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Shareholder Update – regulatory capital requirements

Further to previous announcements regarding regulatory capital requirements and a more efficient capital funding structure, EQT Holdings provides the following update.

Firstly, ASIC has provided a further period of relief to allow the EQT Group to hold a reduced level of Net Tangible Assets (NTA) for regulatory purposes. The previous relief period, as announced in our Shareholder Update of 3 July 2015, applied from 1 July to 31 December 2015. In late December 2015 ASIC advised the company that a further period of relief, from 1 January to 30 June 2016, would be provided. The minimum NTA that the Group is required to hold for regulatory purposes under this relief, $32m, is unchanged.

Secondly, in anticipation of the ultimate expiry of the ASIC capital relief, the Group has put in place an unsecured loan facility with a major bank, effective 1 January 2016. This facility will enable the Group to meet its increased capital obligations on 1 July 2016 via debt; if it is determined that debt funding is the most advantageous avenue at that time.

At the planned expiry of the ASIC relief on 1 July 2016, we expect that additional capital of $15-20m above the current level will be required.

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