

# **Select Equities Investor Conference**

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SUPPLYING PLANT BASED PROTEIN TO THE WORLD





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### **Select Harvests Overview**

### One of the worlds largest almond growers, with a geographically diverse 9,262-hectare orchard portfolio

### Company Overview

- Listed on the ASX (SHV), with a market capitalisation of A\$630m (24 October 2022) and 611 employees.
- Australia's second largest almond producer and marketer with core capabilities across: Horticulture, Orchard Management, Nut Processing, Sales and Marketing.
- We supply the retail and industrial markets, exporting almonds globally. Continuing to build relationships in the fast-growing markets of India and China, as well as maintaining established routes to market in Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

### Orchard Profile

- Geographically diverse almond orchards located in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales, with a portfolio that includes more than 9,262 hectares of company owned and leased almond orchards and land suitable for planting.
- Select Harvests weighted average almond orchard age is 13.5 years, with 100% of current planted hectares cash generative. Almond orchards remain economically viable for +25 years, providing Select Harvests with a solid foundation for long term growth.
- Our state-of-the-art Carina West processing facility has the capacity to process above 30,000 MT of almonds in the peak season and is capable of meeting the ever-increasing demand for in-shell, kernel and value-added product.

### Almond Market

- The global almond market was valued at US\$8.6bn in 2020/21. The U.S. (California) accounted for 79% of world production in 2020/21, followed by Australia and Spain at 7% each. Australia has more than doubled its almond production in the last 10 years.
- The underlying fundamentals of our business remain strong. Demand for almonds, both in their natural form and as a value-added food ingredient, in products such as plant-based milks and yogurts, continues to grow.
- We expect to see good consumption of almonds during the upcoming festive seasons of Diwali, Christmas and Chinese New Year. Customers will need to plan shipments earlier to ensure supply can meet demand.

### Growth Strategy

- Select Harvests remains well positioned through its low operating costs, ability to deliver large scale value-added production and strong balance sheet to benefit from the growing global demand for almonds.
- Our investment in greenfield developments and orchard acquisitions, including the December 2020 acquisition of the 1,566-hectare Piangil Almond Orchard, will platform long term growth.
- We continue to assess opportunities to increase our almond production base through acquisitions, if suitable orchards become available.







### Value-Added Almond Forms



**Whole Blanched** 



**Natural Sliced** 



**Blanched Sliced** 



Slivered



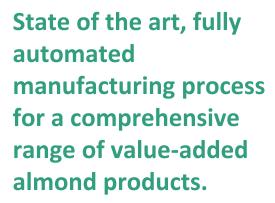
Diced



**Fine Flour** 

Harvests value-added industrial almond products continues to grow under our Renshaw and Allinga Farm brands.

**Demand for Select** 

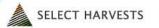




Extra Fine Flour



Paste







We do more than just grow Almonds





## **Delivering on our strategy**

Select Harvests – in control of our destiny

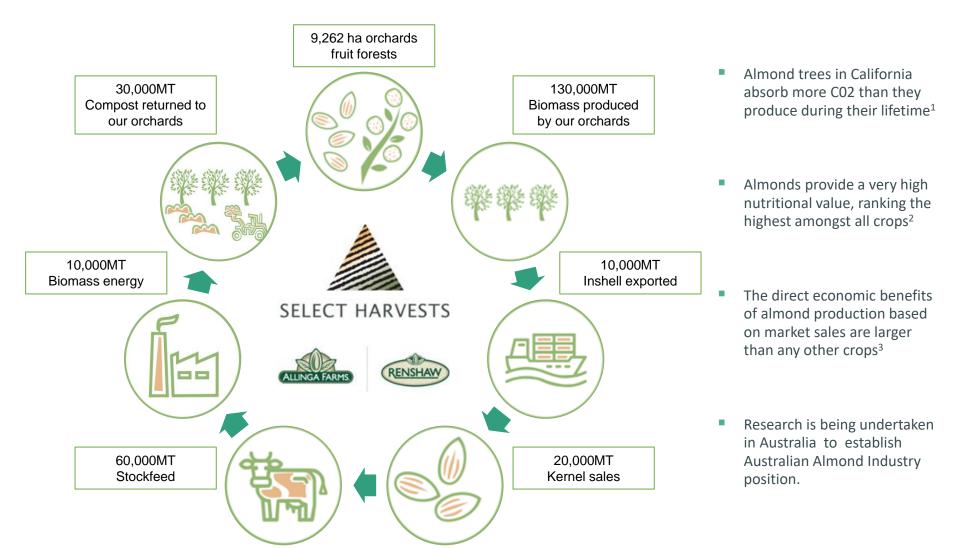
To be a Leader in the Supply of Better for You Plant Based Foods VISION TRUST & SUSTAINABILITY **PERFORMANCE INNOVATION INTEGRITY & VALUES** RESPECT **DIVERSITY** DO THE PROTECT AND **OWNIT** BE ONE THINK OUTSIDE **RIGHT THING** THE SQUARE TEAM **GROW STRATEGIC** Optimise the Almond Base **Grow our Brands** Expand Strategically **PRIORITIES** Increase productivity and achieve Grow our industrial brands, Pursue value accretive acquisitions that THE PATHWAY ustainably high yields from our growing aligned to the increasing TO ACHIEVING almond orchard base consumption of plant based foods plant based agrifoods sector **OUR VISION** Customers **Supply Chain** People Capital **OPERATIONAL** Focus on a safe working Target capital discipline, Exceed our current Optimise our end-to-end balance sheet strength. environment, well-being, **FOCUS** customer's expectations and supply chain to achieve company culture, leadership superior shareholder returns grow our customer base, maximum value for the WHAT WE DO development and staff and long term growth focused on the Asian business as a whole **EVERYDAY** training, attraction marketplace and retention Sustainable Shareholder Value Creation **GOAL** 





