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ASX Announcement

**HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED
ACCELERATED PRO RATA NON-RENOUCEABLE RIGHTS ISSUE UPDATE**

Hawthorn Resources Limited ("Hawthorn") (ASX Code: HAW) is pleased to provide an update on the \$6 million pro rata non-renounceable rights (NRRI) as announced on Thursday 24 August 2017 ("Entitlement Offer") as follows:

(A) INSTITUTIONAL ENTITLEMENT OFFER COMPONENT

The institutional component of the Entitlement Offer ("Institutional Entitlement Offer") has raised \$1,586,279.44 from the applications and subscriptions for 39,656,986 new fully paid ordinary shares ("New Shares") at an issue price of \$0.04 a share.

The New Shares applied for under the Institutional Entitlement Offer are to be issued and commence trading on the official list of the ASX on Friday, 1 September 2017. With the quotation of the New Shares, the Company will have on issue a total of 210,929,630 fully paid ordinary shares. These shares form part of the 150,000,000 shares included in the Company's Appendix 3B notice as lodged with the ASX on Thursday, 24 August 2017.

(B) RETAIL ENTITLEMENT OFFER COMPONENT

The Retail Offer Document ("Document"), together with a personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form, has today been dispatched to the Company's eligible retail shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand.

Eligible retail shareholders will be able to apply for 1 New Share for every 1.141757626 fully paid ordinary shares held as at 7.00 p.m. (AEST) on Monday, 28 August 2017 ("Record Date") at the same offer price of \$0.04 a New Share as the Institutional Entitlement Offer.

The retail component of the Entitlement Offer ("Retail Entitlement Offer") opens today, Thursday, 31 August 2017, and will close, unless extended, at 5.00 p.m. (AEST) on Monday, 11 September 2017.

The New Shares arising under the Retail Entitlement Offer will be allotted, unless the Offer has been extended, on Monday, 18 September 2017 and are expected to commence trading on the official list of the ASX on Tuesday, 19 September 2017.

The Board of Directors of Hawthorn encourage the Company's eligible retail shareholders to read carefully the Document for the details relating to the Retail Entitlement Offer.

The Document is available on the Company's website at www.hawthornresources.com and on the Company's ASX webpage under code HAW.

**For further information please contact Hawthorn's Company Secretary, Mr Mourice Garbutt.
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This announcement may not be released or distributed in the United States. This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, securities in the United States. The entitlements and the New Shares to be offered and sold in the Entitlement Offer have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 ("US Securities Act") or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the United States unless they are offered and sold pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and applicable US state securities laws.

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements and comments about future events. Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as, 'expect', 'anticipate', 'likely', 'intend', 'should', 'could', 'may', 'predict', 'plan', 'propose', 'will', 'believe', 'forecast', 'estimate', 'target' and other similar expressions within the meaning of securities laws of applicable jurisdictions. Indications of, and guidance or outlook on, future earnings or financial position or performance are also forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and there is a risk that such predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved.

A number of important factors could cause Hawthorn's actual results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward looking statements and many of these factors are beyond Hawthorn's control. Refer to the various risk factors in the Investor Presentation released to ASX on Thursday, 24 August 2017. Forward-looking statements are provided as a general guide only, and should not be relied on as an indication or guarantee of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainty and other factors, many of which are outside the control of Hawthorn. As such, undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statement. Past performance information given in this announcement is given for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily a guide to future performance and no representation or warranty is made by any person as to the likelihood of achievement or reasonableness of any forward-looking statements, forecast financial information or other forecast. Nothing contained in this announcement is to be relied upon as, a promise, representation, warranty or guarantee as to the past, present or the future performance of Hawthorn.

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New Zealand

This document does not constitute a New Zealand product disclosure statement or other disclosure document and has not been registered, filed with or approved by any New Zealand regulatory authority under or in connection with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (NZ). Participation in New Zealand in the Entitlement Offer is open only to persons to whom financial products may be offered in New Zealand pursuant to the Financial Markets Conduct (Incidental Offers) Exemption Notice 2016 (or any replacement of that notice). The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products. The offer of New Shares may involve a currency exchange risk as they will be quoted on the ASX in Australian dollars.

If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriately qualified financial adviser.