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### Revised capital allocation framework and launch of US\$25 million on-market buyback

Karooon is pleased to announce a revised capital allocation framework that provides clear guidance for shareholders on Karoon's approach to capital returns on a go forward basis.

Karooon's priority is to ensure safe and reliable operations. Karoon believes that this will maximise shareholder value while maintaining a strong, flexible balance sheet to help fund value accretive growth and capital returns to shareholders.

Karooon's revised capital allocation framework includes the following principles:

- Investing in, and maximising value from, our existing assets.
- Pursuing growth opportunities that meet strict investment criteria and achieve material value accretion for shareholders.
- Delivering annual capital returns to shareholders of 20-40% of underlying Net Profit After Tax (NPAT)<sup>1</sup> via cash dividends and/or share buybacks, subject to market conditions and Board approval.
- Consideration of additional shareholder returns during periods of elevated oil prices and/or where alternate, value accretive uses of excess cash are not identified.

The principles outlined above have been formalised into a capital returns policy which has been approved by the Board.

Karooon intends to apply its capital returns policy from the 2024 half year results, based on underlying NPAT for the six months to 30 June 2024. This may provide an opportunity to distribute the value of Karoon's franking credit balance to shareholders.

In addition to the implementation of the new capital returns policy from the 2024 half year results, Karoon intends to undertake a US\$25 million on-market share buyback ("Buy Back") in accordance with s 257B of the Corporations Act. Subject to regulatory constraints, the Company intends to commence implementing the Buy Back following the announcement of the quarterly results today, with the Buy Back being executed over the period through to 31 December 2024. The number of shares purchased under the Buy Back will depend on the prevailing share price, market conditions and regulatory considerations.

Karooon Chairman, Peter Botten, commented:

*"The past four years have been transformational for Karoon. The announcement of our updated capital allocation framework and capital returns policy represents another significant milestone for the Company, with capital returns one of the key components of our stated 2021 Strategy.*

*Following the successful completion of the Baúna interventions, Patola development and the Who Dat acquisition in the US Gulf of Mexico, the Company has now achieved a stable and diversified production base that allows for capital returns to shareholders.*

*Our capital returns policy includes a commitment to distribute 20% to 40% of underlying NPAT to shareholders by way of a dividend and/or share buyback, subject to market conditions and Board approval. Karoon believes this policy strikes the right balance between rewarding our shareholders while also retaining sufficient capital to maintain a robust balance sheet and reinvest in the business.*

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<sup>1</sup> Underlying NPAT defined as net profit after tax excluding any non-recurring items

*The Board considers that the Company's current share price is not reflective of the significant value that has been created over the past four years. Consequently, in addition to any capital returns announced with the 2024 half year results, Karoon intends to launch today a US\$25 million on-market share buyback, which we believe will create value for the remaining shares on issue.*

*Further details will be provided at our 2024 half year results, due to be released on 28 August 2024."*

This announcement was authorised by the Board of Karoon Energy Ltd.

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Karoon's vision is to be a leading, independent international energy company that adapts to a dynamic world in an entrepreneurial and innovative way. Karoon's purpose is to provide energy safely, reliably and responsibly, creating lasting benefits for all its stakeholders.

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