



## **AACT change of ownership & new projects**

Australian Agricultural Crop Technologies (AACT) has had an ownership change within the company.

Australian Agricultural Crop Technologies (AACT) was owned by the company Australian Agricultural Commodities Pty Ltd but has been purchased by Australian Agricultural Technologies Ltd. The company will remain trading as Australian Agricultural Crop Technologies (AACT). From an operation point of view there are no staff changes, locality changes or service changes, as with being a supplier of the company or a valued customer of our services.

AACT still remains the licensee of the Genesis® series chick peas and can answer any questions in regards to seed and trading product. AACT currently services grain growers and markets in northern New South Wales and is based in Wee Waa.

The new owners of the business, Australian Agricultural Technologies Ltd, will have the opportunity to extend more opportunities and services our valued customers. There will be exciting changes in the future which will help all of us grow and expand into an exciting new future in Agriculture.

AACT develops its valuable seed lines and cultivars by using research expertise in Australian universities and government-owned plant breeding facilities.

AACT also holds protected IP and commercialisation rights unique mustards and is continuing to make commercially available new improved lines of seed. AACT has ongoing agreements for intensive research and development programs with The University of Sydney involving mustard oil under the overall direction of Professor Peter Sharp – a recognised world leader in plant and molecular genetics and plant biotechnology.

Mustards worldwide, apart from being used as a condiment and food additive, is one of the exciting 'new' crops which contain a range of highly valuable products. It is applied in a wide range of specialty food and non-food products, used for industrial chemicals and in bio-diesel production, the by-product is a high-protein stock feed, and mustard is valuable as a bio-fumigant in crop rotation, reducing the use of chemicals and dangerous pesticides.

AACT has been undertaking research through Central Queensland University into dryland rice which is also known as upland rice in some parts of the world. AACT's research is leading to cultivars with enhanced growth – yet requiring substantially less water than paddy rice. This is particularly important in the many parts of Asia where water quality is diminishing and supplies of clean water are increasingly becoming scarce. AACT owns the IP and the commercialisation rights for several cultivars of dryland rice, which are expected to be grown commercially from mid-2014 onwards. This research and development is led personally by the Dean of Central Queensland University, Professor David Midmore – a world authority leader in plant science.

AACT would like to also take this opportunity to introduce our newly appointed Grain Trader, Sam Clements to the AACT team. AACT continues to trade and export chick peas and mung beans along with other grains and pulses.

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