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## Retirement of Independent Director & New Board Appointment

NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company Limited (**Company**) advises that Mr David Rickards OAM has retired from his role as Independent Director, effective from today. Mr Robert Credaro has also been appointed to the Board as an Independent Director, effective from today.

## Retirement of Independent Director

David has been an Independent Director since the Company's inception in 2013 and served as the Company's inaugural Chair up until December 2022. The Board recognises and greatly appreciates David's invaluable dedication, integrity and sage counsel over the past 12 years and sincerely thanks him for his significant contribution to the Company.

Sarah Williams, Chair, commented:

"David has created an admirable legacy, having performed his role on the Board with an exemplary level of care, commitment and integrity. We thank him for his valuable contribution and wish him the very best for his future endeavours."

Speaking of his decision to retire, Mr Rickards said:

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served as an Independent Director of the Company. I feel that the time is now right for me to retire, and as a committed shareholder of the Company, I remain confident that the Company is well placed to deliver sound performance and returns to its shareholders."

## **New Board Appointment**

The Company is also pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Robert Credaro as an Independent Director of the Company, effective from today.

Robert has 34 years of experience as a financial services executive with extensive experience in equities research and portfolio management, private equity investing and superannuation. He was most recently Head of Public and Private Equity at Aware Super.

Prior to this role, he was the Chief Investment Officer of Macquarie Private Bank and a Division Director in Macquarie's private equity advisory and funds management business.

Robert started his financial services career at Macquarie Securities prior to which Robert worked in the Federal Treasury in Canberra. Robert holds a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from Sydney University, is a CFA Charterholder and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Speaking about the appointment, Sarah Williams, Chair, said:

"We are excited about Robert joining the Board; he is an excellent addition to the Board, bringing extensive financial services and investment experience and broad industry knowledge. He will complement the skillset of our existing directors and we look forward to his valuable input and perspective."

Authorised for release by the Board of NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company Limited.