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## NOTICE TO MACKAY SUGAR GROWERS

### **Mackay Sugar becomes a provider of certified raw sugar and molasses**

Mackay Sugar's Racecourse, Marian and Farleigh mills and a number of farms supplying these mills have recently been awarded Bonsucro certification.

International certifying body Bonsucro's independent program ensures the traceability of sustainability claims along the supply chain from the farm to the end user.

"Mackay Sugar, its growers and shareholders all understand the importance of a sustainable sugarcane industry and the benefits of best practice in the supply chain. Mackay Sugar's goal is to grow the number of farming businesses in the Mackay region that are Bonsucro certified from the current level of two percent to more than 20 percent over several years." said Mackay Sugar Limited's CEO Jason Lowry

"Bonsucro certification provides us with independent verification of our sustainability practices in a direct line of sight from the farm to the consumer, providing customers and consumers with confidence in Mackay Sugar as a leading proponent of sustainable practices. As an independent certification program, Bonsucro certification provides Mackay Sugar with access to a broader range of markets, as more and more end-user customers of raw sugar include sustainability criteria in their procurement strategies." said Queensland Commodity Services' General Manager Brent Casey.

"Mackay Sugar has worked closely with growers in the Mackay region to pilot Bonsucro certification. The industry-leading group of growers involved in the pilot program has been key to achieving success, and without this pilot group, we would not have been able to achieve certification.

"The certification process has been supported by advice from across the industry spectrum, including Reef Catchments, Mackay Area Productivity Services, CANEGROWERS, Australian Cane Farmers Association, Sugar Australia and Wilmar. Growers who have followed and adopted Smartcane Best Management Practices (BMP) will find the Bonsucro certification process aligns with the BMP standards.

Farmacist, an agronomic solutions provider based in Mackay and the Burdekin region of Queensland, has been pivotal in providing the leadership to assist its clients to understand and adopt the Bonsucro principles", said Mackay Sugar's Technical Analyst Paul Stuart

Mackay Sugar encourages any growers interested in obtaining Bonsucro certification to contact Paul Stuart at Mackay Sugar on [p.stuart@mkysugar.com.au](mailto:p.stuart@mkysugar.com.au) to find out more about the certification process.

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