## Growing almonds in a closed loop

Maximizing our resource use and financial return by utilizing everything we grow



<sup>1:</sup> Marvinney, E., Kendall, A. A scalable and spatiotemporally resolved agricultural life cycle assessment of California almonds. Int J Life Cycle Assess



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<sup>2:</sup> Fulton, J., Norton, M. and Shilling, F. (2019). Water-indexed benefits and impacts of California almonds. Ecological Indicators.

<sup>3:</sup> March 2021 Report on the 'Economic contribution of the Australian Almond Industry' by RMCG Consulting for Horticulture Innovation Australia

### **Select Harvests commitment**

We have a responsibility to respond to changing community values and expectations



#### Water stewardship

**Expectation:** minimise water use.

**Commitment:** we will manage our water use through irrigation practices that result in productive and efficient use of water.



### Air and land stewardship

**Expectation:** protect the natural environment.

**Commitment:** we will be responsible custodians of our land and air resources. We will create no damage and protect our natural environment.





**Expectation:** minimise waste.

**Commitment:** we will reduce waste across our business, including zero biomass waste to landfill. We will strive for 100% recycled and/or recyclable packaging.

### **Carbon neutrality**



**Expectation:** carbon neutral by 2050 or earlier.

**Commitment**: we will develop a plan to be carbon neutral by 2050 or earlier. We will maximise opportunities to make a positive impact through almond growing and processing.

#### Internal and external stakeholders



**Expectation:** model regional citizen.

**Commitment:** we will work with suppliers, clients, communities, and employees to understand and meet their expectations.

#### Implementation and oversight



**Expectation**: there is appropriate oversight.

**Commitment:** we will operate legally and ethically and provide appropriate transparency. Our business will continue to be overseen by an independent Board.

Today the major community focus is on: Gender, Carbon and Water





## Project H<sub>2</sub>E: hull to energy

Our Hull to Energy (H2E) co-generation power plant generates electricity from our almond by-products



Almost 30% of Select
Harvests' almond byproduct is consumed by
the H2E Power Station
to produce low carbon
emissions energy that is
used to power our
Carina West processing
facility and
neighbouring orchards.



## **Co-Waste projects**

Select Harvests is undertaking three co-waste projects to increase sustainability and generate positive commercial outcomes for the business



Almond Hull to Energy

Select Harvests co-generation power station is the integral link for our three sustainable co-waste projects



Waste Ash to Compost

Waste ash by-product generated by our co-generation power station is being used to produce high-quality compost



Almond Hull to Fertiliser

Select Harvests has developed a novel process for digesting almond hull to produce liquid and solid fertilisers



Fly Ash to Liquid Fertiliser

Select Harvests developed a novel process to convert waste ash into high-grade potassium rich liquid fertiliser

#### **Benefits**

- Waste recycling
- Compost generation
- Renewable energy

### **Benefits**

- Replaces chemical fertiliser
- Improves soil quality
- Improved tree health

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- Current trials show preliminary results increase soil carbon levels by up to 100%
- Improves soil health and potentially water efficiency

