

# ASX/MEDIA RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 24 May 2021

#### **CROWN SUBORDINATED NOTES II UPDATE**

**MELBOURNE: Crown Resorts Limited (ASX: CWN) (Crown)** refers to Crown Subordinated Notes II (ASX:CWNHB) (Notes II), which are subordinated, unsecured notes issued by Crown. The total principal amount of Notes II outstanding is \$630 million.

Subject to the terms of issue of Notes II (Terms)<sup>1</sup>, Crown may elect to redeem Notes II at its option on 23 July 2021 (the First Call Date) or on any Interest Payment Date thereafter.

Having regard to the impact of COVID-19 on Crown's businesses and the various regulatory investigations, the Crown Board has decided not to redeem Notes II on the First Call Date.

Subject to there being no major change in circumstance, Crown intends to review the role of Notes II in its capital structure in around 12 months' time, at which point Crown expects to have improved certainty on its operational and regulatory position.

In the meantime, Noteholders will continue to receive quarterly interest payments in accordance with the Terms. The next scheduled Interest Payment Date is 14 June 2021.

The Equity Credit classification that was ascribed to Notes II by Standard & Poor's from the Issue Date is expected to change from "Intermediate" (50%) to "Minimal" (0%) from the First Call Date.

A copy of a letter from the Executive Chairman to all Noteholders is attached.

## **ENDS**

This announcement was authorised for release by the Crown Board.

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### **COPIES OF RELEASES**

Copies of previous media and ASX announcements issued by Crown are available on Crown's website at <a href="https://www.crownresorts.com.au">www.crownresorts.com.au</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Terms are set out in the prospectus issued by Crown and dated 25 March 2015 (Prospectus). The Prospectus (including the Terms) can be viewed at [https://www.crownresorts.com.au/Investors-Media/ASX-Media-Releases/2015/25-03-2015-Offer-Opens-for-Crown-Subordinated-Note]. Capitalised terms used but not defined in this market release have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.



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# CROWN RESORTS LIMITED CROWN SUBORDINATED NOTES II EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Noteholder.

Crown continues to find itself operating in an uncertain environment given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Crown's businesses and various regulatory investigations.

Since March 2020, Crown has been directed by relevant State and Federal Governments to suspend its gaming activities and other non-essential services for various periods of time. While Crown Melbourne and Crown Perth are currently trading, and Crown Sydney has commenced non-gaming operations, performance continues to be impacted by COVID-19 related operating restrictions, including capacity limits and physical distancing protocols, and short-term Government-mandated closures.

Crown is also responding to a range of regulatory matters including the findings of the NSW Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority Inquiry, the Royal Commission into Crown Melbourne, the Western Australian Royal Commission and the enforcement investigation by AUSTRAC. Crown is fully cooperating in relation to these regulatory processes.

At the same time, Crown is continuing to implement its Reform Agenda as we seek to restore public and regulatory confidence in our operations.

Crown has been considering options to ensure the group maintains a strong capital position throughout this period of uncertainty, while balancing the interests of Noteholders and other stakeholders.

Subject to the terms of issue of Crown's Subordinated Notes II (ASX:CWNHB) (Notes II) (Terms), <sup>1</sup> Crown may elect to redeem Notes II at its option on 23 July 2021 (the First Call Date) or on any Interest Payment Date thereafter.

Having regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Crown's businesses and the various regulatory investigations, the Crown Board has decided not to redeem Notes II on the First Call Date.

Subject to there being no major change in circumstance, Crown intends to review the role of Notes II in its capital structure in around 12 months' time, at which point Crown expects to have improved certainty on its operational and regulatory position.

In the meantime, Noteholders will continue to receive quarterly interest payments in accordance with the Terms. The next scheduled Interest Payment Date is 14 June 2021. You can also continue to buy and sell Notes II on the Australian Securities Exchange.

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While I acknowledge that some Noteholders may have expected that Notes II would be redeemed on the First Call Date, the Crown Board has sought an outcome that balances the interests of all stakeholders during this period of uncertainty.

An announcement advising the market of Crown's decision was lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange on 24 May 2021. This announcement, as well as copies of previous media and ASX announcements issued by Crown, is available on Crown's website at www.crownresorts.com.au.

We will continue to keep you updated in relation to your Notes II holding. If you require any further information, please contact Computershare on 1300 659 795.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Helen Coonan Executive Chairman Crown Resorts Limited