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AACo to sell subdivisions of Goonoo Aggregation for \$23 million

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The Australian Agricultural Company Limited (AACo) has exchanged a contract for the sale of subdivisions of its Goonoo aggregation, including Adelong, in Central Queensland for \$23 million.

The contract is subject to conditions including Minister's consent, regulatory approval and financier approvals. The expected completion date for the contract is late June 2013.

The sale to the Comet Downs Cattle Company represented an approximate \$1.1 million gain over the carrying book value, based on a recent independent valuation.

The properties consist of three adjacent dry land farming and grazing properties within the Goonoo aggregation, totalling 19,404 hectares (48,000 acres) - Adelong, Marilla and Rhudanna.

Under the sale agreement, AACo will lease back 7,800 hectares (19,200 acres) of mostly high quality cropping land for a five-year period at a commercial rate. In addition, AACo will sell the purchaser 4,000 steers at an average price of \$1.64 per live-weight kilo.

AACo will retain 8,400 hectares (20,700 acres) of property within the Goonoo aggregation, including all water licences, irrigation infrastructure, feedlots and feed mills and the major balance of housing and capital works.

The sale is part of AACo's strategy to refocus its assets and capital in Northern Australia, where it is building a proposed state-of-the-art abattoir in Darwin to supply the rapidly growing ASEAN market.

AACo Managing Director David Farley said the sale was a good result for this quality rural property.

AACo is also putting to market Brighton Downs Station, a 420,000 ha (1.04m acre) property on the Diamantina River near Winton. The role Brighton Downs played in the supply chain model within AACo is now redundant.

Brighton Downs Station will be auctioned by Elders in Brisbane this Wednesday, May 22.

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