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### **SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA LARVAE BORN IN WORLD-FIRST ARTIFICIAL BREEDING REGIME**

Australian aquaculture pioneer Clean Seas Tuna Limited has reported the hatching of live and active Southern Bluefin Tuna larvae this morning at its multi-million SBT land-based breeding facility at Arno Bay on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula.

The hatching follows the company's announcement yesterday that it had successfully collected significant quantities of SBT sperm and eggs, allowing it to realise plans to close the lifecycle of SBT, potentially establish a valuable SBT sperm bank and secure sustainable production of this premium endangered species.

Clean Seas Chairman, Mr Hagen Stehr AO, said fertilised eggs resulting from yesterday's reported spawning event had been transferred to the Clean Seas Tuna hatchery tanks yesterday.

"This morning at 10.10 a.m. CST, reports were received from the hatchery that eggs had hatched, releasing live and active SBT larvae," Mr Stehr said.

The breeding breakthrough should give Clean Seas the ability to at least duplicate Australia's Southern Bluefin Tuna annual quota within the next few years and to dramatically grow the aquaculture industry in Australia without impacting on wild tuna stocks.

"This world breakthrough is what we have been working towards for the past three years and realises a dream we have had for more than a decade," Mr Stehr said. "This is the next step in delivering our stated goal of growing out SBT fingerlings produced from our own brood stock to sizes required by the rapidly expanding world seafood markets, enabling year round production of SBT and lowering the overall cost of production."

Mr Stehr said that from a global perspective, successfully recreating the natural breeding cycle of one of the world's premier pelagic fish species was a key step towards ensuring sustainability of this key species at a time when wild stocks are under significant pressure.

**NOTE: Given the nature of the intellectual property supporting this achievement, no further technical detail about the Southern Bluefin Tuna breeding program is able to be released.**

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