



Media Release

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The Healthy Grain company welcomes investment from Teijin

The Healthy Grain (THG) company has successfully raised \$8 million of external capital from the Teijin Group of Japan.

THG specialises in commercialising unique, non-GMO, nutritionally superior wholegrains with substantiated health-claim benefits.

The company has an exclusive portfolio of these grains, protected by trademarks such as BARLEYmax™ wholegrain and Kebari™ hullless barley.

Teijin is a global business with sales of USD7.4 billion as of 2015, and will join CSIRO and Australian Capital Ventures Limited (ACVL) as the three major shareholders in THG.

The new investment, THG's first external capital deal, was completed on Friday 2 December.

Teijin has successfully test-marketed BARLEYmax products in Japan and is in the final stages of a formal market launch.

Robert Burbury, CEO of THG, welcomed Teijin as a new shareholder.

'We have been working with Teijin for over two years to evaluate the potential for BARLEYmax foods in Japan.

'Teijin has brought a real enthusiasm of developing the BARLEYmax business.

'They have the long-term vision, patience and resources that are essential to this type of venture, the same attributes as the founding shareholders CSIRO and ACVL' he said.

BARLEYmax provides increased levels of key components such as dietary fibre, resistant starch and protein, while also having a low glycaemic index.

This means the product has the potential to help reduce the risk of major chronic disease, including colorectal cancer, obesity, type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

BARLEYmax wholegrain is used in health foods such as breakfast cereals, bread and muesli bars, and has been available to the Australian market for a number of years.

'We're looking forward to the rapid growth of THG, now we have the support of this major Japanese company,' Robert Burbury said.

'We are very well positioned to continue developing our business globally.'

The successful capital raising managed by Kidder Williams Limited comes at the end of a big year for THG.

In June, the company signed an exclusive global license with CSIRO to commercialise Kebari™ barley for food products.

Kebari™ is recognised as gluten free in the USA and Europe – a first for any barley worldwide.

With the investment from Teijin, THG has the long-term financial resources to continue developing these and other opportunities for wholegrains that enhance health and wellbeing.

About The Healthy Grain

THG specialises in commercialising unique, non-GMO, nutritionally superior wholegrains, with substantiated health claim benefits, that enhance peoples health and wellbeing.

THG has an exclusive portfolio of these grains, internationally protected by patents and trademarks, such as BARLEYmax™ wholegrain, Kebari™ barley (hulless) and an option on another unique grain from an internationally acclaimed research institution.

The BARLEYmax™ wholegrain was developed by CSIRO and was initially commercialised by CSIRO and Australian Capital Ventures Limited (ACVL), a Canberra based venture capital company. The Kebari™ barley technology was developed by CSIRO in collaboration with the Grains Research and Development Corporation..

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About the Teijin Group

Teijin (TSE: 3401) is a technology-driven global group offering advanced solutions in the areas of sustainable transportation, information and electronics, safety and protection, environment and energy, and healthcare. Its main fields of operation are high-performance fibers such as aramid, carbon fibers & composites, healthcare, films, resin & plastic processing, polyester fibers, products converting and IT. The group has some 150 companies and around 16,000 employees spread out over 20 countries worldwide. It posted consolidated sales of JPY790.7 billion (USD 7.4 billion) and total assets of JPY 823.4 billion (USD 7.7 billion) in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

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About Australian Capital Ventures Limited (ACVL)

ACVL mainly operates as the manager of the Canberra Business Development Fund (CBDF), an equal-share joint venture between the ACT Government and Hindmarsh and has a specific geographic focus in the Canberra region. ACVL manages a portfolio of 6 investee companies in a number of different business sectors including IT, biotech, agritech and medical devices.

ACVL provides a number of benefits to its portfolio companies including funding, with over A\$100 million in direct and leveraged funds received by CBDF investments alone since inception, as well as the continuous support, mentoring and advice of ACVL's team of experienced professionals.

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About the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

CSIRO is Australia's leading multidisciplinary research organisation, with more than 5,000 people working out of 55 centres in Australia and internationally. CSIRO plays a vital role in enhancing collaboration within the Australian national innovation system and as a trusted advisor to government, industry and the community.

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Robert Burbury, CEO of The Healthy Grain is available for interview.

High res images are available on request.

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