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## MPA STRENGTHENS ITS TEAM WITH KEY APPOINTMENT

### *EXPERIENCED SEAFOOD EXECUTIVE STEVEN GILL APPOINTED AS MANAGER – POST HARVEST DEVELOPMENT*

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Marine Produce Australia Limited (ASX: **MPA**) is pleased to announce the appointment of highly experienced seafood industry executive **Mr Steven Gill** to the newly created role of **Manager – Post Harvest Development** to spearhead an expansion of its marketing program as it ramps up Barramundi production from its Cone Bay operations in Western Australia.

Mr Gill has more than 18 years experience in the seafood industry, including as Executive Director of the Western Rock Lobster Council, Executive Officer of the Master Fish Merchants Association of Australia and General Manager of a South Australian lobster export business.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours in Aquaculture) from James Cook University and Deakin University. He is a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

Mr Gill joins MPA at a pivotal period in its evolution, with the Company posting a series of recent strong operational results at the Cone Bay Ocean Fresh Barramundi operation as it continues to progress towards its key objective of attaining a farm size of 2 million kilograms.

“Mr Gill brings a wealth of strategic experience and knowledge of the seafood industry to the management team of MPA,” said the Company’s Chairman, Mr Miles Kennedy.

“The business is now at an advanced stage of development with production of our flagship brand Cone Bay Ocean Barramundi growing rapidly. Our strategic investment in post-harvest product and market development will consolidate MPA as Australia’s largest and highest quality producer of ocean grown Barramundi,” he added.

“Steven has outstanding credentials in the seafood industry and brings extensive and valuable experience in the business to MPA,” Mr Kennedy said.

“He will work collaboratively with our sales team to further develop the products and market for Cone Bay Ocean Barramundi as we move forward with the next stage of our evolution.”

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