



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### BEGA CHEESE ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF RETAIL ENTITLEMENT OFFER

Bega Cheese Limited ACN 008 358 503 (ASX : BGA) ("**Bega Cheese**", "**BGA**") is pleased to announce the successful completion of the retail component ("**Retail Entitlement Offer**") of its underwritten 1 for 4.5 pro-rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer ("**Entitlement Offer**") of new fully paid ordinary shares in Bega Cheese ("**New Shares**"), raising approximately \$115 million.

Together with the institutional placement ("**Placement**") and institutional component of the Entitlement Offer, Bega Cheese has raised a total of approximately \$401 million. As announced on Thursday, 26 November 2020, the proceeds 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>

The Retail Entitlement Offer closed at 5:00pm (Sydney time) on Monday, 14 December 2020. Bega Cheese received valid applications from eligible retail shareholders under the Retail Entitlement Offer ("**Eligible Retail Shareholders**") for approximately 9.9 million New Shares (for approximately \$46 million), representing a take up rate of approximately 40%. In addition, valid applications from Eligible Retail Shareholders for approximately 2.5 million New Shares (for approximately \$12 million) were accepted under the Oversubscription Facility, increasing the total take up rate to approximately 50%.

Approximately 12.6 million New Shares were not taken up under the Retail Entitlement Offer and will be allocated to sub-underwriters of the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Approximately 25 million New Shares to be issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer are expected to be allotted on Monday, 21 December 2020 and will trade on the ASX on a normal settlement basis on Tuesday, 22 December 2020.

Holding statements are expected to be despatched on Wednesday, 23 December 2020.

#### **Additional information**

Further information about the Retail Entitlement Offer 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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<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).

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This announcement has been authorised for release by the Executive Chairman of Bega Cheese.

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