**Next Steps** 

Commercial Licence

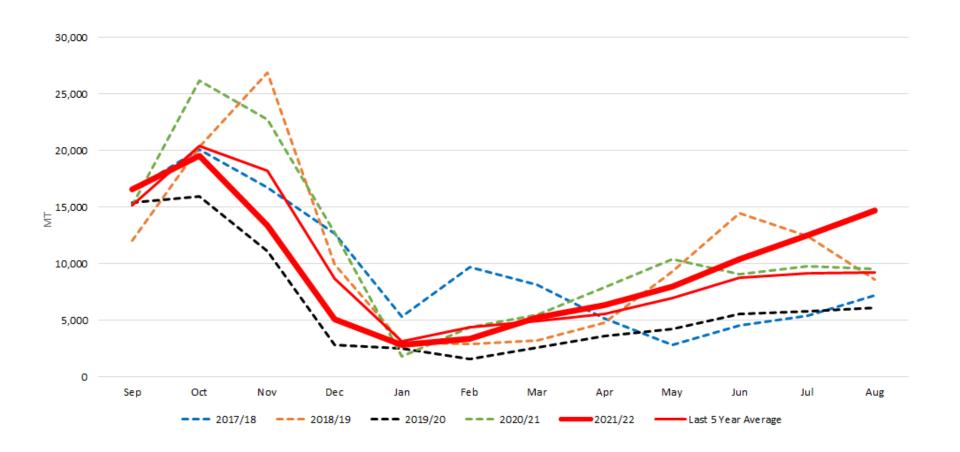
**Pilot Plants** 





## U.S. and Australian Almond Exports to China

Combined U.S. and Australia almond exports to China have been above the 5-year average since March 2022, despite ongoing lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions

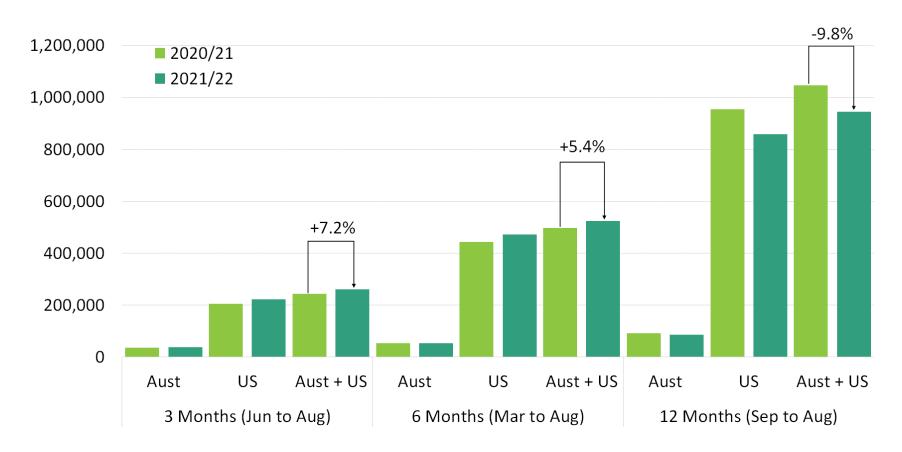




## **Total U.S. and Australian Almond Exports**

Industry recovering from COVID bottlenecks, with combined U.S. and Australian export shipments up over the last 6 months

### **U.S. and Australian Almond Exports** (MT)





### **Overview & Market Outlook**

### Industry recovering from COVID bottlenecks

### Supply

- USA: early indications suggest drought tree stress is having an impact on volume quality and size of the 2022 CA almond crop
- Spain: the USDA is estimating a Spanish crop of 68,273 MT, a decrease of 27% compared to the previous year
- Australia: experienced record monthly shipments in August 2022, with shipments on track for another record year
- Carry-over: lower expectations for the current U.S. crop have mitigated some concerns over the previous seasons carry-over crop

### Demand

- China: active interest being observed from the China market, with combined U.S. and Australian exports up MoM since Jan-22
- India: early season Diwali shipments currently being unwound, with demand potentially picking up over the coming months
- Inventory remains elevated in some markets, but will re-balance as the expectations of the coming U.S. crop have been tempered
- Value-added product demand is being impacted by higher consumer inflation in the key markets of the U.S. and Europe

### Costs

- Water: California continues to experience severe drought conditions, impacting the costs and availability of water for almonds
- Ag Chem and Fertiliser costs have reduced from their peak earlier in 2022. Lower costs will not impact current U.S. and Australian crops
- Energy costs are likely to remain elevated, weighing on both production costs and consumer disposable income, esp. in Europe
- Labour supply can meet demand, with labour markets opening up following the removal of COVID-19 border restrictions

#### SHV

- Pollination industry impacted by movement restrictions full impact will be not known until Dec crop forecast
- Wet weather are creating operational challenges, currently no significant impacts to tree health or asset damage
- Processing: Hulling & Shelling has been completed and sorting & packing well progressed
- Co-waste early analysis of waste digestion project is positive based on anecdotal feedback from the Monash University trial
- FY22 Results announcement 11am 22 November 2022

