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CHANGES TO WDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wealth Defender Equities Limited (**ASX: WDE**) advises that, following the WAM Capital Limited takeover bid for the Company being declared unconditional today, Mr Geoff Wilson, Mr Lindsay Mann and Mr James Chirnside have been appointed as Directors of WDE. A summary of their skills and experience is set out below.

Mr Richard Morath, Mr Paul Clitheroe and Mr John Murray have subsequently resigned as Directors of WDE. Mr Alan Schoenheimer remains a Director of the Company to assist with the transition to the new Board, but has stepped down from the role of Chairman.

Following his appointment as Director, Mr Geoff Wilson was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company.

The Directors thank the retiring Directors, Mr Morath, Mr Clitheroe and Mr Murray, for their service to the Company since its initial public offering and listing in May 2015.

New Directors

Mr Geoff Wilson

Geoff Wilson has over 38 years' direct experience in investment markets having held a variety of senior investment roles in Australia, the UK and the US. Geoff founded Wilson Asset Management in 1997. Geoff created Australia's first listed philanthropic wealth creation vehicles, Future Generation Investment Company and Future Generation Global Investment Company. Geoff holds a Bachelor of Science, a Graduate Management Qualification and is a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Mr Lindsay Mann

Lindsay Mann has more than 40 years' financial services experience. He was formerly Chairman of Premium Investors Pty Limited (formerly Premium Investors Limited). Prior to that Lindsay was CEO (Singapore) and Regional Head Asia for First State Investments, the Asian business of Colonial First State Global Asset Management. Prior to this, Lindsay was CEO of AXA Investment Managers in Hong Kong. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and a Graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mr James Chirnside

James Chirnside has been involved in financial markets for over 30 years mainly as an equities fund manager across a broad range of sectors. James is currently Chairman and Managing Director of Dart Mining NL. Prior to this, James worked as a fund manager and proprietary metals trader in Sydney, Hong Kong, London, and Melbourne. Between 2002 and 2012, James ran equities fund manager Asia Pacific Asset Management. From 2000-2001, James worked for Challenger Financial Group in Sydney as a product manager responsible for hedge fund investments. During the 1990s, James managed frontier and emerging market hedge funds in Hong Kong and London for Regent Fund Management (now London AlM listed Charlemagne Capital). Between 1988 and 1992, James ran a proprietary trading book for County NatWest Investment Bank, based in London.

Sarah Prince

Company Secretary



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