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Media Release

Murray Goulburn Co-Operative (MGC) announces final increase in farmgate milk price for 09/10 – opening price for 2010/11 to be announced later this week

Australia's farmer-owned dairy company - Murray Goulburn Co-Operative today advised the co-operative's dairy farmer shareholders of a final increase in 2009/10 farmgate milk price. This is the fifth price increase this financial year.

In his statement to suppliers Managing Director Mr Stephen O'Rourke advised of a price increase of \$0.20/kg protein and \$0.08/kg butterfat for milk supplied across the 2009/10 season.

"This increase in farmgate milk price represents the payment of approximately A\$30 million to our suppliers. This flows on to rural communities and the Australian economy," Mr O'Rourke said.

Mr O'Rourke said that Murray Goulburn understood the ongoing need for improved farm cashflow and consequently provided the step-up in farmgate price as soon as it was determined that the funds were available in the 09/10 accounts.

"Market outlook and seasonal conditions have improved but we understand that farm cashflows are still tight and that a final step-up would help our farmers at the end of a tough year."

Murray Goulburn Co-Operative will announce its opening prices for 2010/11 later this week including new payment options for suppliers.

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Established in 1950, MGC is Australia's 100% farmer-owned dairy company. Processing 35% of the nation's milk (3.5 billion litres in FY09), MGC is the largest dairy processor and Australia's largest exporter of dairy foods. MGC's flagship Devondale brand is sold nationally and is a market leader in key categories.

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