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Communication to Industry

Joint statement – A J Bush & Sons, Bird Bros, AMIC and ARA

A J Bush & Sons (Manufactures) Pty Ltd (A J Bush) and Bird Bros Pty Ltd (Bird Bros) are pleased to inform you that our collection services will **recommence Monday 11am December 2023.**

While A J Bush have decided not to recommence our usual rendering activities onsite, we wanted to reassure you that we are working with regulatory authorities on a long-term solution to the full aggregation and redistribution of co-product material.

We are working in good faith closely with the EPA and industry partners, especially the Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) and the Australian Renderers Association (ARA) to ensure that this critical service can resume at some point and that we can continue to provide support to the meat industry and associated industries.

Co-product material is an essential part of the supply chain and the protein, fats and oils are returned to stock feed, pet food, fertiliser and renewable fuels.

Our goal has always been to ensure that this material will remain as valuable protein and fats/oils back into the food and supply chain in products that are useful to the industry and the community.

This past week, and preceding 6 weeks, have presented unprecedented challenges to our companies and ultimately to our clients and the wider industry.

We want to express our gratitude for the patience and understanding of our clients and community during this time. We have taken extensive measures to ensure that this service can be continued and that all compliance matters can be achieved.

As we resume services, we remain committed to providing the highest level of quality and excellence that our suppliers have come to expect over many years.

AJ Bush & Sons and Bird Bros teams have worked hard to prepare for this resumption of collection services as part of our commitment to the industry, which has been supported by AMIC.

We anticipate this service will continue for now. At the same time, we appreciate that aggregation and redistribution of co-product material on the Riverstone site is not a long-term sustainable option given the fast-changing environment in the Northwest Sydney.

We wish everyone a safe and joyful festive season and look forward to a productive new year when long term solution can be found.

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