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# COMPLETION OF RETAIL SHORTFALL BOOKBUILD, EXECUTION OF DEBT FACILITY AND WITHDRAWAL OF MEETING REQUEST UNDER SECTION 249D

- The Retail Shortfall Bookbuild has closed signaling the completion of the Entitlement Offer
- Multi-option loan facility funding executed, satisfying a significant condition precedent to the capital raising
- Capital raising will settle on Wednesday 31 October, and the shares will relist on Friday, 2 November 2018
- Request to convene General Meeting has been withdrawn

#### **Retail Shortfall Bookbuild**

Murray River Organics (ASX:MRG) ("Company") announces the completion of the retail shortfall bookbuild ("Retail Shortfall Bookbuild") component of its fully underwritten 2.4 for 1 accelerated renounceable entitlement offer to raise approximately \$30.6 million, announced on Tuesday 9 October 2018 ("Entitlement Offer").

Approximately 151 million new shares attributable to retail entitlements not taken up by eligible retail shareholders as well as the entitlements of certain ineligible retail shareholders were offered for sale in the Retail Shortfall Bookbuild.

Bids received did not cover the number of shortfall shares. As a result there will be no proceeds available for distribution to non-participating and ineligible shareholders, and the shortfall shares following completion of the Retail Shortfall Bookbuild have been allocated to sub-underwriters.

As outlined in the Prospectus, major shareholder Thorney Investment Group ("Thorney") took up its full entitlement and partly sub-underwrote the Entitlement Offer. As a result, Thorney's voting power following completion of the Entitlement Offer will increase to 32.0%, from 19.99%, based on substantial holding notices that have been given to the Company and lodged with ASX on or prior to the date of the Prospectus.











The settlement date for new shares to be issued under the Entitlement Offer is Wednesday, 31 October 2018. New shares under the Entitlement Offer are expected to be issued on Thursday, 1 November 2018 and the Company's shares are expected to come out of suspension and recommence trading on the ASX on Friday, 2 November 2018.

## Multi-option loan facility

The Company is pleased to announce that it has today executed a multi-option facility ("Banking Facility") with the Company's financier, National Australia Bank, to provide senior debt and ongoing working capital support for at least 3 years as outlined in the Prospectus.

The Banking Facility, together with the proceeds of the Entitlement Offer will be used to support the Company's turnaround strategy and to fund the needs of this growing business.

The finalisation of the Banking Facility satisfies a significant condition precedent to completion of the Equity Raising.

Chairman Andrew Monk commented: "we are delighted to have reached this significant milestone of completing the Entitlement Offer and finalisation of a 3 year Banking Facility with NAB to secure the future of Murray River Organics. The support from our shareholders, underwriter and sub-underwriters is an endorsement of the turnaround strategy and of our management team. The Board and Management team can now devote their energies to turning around the business".

Managing Director Valentina Tripp commented "the turnaround process is already well underway and we look forward to working with our people, suppliers and growers to leverage the growing demand for healthy snacking alternatives and 'better-for-you' products."

The Board and Management Team wish to thank our staff, customers, growers, suppliers and shareholders for their continued support.

### Withdrawal of request to convene General Meeting

The Company has today received a withdrawal of the request by entities associated with the Founders and former Executive Directors of the Company that the Company convene a General Meeting of shareholders under section 249D of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

















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Murray River Organics Group Limited (ASX: MRG) is a leading Australian producer, manufacturer, marketer and seller of certified organic, natural and better-for-you food products. We service the organic, natural and healthy food and snack market globally.

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