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RAGT AUSTRALIA, part of the global RAGT SEMENCES, European market leader in cereals, has announced acquisition of BASFâ??s open-pollinated wheat seed assets in Australia.

â??This new acquisition fits perfectly in our multi species strategy and reinforces our commitment in bringing innovative solutions to Australian farmers and our Partnersâ?• said Samuel GastÃ©, New Markets Territory Director at RAGT SEMENCES. â??It will bring another level of genetic diversity in our global cereal offer.â?•

After the Seed Force integration, which became RAGT AUSTRALIA on January 1st, 2023, RAGT confirms its ambition in Australia by investing in domestic wheat breeding. â??Already rich in a recognized portfolio in malt barley, canola, and fodder species, we are convinced that our new wheat range will strengthen our cooperation with the Australian farming industry and our local partners,â?• said Damien Robert, CEO of RAGT SEMENCES. He added, â??This new acquisition complements our existing wheat breeding programs with unique germplasm and will have a positive impact on our worldwide cereals footprint.â?•

RAGT AUSTRALIA General Manager, Dale Skepper noted â??this is a mature breeding program that has already delivered commercial products and a pipeline flow that appears to be rich with genetics well matched to the Australian market. Weâ??re excited to secure this opportunity to launch into the spring white wheat segment, adding to our existing activities in the market. Our team looks forward to working with partners and providing well adapted solutions to Australian farmers, that potentially extend across the globe.â?•

Skepper emphasised as part of this acquisition, team welcomed the architect of the program and senior plant breeder, Maqbool Ahmad to continue to steward the program into the future.

RAGT Australia, is a rapidly growing Australian seed business, breeding, screening and supplying premium cultivars across Australia. The business is 100% focused on assisting growers and processors increase productivity and profitability.