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Report Highlights:

New Zealand Minister for Primary Industries, Mr. Nathan Guy announced, Mr. Martyn Dunne as the Director-General of Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI).

General Information:

Mr. Martyn Dunne to head New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

Minister for Primary Industries Mr. Nathan Guy announced that Mr. Martyn Dunne will be the new Director-General of New Zealand's Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI). Minister Guy and Food Safety Minister Nikki Kaye have both welcomed Mr. Dunne's appointment.

Currently, Mr. Dunne is serving as New Zealand's High Commissioner to Australia, and prior to that he served as Chief Executive of the New Zealand Customs Service. He also has a distinguished record of 27 years' service in the military, where he attained the rank of Major General. He was also the commander of New Zealand forces in East Timor.

Minister Kaye said in a press release on October 1, that "Mr. Martyn Dunne's experience in trade access will be invaluable, as MPI strengthens its capability in areas such as food safety and market assurance to take advantage of opportunities in new and emerging markets".

Both Ministers added "this is a very important role, given that the primary industries remain the backbone of New Zealand's economy. These industries make up over 70 percent of New Zealand's exports and generate around NZ\$32 billion in earnings a year."

Mr Dunne has been appointed to a three-year term that will begin on November 18, 2013. Mr. Dunne replaces Scott Gallacher, who has been acting Director-General of MPI since the departure of former head Wayne McNee.