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2012

APPLICATION FORM
Germany / The Netherlands
Grower Study Tour 7-18 February

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS INTRODUCTION

The tour to Germany and The Netherlands is intended to expose growers to a range of on- and off-farm business practices. It will also provide valuable opportunities for growers to network with international industry counterparts, and to learn about technological innovations, and the latest farm techniques and practices.

Growers will visit vegetable farms, farmer markets and the Bayer CropScience International headquarters in Monheim, Germany. The tour also includes attendance to the Fruit Logistica Conference in Berlin, Germany.

The second major component of the tour is attendance at the Fruit Logistica Conference in Berlin, Germany.

For more information, please see the detailed itinerary on page 3.

COSTS

The project is funded by HAL using voluntary contributions from industry and matched funds from the Australian Government. Growers will be required to make a voluntary contribution of **\$2,725** (plus GST) toward the cost of the tour. Payment is required prior to departure.

Costs cover:

- All domestic (Australia) air travel
- International air travel
- Airport tax
- All land travel
- Single room accommodation as arranged by the tour agency
- Most meals will be included
- Fruit Logistica Conference registration

Tour participants will be responsible for all other meals, plus personal spending money.

ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation will be pre-arranged. Accommodation is in single rooms unless otherwise requested.

ABOUT THE FRUIT LOGISTICA CONFERENCE

The Fruit Logistica Conference will be held in Berlin, Germany from the 8-10 February, 2012.

The Conference attracts attendees from the entire produce supply chain across Europe, as well as business leaders from every segment of the produce industry worldwide.

Reports from those who have previously attended the Fruit Logistica Conference indicated they have gained enormously from this experience. Attendees have learnt about the latest trends and technologies. They have met new customers, developed networks, gathered information and viewed new products and services.

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Please complete the application form below and return it via email to info@ausveg.com.au or fax to (03) 9822 0688 as soon as possible if you are interested in attending the tour.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone AUSVEG: (03) 9822 0388 or visit www.ausveg.com.au.

TOUR ITINERARY 7-18 February, 2012 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Day 1- Tuesday 7	<p>Australia – Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Arrival in Berlin, Germany. Transfer to hotel.</p>
Day 2- Wednesday 8	<p>Fruit Logistica Conference: Berlin, Germany (B)</p> <p>After breakfast, make your way over to the Fruit Logistica Trade Fair.</p>
Day 3- Thursday 9	<p>Fruit Logistica Conference: Berlin, Germany (B)</p> <p>After breakfast, make your way over to the Fruit Logistica Trade Fair.</p>
Day 4- Friday 10	<p>Berlin, Germany (B)</p> <p>Breakfast at the hotel, then depart by minibus to Berliner-Grossmarkt.</p> <p>Upon return, make your way to the Fruit Logistica Trade Fair.</p>
Day 5- Saturday 11	<p>Berlin, Germany (B)</p> <p>After breakfast, a private sightseeing tour with an afternoon to yourself. Dinner on own.</p>
Day 6- Sunday 12	<p>Berlin – Cologne, Germany (B,D)</p> <p>Early breakfast at hotel, then depart hotel and transfer to Berlin Hauptbahnhof via minicoach and then board express train to Frankfurt. Lunch on the train. At Frankfurt Bahnhof, a charter coach will transport to Heidelberg to see the famous Heidelberg Castle, followed by a visit to Bierhelderhof Angus Farm, with dinner provided.</p> <p><u>Overnight:</u></p> <p>InnerCity Hotel, Mannheim.</p>
Day 7- Monday 13	<p>Mannheim – Bonn, Germany (B,D)</p> <p>After breakfast check out of your hotel and travel to the John Deere Werke for a tour of the factory.</p> <p>After lunch, a technical visit to a successful strawberry producer, with a short visit to the Worms Cathedral. Arrive in Bonn-Meckenheim, with dinner at the hotel.</p> <p><u>Overnight:</u></p> <p>City Hotel Meckenheim.</p>
Day 8 – Tuesday 14	<p>Bonn – Monheim – Monchengladbach, Germany (B)</p> <p>After breakfast, a vegetable specialist from the University of Bonn will provide an overview of the vegetable industry in Germany.</p> <p>Drive to the Monheim headquarters of Bayer CropScience, for a technical visit and tour of facilities.</p> <p>Continue to Mönchengladbach.</p> <p><u>Overnight:</u></p>

