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Former Director-General of ASIO David Irvine and former Minister for Finance and Deregulation Lindsay Tanner appointed as Non-Executive Directors to Covata's Board

Sydney, Australia – Covata Limited (ASX: CVT) are pleased to announce the appointments of Mr David Irvine and Mr Lindsay Tanner as independent Non-Executive Directors to its Board.

Mr David Irvine (AO)

Mr Irvine currently sits on the Foreign Investment Review Board whose role is to advise the Treasurer and the Government on Australia's Foreign Investment Policy and its administration. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the National Archives of Australia.

Prior to this, Mr Irvine was Director-General of Security in charge of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) from 2009 to 2014, and a member of the Board of the Australian Crime Commission from 2009 to 2014. Before this, he was Director-General of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) from 2003 to 2009.

Mr Irvine served with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (or its antecedents) for 33 years from 1970, with a professional focus on Australia's relations with the Asia-Pacific region. He was Australia's High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea from 1996 to 1999, and Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, North Korea and Mongolia from 2000 to 2003. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2005, for services to the promotion of Australia's international relations.

Covata Chairman, Charles Archer said: "David is a well-respected leader with over 45 years' of experience in the industry. We are delighted that he is joining Covata and look forward to his contributions to the Company's future growth."

Trent Telford, Covata's CEO said: "We are very excited to have someone of David's calibre join our Board with his deep understanding of the intelligence and cyber security landscape. His wealth of knowledge, experience and his network will be of significant value to Covata's Board and Management in providing strategic direction and support.

"It has been a privilege to spend time with David over the past month, and I look forward to working with him in 2017 as he assists Covata to achieve our objectives in the Australian and UK government markets."



Mr Lindsay Tanner

Mr Tanner is currently a special adviser for financial advisory firm Lazard, Australia, where he is directly involved in a range of advisory processes regarding major corporate mergers, acquisitions and capital raisings. He is also Chairman of Essendon Football Club, a Non-Executive Director for Virgin Australia International Holdings, a Member of First Principles Review of Department of Defence, a Member of the Australian Advisory Board for Canadian Steamships Ltd, Vice-Chancellor's Fellow for Victoria University, and Chairman for Mitchell Institute for Health and Education Research.

Mr Tanner has also held several parliamentary positions since 1996, including most recently the Minister for Finance and Deregulation from 2007 until 2010. Prior to that, his roles included Federal Opposition Policy Co-ordinator, Shadow Minister for Finance, Shadow Minister for Community Relationships, Shadow Minister for Communications, Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs and Shadow Minister for Transport.

He served on a number of parliamentary committees between 1993 and 2007 including House Economics, Finance and Public Administration Committee, House Communications Committee, Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit, House Transport Committee, Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities, and House Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Mr Tanner has also held honorary positions including Fellow, Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, Fellow, Certified Practising Accountants Australia, Chairman, Governance Advisory Panel and Governance Institute Member.

Charles Archer, Covata's Chairman said: "We look forward to the considerable expertise Lindsay will bring to the Company as we to continue to focus on building opportunities for our Safe Share and Delta products, as well as increasing long-term shareholder value."

Trent Telford, Covata's CEO said: "We are delighted to have Lindsay join our Board. We are already working together on a government initiative. He is well regarded and respected for both his political and business acumen, making him an excellent candidate to assist in driving the Company's strategic objectives across enterprise and government.

"He has developed many strong and enduring relationships with leading figures in the business community and has a wide network in education, industrial relations, public service and non-government organisations.

Mr David Irvine and Mr Lindsay Tanner officially commence their roles on 1 January 2017.

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