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ABB Grain earnings update

ABB Grain today announced that it expects its 2009 full-year result to be impacted by a continued deterioration in fertiliser market conditions, resulting in an additional accounting stock write down on its fertiliser inventory.

“The world fertiliser industry has experienced a severe contraction in prices this year, and the Australian market has not been immune,” ABB Chairman Mr Perry Gunner said.

“While the world fertiliser price has recently begun to show encouraging signs of price support, the Australian market has seen a further reduction in prices.

“Slower applications of fertiliser have resulted in increases in stock carried, as ABB believes many producers are choosing to defer their fertiliser purchases in light of a reduction in Australian fertiliser prices.”

ABB’s revised 2009 earnings guidance is underlying NPAT of \$33 million to \$43 million (excluding previously announced one-off expenses of approximately \$8 million after tax and subject to market conditions and commodity price movements over the remainder of the year) compared to the previous NPAT guidance of \$43 million to \$53 million.

The revised earnings outlook has no impact on the directors’ unanimous recommendation in favour of the Scheme of Arrangement with Viterro, in the absence of a superior proposal. The Independent Expert has confirmed that it remains of the view that the scheme is fair and reasonable and therefore in the best interests of ABB Grain shareholders, in the absence of a superior proposal.

Both ABB and Viterro believe the scheme process remains on track with the shareholder vote due to be held on 9 September 2009.

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