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Market Announcements Office ASX Limited 20 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Spheria Emerging Companies Limited (ASX: SEC) announces quarterly fully franked dividend of 3.5 cents per share

The Board of SEC has resolved to pay a quarterly dividend for the period ended 30 September 2024 of 3.5 cents per share, which will be payable on 12 November 2024. The dividend will be fully franked at the corporate tax rate of 30%.

The payment of the dividend is consistent with the Company's increased dividend target announced in June 2024 to pay dividends on a quarterly basis, at a level of 1.5% of post-tax NTA at the end of each calendar quarter, subject to available profits, cash flow and franking credits.

The dividend has been calculated based on the Company's post-tax NTA as at 30 September 2024 of \$2.354 per share, multiplied by 1.5%, giving rise to a fully franked dividend of 3.5 cents.

Details of the dividend are as follows:

Amount: 3.5 cents per share

Ex – Dividend Date: 22 October 2024

Dividend Record Date: 23 October 2024

Dividend Payment Date: 12 November 2024

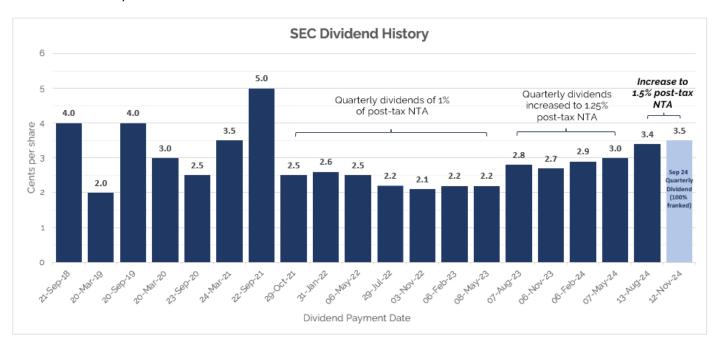
Commenting on current market conditions, Spheria Asset Management Pty Ltd (Investment Manager of SEC) said: "The portfolio performed strongly in the September 2024 quarter with an absolute return of 9.6%, which was well ahead of the benchmark's 6.5%. There remain pockets of significant valuation opportunity down the market cap spectrum particularly in interest rate sensitive names and cyclical companies that have been heavily discounted due to weak economic conditions precipitated by relatively high interest rates against a backdrop of record level of household indebtedness. Interest rate relief could trigger a significant rotation from expensive growth and large cap names where the market has been crowding to less well owned smaller companies, which would favour our portfolio positioning."

Please note that the Company's dividend reinvestment plan (**DRP**) is available for this dividend. Shareholders who would like to participate in the DRP for this dividend need to elect to do so by Thursday, 24 October 2024.

Shareholders can enrol at: <a href="https://investor.automic.com.au">https://investor.automic.com.au</a> or alternatively, please contact the Company's share registry, Automic, for assistance on 1300 902 587 (in Australia) / +61 2 7208 4521 (International).

Shareholders who would like to find out more about the DRP can visit the Company's website.

After payment of this dividend, the total dividends since the Company's IPO in December 2017 will be 58.6 cents per share.



At 30 September 2024, the value of the Company's franking account<sup>1</sup> was \$5.1m (8.5 cents per share). This is equivalent to 19.8 cents per share in fully-franked dividends at the Company tax rate of 30% and the Company presently maintains sufficient profit reserves for this value of dividends.

The Board will continue to monitor the Company's dividend policy based on prevailing market conditions.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Directors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After allowing for current tax assets receivable.