

FaBA partners with SeaStock to boost algae-based ingredient innovation

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Australia’s Food and Beverage Accelerator has invested in SeaStock Pty Ltd to accelerate the commercialisation of clean-label ingredient innovation.

SeaStock is a leading global marine science solutions company specialising in onshore algae cultivation and compound extraction.

The project, titled “Extraction and characterisation of techno-functional ingredients from Australian seaweed,” marks a critical step forward in SeaStock’s commercialisation of RUBY SEA, a high-purity, naturally derived red pigment (R-Phycoerythrin (R-PE)) extracted from sustainably cultivated *Asparagopsis* algae.

FaBA is providing \$740,000 matched co-investment to support SeaStock's development and certification of safe, high-purity ingredients that meet Australian and international food and beverage standards.

FaBA Director Dr Chris Downs said the project demonstrated the impact of knowledge-led innovation.

"We're proud to invest in SeaStock's pioneering work in algae-based innovation," Dr Downs said.

"Their approach to developing clean-label, functional ingredients aligns strongly with FaBA's mission to accelerate the growth of Australia's food and beverage manufacturing sector through science-led commercialisation.

"By replacing synthetic additives with natural compounds, SeaStock has the potential to help shape a more sustainable and health-conscious future for consumers."