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VET Legislation and Department Correspondence

The Directors of Site Group International Ltd (“Site”) advise that on 1 December 2016 parliament passed the *VET Student Loans Bills 2016* to enact the VET Student Loan (VSL) Scheme, and the *VET Student Loans (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016* to close down access to VET FEE-HELP assistance to new students from 1 January 2017.

As previously announced, Productivity Partners Pty Ltd (“Productivity Partners”) has been undergoing a process as part of the ongoing Industry wide review. This includes a review of Productivity Partners registrations and student participation which is expected to be formally completed shortly. Productivity Partners have received correspondence from DET advising that DET is considering suspending Productivity Partners ability to provide VET FEE-HELP assistance to new students under the VET FEE-HELP scheme.

Productivity Partners has a long and successful history in the education and training of students for roles in commerce and industry and wishes to continue to do so. It has submitted an application to be a provisionally approved VSL provider however any approval remains uncertain. Management will of course assess program viability under the new legislation by comparing the costs of course delivery with the Government support available

When the position with registration under the new scheme and full details become available Site will issue a statement in relation to the impact, if any, that the new arrangements will have on the results for FY17. In CY2016 Productivity Partners enrolled less than 25 VET FEE-HELP students.

Productivity Partners continues to work with the Department in relation to the 2015 reconciliation payments.

The Board will keep shareholders informed with any further developments.

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