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Media Statement – COVID-19 cases have been confirmed on livestock vessel

The MV Al Kuwait has recently returned to Australia from the Gulf and reported that some of the crew members had felt ill with slight flu like symptoms. On arrival in Fremantle immediate medical consultation was sought. Any of the crew members that had previously felt unwell or were showing symptoms have now been tested for COVID-19, it has been confirmed that six of the crew have tested positive and have been safely removed from the vessel by WA health authorities.

The master of the vessel is aware of the gravity of the situation and would like to reassure the public that all procedures outlined by the WA health department are being followed and upheld in accordance with the COVID-19 protocol. “We are taking every precaution and are extremely concerned by the confirmation of the six people’s positive test results. The health and wellbeing of the vessels crews remains our top priority” said Mr Gordon, Managing Director, **Rural Export and Trading (WA) Pty Ltd (RETWA)** .

“We are working closely with WA health authorities, following their advice and ensuring the highest level care for the crew is in place. The crew on board have been communicating with their families to let them know they are safe and well provided for.” said Mr Gordon.

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