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Dear Sir/Madam,

Company Update

In earlier announcements Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited (ASX: **APL** or the **Company**) has expressed its concern with the discount to net tangible assets (**NTA**) that the Company's shares have been trading at, and the Board's focus on addressing this. Since late last year up until the present, a small group of shareholders have continually approached the Board, both publicly and privately, to request that the directors seek to further address the discount.

A number of suggestions were made by these shareholders, which were in addition to actions already implemented by the Board, including: an accelerated on-market buy-back; an equal access buy-back at around NTA of the Company's shares, either as a one-off event or annually; that shareholders be asked to approve a winding-up of the Company, either now or subject to conditions such as the benchmark performance not being achieved or bettered by the 5th anniversary of the Company's listing; or that the Company be converted to an unlisted trust.

Since the 21 April 2020 EGM both the Company's independent directors as a group and subsequently the full Board have met and considered these suggestions and other possible solutions to narrow the NTA discount. In their deliberations directors have been cognisant that the Company has a binding 10 year management contract in place with the Manager, Antipodes Partners Limited, expiring October 2026. Material financial penalties exist for breach of this contract without the consent of the Manager, including early termination without cause.

Regarding the suggestions made by the small group of shareholders, the Board's position is:

1. **An equal access off market buy-back of the Company's shares at NTA.** When compared to an on-market buy-back at a discount to NTA, this is only beneficial to shareholders who sell into the buy-back and prejudices shareholders who do not sell into the buy-back.
2. **A winding-up of the Company if portfolio performance is below benchmark after five years.** The Board continually monitors the Manager's performance against each of the stated investment guidelines and the Company's objectives, in particular taking a long-term perspective. As noted above the Company has a binding 10 year contract in place with the Manager, and that contract has no termination event for below benchmark performance.

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3. **Converting to an unlisted unit trust.** The Company has the required scale, liquidity, research coverage and diverse shareholder base to be a successful listed investment company (**LIC**), unlike some smaller LICs that have converted/committed to convert to unit trusts of late.

With the above in mind, at its most recent directors' meeting held after the EGM, the Board resolved the following:

- It will continue with the current aggressive buy-back program which benefits all shareholders and, if required, may extend this further if the current limits are reached.
- There is no intention to alter the current structure of APL (being a closed-ended LIC) as this is what was promoted at the IPO in October 2016. There are both advantages and risks associated with the LIC structure, as was disclosed in the IPO prospectus and which are widely known by market participants.
- The Company will seek input from the Manager and consider any strategies proposed by the Manager aimed at reducing any trading discount to NTA.
- The Company will continue to take steps to improve its communication with existing and potential shareholders and to keep the market fully informed about the activities of the Company and the results achieved.

The directors will continue to review the situation on an ongoing basis.

This announcement is authorised by the Board.