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FARM PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

(RIRDC PRJ-002655)

Participation agreement

Introduction

The Farm Productivity and Quality Enhancement Programme (Project PRJ-002655) is a research project which has been formulated by members of WildFlowers Australia. Its aim is to extend an already promising trial of a method of enhancing the quality and efficiency of wildflower crop production.

WildFlowers Australia is a coordinating body which develops and administers the project, gathers funds, records and collates information, and generates and documents research findings.

WildFlowers Australia has formed a partnership with Australian Government to fund the project, under an arrangement which requires Industry to contribute the seeding funds. These funds are sourced from growers who wish to be involved in the project. This money is collected by WildFlowers Australia and is then matched by government. As the project progresses, participants are paid by WildFlowers Australia for completing project-related activities on their farms (see detail in 'project requirements' below).

The government body sponsoring this project is the Rural Industries and Research Development Corporation (RIRDC), which operates under the authority of the federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

To be involved in this project, an industry participant must fulfil certain requirements: The participant must:

- Be a primary producer who wishes to be, or is, involved in the production of a wildflower crop(s). The crop(s) is to be grown in natural soil occurring on the site of production.
- Be willing to comply with the processes and information-gathering requirements specified hereunder. These processes constitute the framework under which the project operates and through which government funding is authorised.
- Where the Industry member is not a member of WildFlowers Australia, they must be willing to pay an additional administration fee (currently \$700 + GST) at the time of joining the project.

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Project requirements

- Participants will familiarise themselves with the details of the project as recorded in this document. They must record a signature at the bottom of the final page, where indicated, as evidence of agreement to comply with the terms of participation.
- The signed agreement will be forwarded to WildFlowers Australia together with a payment of \$2,900 (excl GST).
- This amount will be held in trust for use by WildFlowers Australia as seeding funds for the project. It will subsequently be returned to the project for ongoing funding of project activities.
- Participants will attend a training course, at which they will receive practical and theoretical instruction. This will be related to implementation of the soil nutrition programme and the required data collecting activities. This training will be organised and co-funded by the project.
- Participants will gather suitable soil and leaf samples at the beginning and at other specified times during the project. These samples will be sent for testing to soil laboratories specified by WildFlowers Australia, and the cost will be funded by the project.
- Based on the test results, participants will order appropriate soil amendments for their plantation. They will apply the amendments using techniques specified in the project. The project will pay for the soil amendments to a specified value at the time of delivery.
- Participants will be reimbursed for their expenses in purchasing and spreading the soil amendments, up to a maximum amount specified in the project budget.
- Participants will collect data on the trial crop(s) and a comparison crop(s), on either an historical or ongoing basis. This data will be submitted to WildFlowers Australia at the specified time and in the specified format.
- WildFlowers Australia will reimburse participants for the cost of data collection and submission, to an amount specified in the project budget.
- WildFlowers Australia will reimburse participants the agreed amounts quarterly, on receipt of invoice and on confirmation from the Regional Coordinator of tasks completed.
- WildFlowers Australia will collate the data and retain it for further analysis.

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Participant agreement (cont.)

Project requirements (cont.)

- Participants will continue to collect and submit data for the duration of their participation in the project, under the same arrangement as specified above. WildFlowers Australia will continue to collate the data.
- Participants will agree to follow a fertiliser regime specified by the project. This fertiliser regime will be additional to the soil amendment programme. It will be at the participant's expense and will be applied to the comparison crop at the same rate and timing as for the trial crop.
- Participants will record data for trial and comparison crops as specified in the project detail, typically including leaf quality parameters, stem length and straightness, flower size, numbers of stems per plant and average price per stem.
- WildFlowers Australia will collate and analyse all data and submit a yearly report on the progress of the project. Data will be analysed by a qualified researcher or research assistant.
- WildFlowers Australia will publish a final report with interpretation of results and recommendations for further research. The economic value of the trial soil amendment programme will be estimated.
- The above reports will be circulated to all project participants annually. Participants will undertake to keep the detail contained in the report confidential for the duration of the study. The source of all data included in analyses will remain confidential to protect individual business plans.
- The entire project will run for 4 years, with each participant's minimum involvement being for 2 years.
- There will be a maximum number of 40 participants Australia-wide over the first two year period, with a second 30 participant places available in the second two year period.

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Participant acknowledgement/application:

I hereby apply for inclusion as a participant in the Farm Productivity and Quality Enhancement Programme administered by WildFlowers Australia. I have included the amount of \$3,190.00 (including 10% GST) with this application.

I acknowledge that this project is a trial for research purposes and that as such, the results gained by my participation are not guaranteed.

I have read the information contained in this document and understand its implications. I have been given the opportunity to ask relevant questions and I am satisfied with the answers provided.

I understand that my continued participation in the project is conditional upon performance of certain tasks, within a specified time-frame and to a specified standard.

I specifically release WildFlowers Australia and all of its membership from any liability for events or circumstances which may be perceived as arising from my participation in this project.

Signed..... **Date** / / 20.....

.....
Name (printed) **Business name (printed)**

Witnessed **Date**// 20.....

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Name (printed)

Payment **\$3,190 (members)** **\$3,960 (non-members)**
(please circle payment amount)

Payment made by **CHEQUE** / **EFT**
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