

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY: April – June 2018

### High Performance Mānuka Plantations PGP Programme

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#### Summary of progress during this quarter

- Completed analysis of honey samples from trial sites and wild stands of mānuka, including pollen analysis. This data collection provides direct data for the predictive tool as well as increasing our understanding of the factors influencing honey production in several regions where the samples were taken.
- End of programme planning, including planning the commercialisation of IP through the services being offered by Manuka Farming New Zealand Ltd. A seven step process to mānuka plantation success has been developed.

#### Key highlights and achievements

- Completed the development and partial validation of the predictive tool for plantation mānuka.
- A role within Manuka Farming New Zealand Ltd (MFNZ) was offered and accepted by the Massey University research technician who has been working on this programme. This will allow for significant knowledge transfer from the programme to MFNZ and its clients.
- A PhD in Ecology was achieved through a thesis on 'Companion Biota Associated with Mānuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*)'. This is the second of two PhDs completed during the PGP programme.

#### Upcoming

- Complete the final report for the programme.

Investment period	Industry contribution	MPI contribution	Total investment
During this Quarter	\$47,836	\$5,000	\$52,836
Programme To Date	\$1,555,760	\$1,400,000	\$2,955,760