

# ASX Announcement



**27 February 2024**

## **QANTM RESPONSE TO MEDIA SPECULATION**

QANTM Intellectual Property Limited (**QANTM**) confirms, in response to recent media speculation, that it has received a non-binding indicative proposal from Rouse International Holdings Limited (**Rouse**) in relation to a potential acquisition of all the shares in QANTM (**Proposal**).

Rouse is a UK-based international intellectual property firm operating in 12 jurisdictions, with a significant emphasis on the Asia Pacific region. It is highly complementary in both geographic and service lines to QANTM. It does not have a physical presence in Australia.

The Proposal is subject to a number of conditions, including completion of satisfactory due diligence, and negotiation and execution of transaction documentation.

Following careful consideration, including the potential strategic benefits of a combination of two complementary businesses, the QANTM Board has agreed to Rouse's request to conduct due diligence with a view to putting forward a binding offer capable of being considered by shareholders.

Given the early stage nature of discussions there is no certainty a transaction capable of being considered by shareholders will eventuate.

The QANTM Board recommends that shareholders take no action at this time.

QANTM confirms that it is in compliance with the ASX Listing Rules, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1, and will keep shareholders fully informed in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations.

QANTM has appointed MA Moelis Australia as financial adviser and Gilbert + Tobin as legal adviser.

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**This announcement has been authorised by the QANTM Board for release through the ASX Market Announcements Platform.**

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## **QANTM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIMITED ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **About QANTM Intellectual Property**

QANTM Intellectual Property Limited (QANTM, ASX: QIP) is the owner of a group of leading intellectual property (IP) services businesses operating in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong under key brands Davies Collison Cave, DCC Advanz Malaysia, Davies Collison Cave Law, FPA Patent Attorneys, and Sortify.tm Ltd (including Sortify's brands – DIY Trademarks, Trademarks Online and Trademark Planet). With more than 150 highly qualified professionals and over 380 employees, the businesses within the QANTM Group have a strong track record in providing a comprehensive suite of services across the IP value chain to a broad range of Australian and international clients, ranging from start-up technology businesses to Fortune 500 multinationals, public research institutions and universities.

### **About Rouse**

Rouse was established in the UK in 1990, and is recognised as a global Intellectual Property leader with more than 700 people working out of 18 offices in 12 jurisdictions, including challenging markets such as Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Rouse focuses exclusively on Intellectual Property, from strategic consulting, patents and trade marks through to domain names, copyright, designs and geographical indications.