ASX Announcement (SOV)



15 April 2024

Completion of Retail Entitlement Offer

Sovereign Cloud Holdings Limited (**AUCloud** or **Company** or **SOV**) (ASX:SOV) is pleased to announce the completion of the retail shortfall bookbuild (**Retail Bookbuild**) for the retail component of its 2.95 for 1 pro-rata accelerated renounceable entitlement offer (**Retail Entitlement Offer**) of new SOV fully paid ordinary share (**New Shares**).

The Retail Bookbuild represents the final stage of the entitlement offer announced on 18 March 2024 (**Entitlement Offer**).

Subject to settlement, the Entitlement Offer is expected to have raised new funds of approximately \$30 million.

Retail Bookbuild

Following the closure of the Retail Entitlement Offer, the Company had Retail Shortfall Shares of 206,099,125, representing \$6,182,974.

The Retail Shortfall Shares were offered for sale in the Retail Bookbuild conducted by the Lead Manager on Friday, 12 April 2024.

The Retail Bookbuild cleared at the Offer Price of \$0.03 per New Share.

Ineligible Shareholders or Eligible Retail Shareholders who renounced their Retail Entitlements will not receive any Retail Premium.

On the recommendation of the Lead Manager, the Company allocated all the Retail Shortfall Shares as follows:

- 52,355,123 to new and existing investors; and
- 153,744,002 to Directors, their related entities and NEXTDC¹ pursuant to their subunderwriting commitments made under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Capitalised terms that are not otherwise defined in this announcement, have the meanings given to those terms in the Retail Offer Booklet announced on the ASX on 25 March 2024.

¹ in order to ensure that NEXTDC's shareholding does not increase in breach of Chapter 6 of the Corporations Act 2001, a portion of NEXTDC's entitlement and Retail Shortfall Shares will settle on the settlement date for the Retail Entitlement Offer and the balance will settle following completion of the Acquisitions.

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Key Dates²

| Event | Date and Time |
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| Settlement of Retail Entitlement Offer | Wednesday, 17 April 2024 |
| Allotment of New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer | Thursday, 18 April 2024 |
| New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer commence trading on ASX | Friday, 19 April 2024 |
| Holding statements in respect of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer dispatched | Monday, 22 April 2024 |

If you have any further questions, you should contact your stockbroker, solicitor, accountant, financial adviser or other professional adviser.

Placement to CEO & Managing Director

Mr Peter Maloney (CEO and Managing Director) was allocated \$250,000 worth of Retail Shortfall Shares.

Mr Maloney had previously committed to \$736,592 of sub-underwriting commitments as part of the Retail Entitlement Offer. This was sized to be equivalent to Mr Maloney's full entitlement which was renounced upfront.

Subject to shareholder approval, and the payment by Mr Maloney of \$486,592, the Board proposes to issue his related entities with a further 16,219,733 shares at \$0.03 per share to ensure Mr Maloney is made whole and his shareholding is aligned with other shareholders who took up their full entitlements under the Entitlement Offer.

The Board intends to seek shareholder approval at the Company's next Annual Meeting.

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This ASX announcement was authorised for release by AUCloud's Board of Directors.

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AUCloud's Sovereign Cloud Service (laaS) and Cyber Security Solutions are underpinned by a range of security certifications, including "Certified Strategic" on Digital Transformation Agency's Hosting Certification Framework (HCF), assessed to the PROTECTED controls of the Australian Signals Directorate's (ASD) Information Security Manual (ISM) through to the Australian Cyber Security Centre's Cloud Assessment and Authorisation Framework (CAAF), inclusive of the Information Security Registered Assessors Program (IRAP) certification and ISO 27001. This provides AUCloud's customers with confidence that their data is secure and that services are delivered to the highest standards.