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SunRice thanks outgoing RGA President Les Gordon for his contribution to a strong rice industry

SunRice today thanked and acknowledged outgoing President Les Gordon for his outstanding service to the rice industry over the past eight years with Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA).

"Les has continuously been at the forefront representing the rice industry's best interests," SunRice Chairman Mr Laurie Arthur said.

"He provided strong leadership during our industry's most difficult period, when Australian production dropped to 19,000 tonnes during the millennium drought, and important partnership to SunRice on a range of matters.

"Les and the RGA played a significant role in retaining NSW's rice vesting arrangements and SunRice's Sole and Exclusive Export Licence in 2012, which provides certainty to our industry and assists SunRice to maximise returns for NSW growers in export markets.

"On behalf of SunRice, the Board, our growers and shareholders, I thank Les for his partnership on the critical issues that have underpinned the strength of the Australian rice industry and the rural communities in which we operate," Mr Arthur said. "We wish him well for the future and look forward to his continued support as a rice grower and friend of SunRice."

Mr Arthur congratulated Jeremy Morton on his appointment as RGA President and welcomed the continuation of SunRice's strong relationship with the organisation under Jeremy's leadership.

Mr Morton has been a Moulamein rice grower and member of the RGA Wakool Branch since 1987. Prior to his appointment as RGA President, he held the role of Senior Vice President and has been a member of the RGA Central Executive over two periods, first in the early 1990's and again during the last three years. Mr Morton is also a delegate for National Irrigators' Council.

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