**NZX Announcement** **23 June 2014**

**Turners & Growers Ltd announces the appointment of Darren Drury to the role of Executive General Manager Pipfruit**

Alastair Hulbert, Chief Executive Officer of Turners & Growers Ltd, has announced the appointment of Darren Drury as Executive General Manager Pipfruit effective today, Monday 23 June 2014.

Darren Drury, who is currently the General Manager Sales & Marketing Pipfruit at Turners & Growers Ltd, will take up the newly created position of Executive General Manager Pipfruit immediately.

Alastair Hulbert said that this role and appointment builds on the recently developed corporate strategy where the increased focus and development of the Pipfruit category was identified as critical for the continued global growth and success of the company. Pipfruit is Turners & Growers’ largest category and accounts for a significant proportion of the company’s revenue.

Mr Hulbert states that, “This year one of our most important business priorities is to align our Pipfruit category with our newly created corporate strategy. We intend to bring further focus and integration to our international Pipfruit business to realise more value through growing our global supply base to meet the increasing market demand for our premium Pipfruit offerings.”

With the recent acquisition of Apollo Apples Ltd\* Turners & Growers’ annual export volume will grow considerably. With a rapidly growing off-shore supply base, Turners & Growers’ Pipfruit business is well positioned for growth.

Commenting on the new appointment, Mr Hulbert states that Darren Drury has extensive industry experience, holding significant positions in fresh produce export companies for over 25 years. Over the last 10 years Mr Drury has developed a very strong understanding of the Pipfruit category gained while holding senior roles across the Delica and Turners & Growers businesses.

Mr Hulbert adds that “Through his time with the organisation Mr Drury has forged strong business relationships with both our market partners and our grower suppliers. Mr Drury’s experience, insight and understanding of the entire supply chain and his vision for the expansion of the business will be extremely valuable as he leads the future development of our global Pipfruit category.”

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\*The acquisition of Apollo Apples Ltd is pending Overseas Investment Office approval.