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ASX Limited**ASX Code: EAS****Divestment of Equity Interest in First Financial**

The directors of Easton Investments Limited (**Easton** or **the Company**) advise that a formal notice has been given to Easton by the other (75%) shareholder in First Financial Pty Limited (**First Financial**) of its intention to exercise its option to acquire Easton's 25% equity interest in First Financial on or before 3 June 2020.

A fair value gain of \$1.48 million was recognised in the Company's financial statements at 30 June 2019 in anticipation of the option being exercised pursuant to the terms of the option deed.

The sale proceeds of \$3.0 million will be used to reduce borrowings which were increased earlier this year for the purpose of funding the acquisition of a 60% interest in Tax Banter Pty Limited, a leading national provider of in-house training to the accounting profession.

The sale of the Company's 25% interest in First Financial will:

- strengthen the Company's balance sheet
- remove a minority interest in a non-core asset
- simplify the Company's asset holdings, and
- allow the Company to focus on and provide scope for further investment in core businesses or assets.

Mr. Kevin White, the Chairman of Easton, has represented the Company on the First Financial Board. He has been invited to continue as a non-executive director of First Financial.

The sale proceeds are to be paid within 60 days of the actual exercise date.

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