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## ASX Announcement

### **Empired earns Microsoft Azure Expert Managed Services Provider (MSP) status**

Empired has earned the prestigious Microsoft Azure Expert Managed Services Provider (MSP) status, after undergoing a rigorous, independent technical audit to ensure its capabilities meet Microsoft standards.

This recognises Empired as one of only 77 Microsoft partners globally with the proven expertise and capability to deliver the highest quality of managed end-to-end Microsoft Azure cloud services, from initial planning and design through to implementation, operation and optimisation.

Jaen Snyman, solution director – modern work, security & Azure, Empired, said, "This achievement is the culmination of many months of hard work by an extremely talented team and it is rewarding to finally be independently recognised as one of the very best in the world".

"Attaining Microsoft's highest cloud and managed services certification is unique with very few other certified service providers in the ANZ region.

"Empired is also the first Microsoft Azure Expert MSP partner to fully adopt Microsoft Azure Lighthouse as the core of its Cloud Management Platform (CMP), combined with its Azure DevOps accelerators, to provide a world-class service. This design retains the native Microsoft Azure tools as much as possible significantly reducing operating costs for our customers and providing a key competitive advantage for Empired in the market."

Jaen Snyman said, "As a specialist Microsoft partner, Empired will continue to work closely with Microsoft to ensure its managed service offering evolves with Azure, to allow new features and capabilities to be natively included in its service."

Rachel Bondi, chief partner officer, Microsoft Australia, said, "Empired's people, services, processes and technologies are world class as evidenced by its newly-minted Azure Expert MSP certification. Microsoft's leading global partners are distinguished by this certification, which sends a strong signal regarding their exceptional skills and capabilities in cloud and digital transformation. Empired is a long standing, valued partner of Microsoft, and I congratulate the whole team for this impressive achievement."

In closing Empired, Managing Director, Russell Baskerville said "We are privileged to have such a strong alliance with Microsoft. Our team have delivered an exceptional effort to design a cloud managed services offering endorsed by Microsoft's highest certification. As we contest a number of material managed services contracts over the coming months this certification will build on our differentiation and competitive advantage."

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#### **About Empired Limited**

Empired Limited is an international IT Services Provider with a broad range of capabilities and a reputation for delivering enterprise class IT services and solutions. Established in 1999, Empired is a publicly listed company (ASX: EPD) formed in Western Australia.

With a team of over 1,000 people located throughout Australia, New Zealand, North America and Asia, Empired has built a reputation for service excellence and is a leading provider of business technology solutions to both government and private sectors. We work with clients, leveraging technology solutions to deliver their organisations improved efficiency, productivity and competitive advantage.

Empired provides a broad range of services enabling 'end-to-end' advice and solutions assisting our clients through their digital transformation journey and ensuring robust ongoing lifecycle management.

Our flexible service delivery approach and "can do" attitude has enabled Empired to secure clients that range from medium size entities through to some of the world's largest long standing enterprise's accounts with services delivered across Australia, New Zealand, South East Asia and beyond.

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