



The Rice Food Experts

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Ricegrowers Limited (trading as SunRice) establishes US investment in “SunFoods”**

SunRice is pleased to announce that it has invested in a newly formed US joint venture rice milling and marketing company, SunFoods, which amalgamates the milling assets and brands of Gold River Mills and Pacific Basin Milling, based in Woodland, California.

As part of its international rice food business, SunRice has worked extensively with Gold River Mills and the investment is an excellent fit with our established global sourcing strategy. SunFoods' assets include a rice mill, consumer packaging plant as well as the successful Hinode brand.

The current President of Gold River Mills, Tom Atkinson II, will be appointed President of the newly formed SunFoods.

SunRice has invested US\$10.4 million to establish its 65% majority share in SunFoods. The new company provides SunRice with a platform to leverage its branded rice food expertise in the US market, and to grow its international markets through the sourcing of high quality US rice.

SunFoods will help SunRice grow its business and will complement the traditional Australian rice supplies at a time of increasing global demand for rice and rice based foods.

It is an important step in the growth of the SunRice business and the creation of sustainable value for shareholders.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer