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SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSTITUTIONAL COMPONENT OF ENTITLEMENT OFFER

Australian Agricultural Company Limited ("AACo" or the "Company") (ASX: AAC) today announced the successful completion of the institutional component of its accelerated non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer ("Institutional Offer").

The capital raising announced by the Company on 12 September 2013 comprises a fully underwritten 7 for 10 accelerated non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer conducted at an issue price of \$1.00 per share to raise approximately \$219.2 million ("Entitlement Offer") and the issue of \$80m subordinated convertible notes ("Convertible Notes") (together, the "Capital Raising").

The Institutional Offer raised approximately \$129.2 million and was well supported by existing shareholders (56% take up rate by eligible institutional shareholders¹). Shares not taken up by eligible institutional shareholders were offered for subscription to other institutional and sophisticated investors through the institutional shortfall bookbuild. The institutional shortfall bookbuild closed well oversubscribed, with strong demand from both existing shareholders and new investors.

Settlement of the new shares under the Institutional Offer, less AA Trust's² pre-committed entitlement, is expected to be completed on 26 September 2013. The new shares will rank equally with existing shares and are expected to be issued and commence trading on the ASX on a normal settlement basis on 27 September 2013.

AACo's Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Craig White, said, "We are pleased by the strong support shown by existing shareholders as well as the significant interest in AACo from new investors. The development of the previously announced Darwin Abattoir is core to AACo's vertical integration strategy. This Capital Raising will significantly strengthen AACo's balance sheet, support the refinancing of existing debt facilities, and provide financial flexibility to execute AACo's strategy on an accelerated basis."

The retail component of the Entitlement Offer ("Retail Offer") will raise approximately \$90 million, and will open on 20 September 2013 and close at 5.00pm (AEDT) on 8 October 2013. Eligible retail shareholders will be invited to participate in the Retail Offer (including the retail oversubscription facility), and are encouraged to carefully read the Retail Offer Booklet for further details relating to the Retail Offer. AACo expects to lodge the Retail Offer Booklet with the ASX and despatch it to retail shareholders on or about 20 September 2013. Copies of the Offer Booklet will be available on the AACo website at www.aaco.com.au and through the ASX announcements platform at www.asx.com.au.

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¹ Take-up rate excludes the entitlements of AA Trust² and IFFCO Poultry Co Sdn Bhd – refer to the "Strategy update and capital raising" presentation released on 12 September 2013 for details on the participation of these shareholders.

² AA Trust is a revocable discretionary trust established in The Bahamas. The trustee of the AA Trust is Mr Bryan A. Glinton. The AA Trust's entitlement will settle on the Retail Offer settlement date (15 October 2013).

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