	Dorint Parkhotel Mönchengladbach
Day 9 – Wednesday 15	<p>Germany – Netherlands (B)</p> <p>After breakfast, coach will drive you across the border into the Netherlands, to the head office of Nunhems BV for a presentation and discussion. Lunch in town or at the cafeteria.</p> <p>Drive to Lelystad for a special tour of the Research Unit of Applied Plant Research (PPO) for Arable Farming, Multifunctional Agriculture and Field Production of Vegetables (PPO-AGV). PPO-AGV is part of Wageningen University.</p> <p>Proceed to Leiden for overnight, check in, and dinner on own.</p> <p><u>Overnight:</u></p> <p>Tulip Inn - Leiden</p>
Day 10 – Thursday 16	<p>Leiden, Netherlands (B, L)</p> <p>After breakfast, an inspection of the glasshouse vegetable production area in the West of Holland. Glasshouse horticulture is responsible for about 50% of the product value of fruit and vegetables. The most important glasshouse vegetables are sweet peppers, tomatoes and cucumbers. In addition a whole range of other glasshouse vegetables are produced, such as radishes, aubergines, courgettes, chicory, lettuce, fennel and gherkins.</p> <p>Following this visit, travel to Monster to inspect Koppertcress.</p> <p>Then enjoy a luncheon cruise through the Port of Rotterdam on the Spido boat with a box lunch provided. Rotterdam Port is Europe’s largest port with an annual throughput of 400 million tons, and stretching out over 40 km and covering 10,000 ha.</p> <p>Following the port tour, a leisurely drive through The Hague [Den Haag], the political capital city of the Netherlands.</p> <p>Dinner on own at one of the nearby restaurants.</p> <p><u>Overnight:</u></p> <p>Tulip Inn- Leiden</p>
Day 11- Friday 17	<p>Leiden – Amsterdam, Netherlands (B,D)</p> <p>An early breakfast, and then we travel by coach to FloraHolland, the world’s largest building and flower auction at Aalsmeer, to observe the several auction clocks selling for a total of 125,000 transactions daily – 12 billion cut flowers per year!</p> <p>Then we drive to Amsterdam.</p> <p>The afternoon is free to sightsee in Amsterdam.</p> <p>Dinner at the floating restaurant “Sea Palace”.</p> <p><u>Overnight:</u></p>

	Amsterdam
Day 12 –Saturday 18	<p>Amsterdam – Schiphol Airport – Australia (B, L)</p> <p>Breakfast, then a free morning in Leiden for shopping or sightseeing. Check out of your hotel and transfer by coach to Schiphol International Airport for your flight home to Australia.</p>

***Please note subject to change**

INCLUDED

- Transport in air conditioned coach
- Single room accommodation
- Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as indicated in the itinerary (B, L, D)
- Farm/grower and technical visits
- Tour Guide with a professional background in horticulture

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- International departure taxes
- Items of a personal nature such as beverages, laundry, telephone

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PERSONAL DETAILS (PLEASE PROVIDE NAME AS PER PASSPORT)

Surname:	First:	Middle:
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Preferred Name:	Title:	Age:	Date of Birth:
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Home Address:

Home Phone No:	Home Fax No:	Email:
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Mobile No:	Gender: Male: <input type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/>	Preferred Mailing Address: Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/>
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Nationality:

Do you have any medical conditions/disabilities that could preclude you from any activities? Please describe.

Do you have a current passport? If yes, please provide passport number and a scan of the first page of your passport where your name is shown.

NATURE OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Current employer or work activities:

Business focus/ crops grown:

Work Address:

Work Phone No:

Work Fax No:

Email:

Position Held:

Since (date):

Please list any sites not listed on the itinerary that you would like to try and visit on the tour.

SELECTION CRITERIA A

Please explain in a few lines how you are actively involved in a vegetable growing related business?

SELECTION CRITERIA B

Do you see yourself involved in the vegetable industry in the next 2-5 years? Please explain in a few lines.

SELECTION CRITERIA C

In 50 words or less please explain why you would like to go on this tour.

PARTICIPATION

I acknowledge that if I am selected and accept the offer of a position on the tour, I will be required to contribute **\$2,725** (plus GST) towards the cost of my participation. I agree to pay this prior to departure of the tour. I also acknowledge that my name and contact details, including my organization and position within the organization, will be provided to

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

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