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## **2008 GRAIN CO-PRODUCTION PROJECT– SEPTEMBER 2008**

This report has been prepared by AACL as the Project Manager of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Grain Co- Production Projects.

For your information, 2008 GCP Certificates and Co-Production Unit (CPU) allocation advice has been distributed to investors in the 2008 GCP Project. Investors in the 2006 and 2007 Project have also been sent their relevant CPU allocation advice for the 2008 planting. No action is necessary to be taken by investors with regards to the CPU information as it is provided only for the purpose of informing where their crops are located.

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### **SEASONAL OUTLOOK**

Above average rainfall in July has been followed by mainly below average rainfall in August throughout the Australian grain belt. Due to the generally lower than average rainfall so far experienced across much of the country, the yield outlook is approximately 80% of the expected yield at the start of the season. This is a moderate decline compared to the AACL yield estimate of 87% in August.

However, average rainfall throughout September and October would lead to improved production results across most regions. The current estimate for the Australian wheat crop is approximately 21 million tonnes compared to production of 13 million tonnes in 2007.

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### **PRICING OUTLOOK**

The current indicative FOB price of wheat is in the \$360/t to \$390/t range, however we expect prices to ease over the remainder of the year. By harvest we are expecting wheat prices to be in the range of \$300/t to \$350/t FOB with the pricing outlook for malt barley being similar to wheat and feed barley being \$270/t to \$320/t FOB.

Should higher than average prices remain it is expected that these higher prices will provide an offset to potentially lower than expected production.

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Regards

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