

Australian Bight Abalone Limited (Administrators Appointed)
ACN 110 026 483

Australian Bight Abalone Management Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
ACN 111 209 780

Australian Bight Infrastructure Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
ACN 111 020 421

("the ABA Group")

Circular to Growers

I refer to my circular to Growers of 1 July 2009.

My appraisal of the ABA Group's activities is ongoing, including an assessment of the viability of each Project.

I intend to issue a report to Growers within the next two to three weeks outlining the findings of my assessment. A meeting of Growers will then be convened to determine the future of the Projects, in particular, a Grower lead solution. Further details will be issued shortly.

Concurrent to above, I intend to explore options concerning:

1. a recapitalisation of the ABA Group; and/or
2. a sale of the business and/or assets of the ABA Group.

This action is being taken to consider and explore all options for Growers and Creditors in a time efficient manner within the Voluntary Administration regime. Please note that I am exploring interest in the alternatives only. A decision regarding the above alternative options will only be made **after** a meeting of Growers has been convened.


To this end, please find attached a copy of an advertisement seeking expressions of interest in options 1 and 2 above, which will appear in the following publications:

- + Australian Financial Review – 21 July 2009;
- + The Advertiser (SA) – 21 July 2009; and
- + Port Lincoln Times (SA) – 23 July 2009.

The advertisement will appear in other trade publications as well.

If you require any further information, please contact Rebecca Thompson of my staff on rthompson@mcgrathnicol.com.

Dated: 20 July 2009


Sam Davies
Joint and Several Administrator

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OFF-SHORE ABALONE BUSINESS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY BUSINESS AND/OR ASSETS FOR SALE

Australian Bight Abalone Limited, Australian Bight Abalone Management Pty Ltd and Australian Bight Infrastructure Pty Ltd (All Administrators Appointed) ("ABA Group") was formed in July 2004 to operate Managed Investment Schemes ("MIS") selling interests to investors to farm greenlip abalone (*Haliotis laevis*).

The ABA Group is based at Elliston, South Australia, approximately 170 kilometres from the township of Port Lincoln, and has an office in Adelaide. With a small and experienced workforce, the four MIS projects have attracted investments of over \$40 million.

Sam Davies and Tony McGrath, as Joint and Several Administrators of the ABA Group, seek expressions of interest for either:

1. Recapitalisation of the ABA Group.
2. Purchase of the business and/or assets of this commercial off-shore Abalone Aquafarm™ operator including:
 - + Plant and equipment including vehicles, tractors and fishing/diving vessels
 - + Marine Shellfish (Subtidal Abalone) Aquaculture Licences
 - + Aquaculture production lease sites that provide for 100Ha of subtidal abalone aquaculture
 - + Over 150Ha of development/pilot lease sites
 - + Intellectual property including trademarks
 - + Significant in-sea infrastructure to grow out the abalone
 - + Operating sites (subject to lessor consent).

Expressions of interest are sought by 5.00pm ACST on Wednesday 29 July 2009. Interested parties may obtain further information, subject to execution of a Confidentiality Agreement, by contacting Mark Knight at McGrathNicol:

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