farming ventures, CMV Farms is also the major shareholder in facilities specifically built for the almond processing in South Australia and pistachios in Victoria.

CMV Farms' business is fully integrated across the growing, processing and marketing of these products.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

I am pleased to join CMV Farms at today's orchard opening, which will provide a further economic boost for the Riverland.

This new orchard further enhances CMV Farms' investment in Loxton and the Riverland through increased production and additional processing jobs.

CMV Farms is developing significant infrastructure through this project which will have permanent, long-term economic benefits for the region.

CMV Farm's growth is part of Australia's fast growing almond industry.

The industry is being supported by the Loxton Research Centre which houses the Centre of Excellence for the Australian Almond Industry, recognising the potential for significant growth in the region and the opportunity to champion exciting new industry research.

Quotes attributable to David Crawford, Managing Director, CMV Farms Pty Ltd

Today gives us the opportunity to thank and celebrate the achievements of all those who have so far been involved in the establishment of the Fielke's orchard.

We would not have achieved what we have so quickly without their cooperation and coordination.

The RDF grant has allowed us to proceed with this project in a more confident manner, fast-tracking Stage 1 and employing people earlier.

CMV Farms has a proven track record in supplying high quality almonds to our domestic and export markets from Riverland Almonds, our Loxton processing facility.