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SAMR registration update

The a2 Milk Company (a2MC, the Company) notes the announcement from Synlait Milk (Synlait) today providing an update on the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) renewal and registration processes for a2MC's China label infant milk formula (IMF) product, 至初®, which is produced by Synlait.

Renewal of existing GB registration

As noted in the Company's FY22 results announcement on 29 August 2022, a2MC's current China label IMF product registration was due to expire in late September 2022. As anticipated, Synlait has received notification from SAMR that the current registration has been renewed. In effect, this will allow Synlait to manufacture a2MC's current registered China label product until 21 February 2023 when transition to the new GB standard is required. Product manufactured up until this date is allowed to be sold in market after that date.

New GB registration process

a2MC and Synlait are also working closely together in relation to the registration of a2MC's China label IMF products, formulated in line with China's new GB standards. While this is also progressing, timing is uncertain and remains subject to SAMR approval.

It is noted that the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has co-operation arrangements in place with SAMR which, amongst other things, positions New Zealand well in relation to China registration processes.

The a2 Milk Company's Managing Director and CEO, David Bortolussi said:

- *"We are pleased that our current product registration has been renewed, effectively to late February 2023, and we will continue to work collaboratively with Synlait and SAMR in relation to registration of our China label IMF product formulated in line with China's new GB standards."*
- *"We remain focused on the China market and are looking forward to the opportunity to make our newly formulated infant milk product available to parents and infants in China."*
- *"In all circumstances, The a2 Milk Company fully respects SAMR's governance and timing of this important registration process."*

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