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CASEY BLATCH NAMED 2017 YOUNG FINANCIAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Casey Blatch, Group Financial Controller for Synlait Milk (NZX: SML; ASX: SM1), was named the Young Financial Manager of the Year at the 2017 CFO Awards in Auckland on Wednesday 15 March.

“On behalf of Synlait, I want to congratulate Casey on this achievement. We’re very proud he has been recognised by his senior peers as a leading young financial manager in the business community,” says John Penno, Synlait’s Managing Director and CEO.

Since joining Synlait in 2014, Mr Blatch has been involved in a number of initiatives to support the company’s growth. These include the development of a unique financing facility (secured by working capital), improving the efficiency of financial processes and overseeing a new foreign exchange hedging policy.

“Casey also played a key role in the process to dual list Synlait on the NZX and ASX. This was at the same time as a rights issue in October 2016, which was fully subscribed and raised \$97.6 million of new equity,” adds Mr Penno.

“I’ve had some great opportunities present themselves in my career and I know that having strong mentors and an incredible team by my side have allowed me to tackle them head on,” said Mr Blatch.

“For that I’m very grateful and I want to thank everyone who has helped me develop and grow so far.”

Synlait was also a finalist for the Financial Innovation Project of the Year award. The annual CFO Awards celebrate excellence in financial leadership in New Zealand.

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