



ASX Announcement

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## **FOD to produce hand sanitiser under the 'Sanicare' Brand to meet growing Coronavirus demand**

### **Highlights**

- **Coronavirus outbreak has created a shortage of hand sanitiser in the Asia-Pacific region**
- **FOD's customers need additional supply of hand sanitiser to meet unprecedented demand**
- **Construction of FOD's 1260sqm state-of-the-art clean room is complete and multi-purpose bottling line is installed**
- **FOD's bottling line has functionality to produce an Australian-based hand sanitiser**
- **The hand sanitiser product has been formulated under the newly formed 'Sanicare' brand which has generated significant interest from distribution partners**
- **FOD has secured supply of raw materials to produce the hand sanitiser in its new facilities and expects significant orders from its distribution partners imminently**

The Food Revolution Group Limited (ASX: FOD) will commence production of hand sanitiser, which is in high demand due to the global Coronavirus outbreak.

FOD will use the recently installed bottling line at its Mill Park facility in Melbourne to produce the hand sanitiser for its distribution partners.

FOD completed an upgrade to its plant in December 2019, which included construction of a state-of-the-art self-contained 1260sqm clean room and laboratory, which has capacity to produce and bottle numerous products including gels, powders, oils and cosmetics. The plant was upgraded to provide FOD with added flexibility to produce a variety of products efficiently to cater for the substantial demands of the Chinese market. The Commissioning of the bottling line is currently underway.

This bottling line has capacity to bottle a variety of sizes up to four-litre bottles. The bottling machine is multi-purpose; in addition to bottling products such as canola oil, FOD has confirmed it is suitable to produce and bottle products such as hand sanitiser. It plans to commence production of the hand sanitiser before the end of February.

FOD has formulated and sourced the ingredients for an alcohol-based hand sanitiser and is currently concluding orders for the requisite bottles. FOD's hand sanitiser will be sold under the newly formed 'Sanicare' brand.

Careline Australia Pty Ltd, FOD's distribution partner controlled by Chairman Norman Li, has received unprecedented demand for hand sanitiser locally and from China, which is in short supply due to the Coronavirus. FOD will initially supply product directly to Careline for its customers.

Two more machines have been built in China for FOD's new clean room factory - a powder sachet packaging machine and a liquid/gel sachet packaging machine.

Careline and FOD showcased some of the new products from these two machines at the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai in November, and expects orders once these machines are commissioned in the next month.

Dr Li commented: "The versatility of FOD's upgraded plant with clean room and bottling capacity to meet the substantial demands of the Chinese market is evidenced by these developments and vindicates the company's decision to invest in the new clean room factory to provide constant supply of high quality Australian products to the Chinese market."

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#### **About The Food Revolution Group**

The Food Revolution Group Limited (ASX: FOD) is an Australian-based food processing company that uses a combination of conventional juice processing equipment and custom-developed equipment and processes to manufacture a range of high-quality juices, fibres, infused fruits and fruit waters that are sold as branded products or ingredients to customers domestically and overseas.

FOD uses a range of processing technologies, including Current Counter Extraction (CCE) technology which was developed in conjunction with Australia's CSIRO to extract juice from fruit and vegetables. Its processing facilities are located in Mill Park, Victoria.

FOD is aiming to generate shareholder value through exploring opportunities for growth in the functional food, beverage and nutraceutical markets in Australian and key international markets, including China.