CAPRINZ PUBLIC SUMMARY

Contract reporting for the period ending 31 August 2019

The CAPRINZ programme began in August 2018 and will grow a sustainable, high-value goat milk infant formula industry in New Zealand. Goat milk infant formula is a premium, niche export product, providing sustainable payouts for farmers. The CAPRINZ programme will protect this premium by providing consumers and health care professionals with information on the benefits of goat milk infant formula that are backed by clinical science and delivered through sustainable farm systems.

Breastfeeding is the best source of nutrition for babies and infants. Our aim through this PGP programme with MPI is to provide consumers and health care professionals with science-based information to allow them to make the best decision in situations where breastfeeding requires supplementation or isn't feasible.

Highlights

A Pilot Farm is a scientifically robust way to conduct farm system trials. Because the trials are undertaken under commercial farming conditions, the new knowledge can be quickly transferred to farmers. The lease of a dairy goat property in the Waikato has been secured for the Pilot Farm. The on-farm research will look at opportunities in the areas of animal health, the supply of bedding materials, sustainability, best practice stocking rates and use of feeds. Three years of priority work will commence mid-2020.

Investment

	DGC contribution	MPI contribution	Total investment
During this quarter	\$0.433 m	\$0.288 m	\$0.721 m
Programme to date	\$2.511 m	\$1,674 m	\$4.185 m