



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### BEGA CHEESE ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PLACEMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL ENTITLEMENT OFFER

Bega Cheese Limited ACN 008 358 503 (ASX: BGA) ("**Bega Cheese**", "**BGA**") is pleased to announce the successful completion of the underwritten institutional placement ("**Placement**") and the institutional component ("**Institutional Entitlement Offer**") of its 1 to 4.5 pro-rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer ("**Entitlement Offer**") of new fully paid shares in Bega Cheese ("**New Shares**") raising approximately \$284 million.

As announced on Thursday, 26 November 2020, the proceeds of the Placement and Entitlement Offer will be used to partly fund the acquisition of all of the shares in Lion Dairy & Drinks Pty Ltd ("**LD&D**") for a net acquisition price of \$534 million<sup>1</sup> ("**Acquisition**").

The Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer saw strong support from both existing shareholders and new investors, with a take up rate of approximately 96% under the Institutional Entitlement Offer (excluding ineligible shareholders).

Bega Cheese's Executive Chairman, Barry Irvin, commented "We are delighted with the support we received for this company transforming acquisition. We have always enjoyed strong support from our shareholders and once again they embraced our vision of creating 'The great Australian food company'."

The Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer will result in the issue of approximately 62 million New Shares, comprising:

- approximately 39 million New Shares to be issued under the Placement, raising approximately \$181 million; and
- approximately 23 million New Shares to be issued under the Institutional Entitlement Offer, raising approximately \$103 million.

The offer price for the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer was \$4.60 per New Share.

The New Shares issued under the Placement and Entitlement Offer will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary BGA shares ("**Shares**") on issue.

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<sup>1</sup> Net acquisition price represents gross sale price of \$560 million less a \$26 million deduction for IT separation costs (net of tax).

The Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer is expected to settle on Wednesday, 2 December 2020, and the New Shares are expected to be issued and commence trading on ASX on Thursday, 3 December 2020.

### **Retail Entitlement Offer**

As announced on Thursday, 26 November 2020, the retail component of the Entitlement Offer ("**Retail Entitlement Offer**") will open on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 and is expected to close at 5.00pm (Sydney Time) on Monday, 14 December 2020.

Eligible retail shareholders will be sent an information booklet ("**Retail Entitlement Offer Booklet**") including a personalised entitlement and acceptance form on Wednesday, 2 December 2020. The Retail Entitlement Offer Booklet will provide details on how eligible retail shareholders can participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer. A copy of the Retail Entitlement Offer Booklet will also be lodged with ASX on Wednesday, 2 December 2020.

### **Additional information**

Further information about the Entitlement Offer and Acquisition is provided in the ASX announcement and equity raising investor presentation provided by Bega Cheese to the ASX on Thursday, 26 November 2020.

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This announcement has been approved by the BGA Board.

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