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CELL Aquaculture's first batch of farmed baby barramundi has been shipped to the Netherlands as part of international expansion plans.

The Perth company shipped the fingerlings to its joint-venture production plant in Tolbert.

The fish arrived with a "nil mortality rate" under the company's hatch-to-dispatch program.

"This provides yet another solid foundation block towards delivering our goal to internationally expand our unique hatch-to-dispatch offerings. To grow high-quality premium fish on the doorstep of major world markets in a controlled, land-based, environmentally sustainable manner," chairman Robert Sewell said.

The Dutch facility will use Cell Aquaculture's technology and equipment to annually raise 50 tonnes of fish in a controlled environment.

Mr Sewell said the Dutch operation would act as a display facility with the hope of further developing the European market. The company, which listed on the Australian Stock Exchange in July, aims to develop facilities in Britain and Spain.

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