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MEDIA STATEMENT

The Australian Sugar Manufacturers Statement on Cane Rail Incidents

With respect to recent cane rail incidents, the immediate focus of our members are with those impacted by these incidents, including for injured employees, family members, colleagues and first responders. There are investigations on foot regarding these tragic incidents – the ASM will not speculate on the facts surrounding the matter and let these investigations make the findings they need to make.

The sugar industry takes cane rail safety very seriously, and we are deeply saddened by these tragic events. We work on a continuous improvement basis to adopt good safety practices across the network, and we will be undertaking a thorough review of these practices as a result of the findings from the investigations. However, the immediate focus is on the wellbeing of those impacted.

Australian Sugar Manufacturers (ASM) is the peak industry body representing the nation's sugar manufacturing sector, contributing \$4.4 billion annually to the Australian economy and supporting more than 20,000 jobs in regional communities. ASM works closely with its members, industry stakeholders, and government to develop and advocate for policies that enhance the sustainability, competitiveness, and long-term economic contribution of the sugar manufacturing sector. From the production of raw sugar, bio-based manufacturing and generation of renewable energy, the sugar manufacturing sector continues to support communities, create jobs, and foster a sustainable future for the industry, and the broader economy.