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# NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company Limited Announces Record Profit & Dividend for the Half Year Ending 31 December 2017

Result Highlights:

\$6.9 million
Record Half Year After Tax Profit

+7.14%
Increase in Dividend

3.75 cents Fully Franked Record Dividend Declared

+12.45% 6 Month Investment Portfolio Performance

Friday, 16 February 2018: NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company (ASX: NCC) today announced its half year result for the 6-month period to 31 December 2017, reporting a record after-tax profit of \$6.9 million. NCC declared a record fully franked dividend of 3.75 cents per share, an increase of 7.14% on the prior comparative period.

#### Performance

For the half year ended 31 December 2017, the NCC investment portfolio produced a positive return of +12.45%, bringing the performance since inception to +132.84%\*. NAOS Chief Investment Officer and Managing Director Sebastian Evans stated:

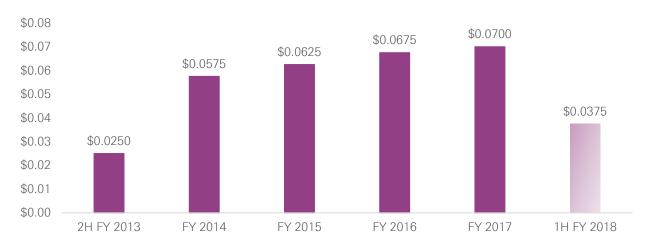
'It was pleasing to see the positive contributors spread across the NCC portfolio with numerous positions generating incremental performance. Two of the top contributors to the portfolio were CML Group and Big River Industries.'

Evans added 'We remain focused on value and the fundamentals of our investments over the long term, and regardless of the market noise and sentiment we will continue to focus on where we can add value for our investors and not try and predict market movements.'

### Fully Franked Dividends

The Board is pleased to announce a record dividend of 3.75 cents per share fully franked, bringing the dividend yield to 4.97% and the gross dividend yield to 7.10%. Total dividends since inception now total 32 cents per share fully franked. NCC Chairman David Rickards commented 'It is the Board's aim to continue to provide shareholders with a sustainable stream of growing fully franked dividends.'

## Dividend Profile - Historical Fully Franked Dividends



## Dividend Dates & Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP)

| Ex Dividend Date           | 12 March 2018 |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Record Date                | 13 March 2018 |
| Last Date for DRP Election | 14 March 2018 |
| Payment Date               | 28 March 2018 |

Investors can elect to participate in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP). Details of the DRP can be found at www.naos.com.au. To participate in the DRP investors will need to submit their DRP election by 5:00pm Wednesday, 14 March 2018 to BoardRoom Pty Limited, the share registry for NCC, either online through InvestorServe, by email to enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au or fax +61 2 9279 0664.

#### NAOS National Investor Presentations

Please join us at our NAOS March Investor Roadshows. For further information on the Investor Roadshows and to register please visit <a href="www.naos.com.au/naos-roadshow">www.naos.com.au/naos-roadshow</a> or contact the NAOS team on (02) 9002 1577 or at enquiries@naos.com.au.

- Adelaide 11:00am, Tuesday, 6 March 2018
- Canberra 11:00am, Wednesday 7 March 2018
- Brisbane 11:00am, Thursday 8 March 2018
- Melbourne 11:00am, Tuesday 13 March 2018
- Sydney 11:00am, Wednesday 14 March 2018
- Perth 11:00am, Thursday 15 March 2018

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