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# New appointments reflect intent to develop the board's *Asia Vision* and to build a new property group

- Property developer Mr CK Kho appointed Chairman
- Banking professional Mr Peter Mackinlay appointed Deputy Chairman
- Mr Shawn Kao joins board as non-executive director
- Ms Siew Goh appointed interim COO
- Mr Simon Tillbrook appointed as General Manager

Land & Homes Group Limited (ASX: LHM or "Land & Homes") is pleased to advise the appointment of Mr Choon Keng (CK) Kho as Non-Executive Chairman and Mr Peter Mackinlay as Non-Executive Deputy Chairman of the Company's board. Both were already board members of the Company.

Additionally, the board of Land & Homes has been further strengthened with the appointment of Mr Shawn Kao as a Non- Executive Director.

Mr CK Kho is the Executive Chairman of the Singapore-based Lian Huat Group, and has extensive experience in developing major property projects in Australia, Singapore and China.

After joining Lian Huat Group, Mr Kho was responsible in upgrading and modernizing the group's management system and expansion plan while preserving the qualities of the traditional Chinese ethics and culture to lead the group to be one with the international perspectives and practices and yet nimble with long-term vision.

Among other directorships, he also serves on the board of ASX listed LionHub Group Limited as Non-Executive Chairman.

Mr Peter Mackinlay is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Fellow of FINSEA and a Life Member of the Overseas Bankers Association of Australia.

He has been in the banking industry since 1961, having commenced with the National Bank of Australasia in managerial roles in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

In 1995, Mr Mackinlay was recruited by Singapore based Overseas Union Bank Limited as Regional Head for Australia and New Zealand. From 2001, Mr Mackinlay was appointed as Head of Australasia, Overseas Union Bank of Singapore and retired in March 2014 when he was CEO of

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Australia and New Zealand of United Overseas Bank, Singapore, following the merger with Overseas Union Bank.

In April 2002 Mr Mackinlay was appointed by the Singapore Government as the Honorary Business Representative (Sydney) for International Enterprise Singapore and held that position until 31st December 2008.

Mr Shawn Kao is an experienced investment and real estate professional with extensive expertise in China and Singapore. Among his executive and non-executive roles in Asia and China, he is currently Chairman of San Teh Ltd, an SGX listed company with extensive business in China and Singapore, which include real estate, hotel investment and manufacturing.

In addition, Mr Kao actively involves himself in trade associations, having assumed the leadership positions of Vice President at the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Chamber of Commerce in 2004, providing assistance to those who are interested in running businesses in China and promoting investment in China.

San Teh Xing Investment Pte Ltd's own a 16% interest in the Land & Homes Group.

Land & Homes has elected to appoint an interim Chief Operating Officer while it seeks to secure an appropriately qualified and experienced candidate for the new role. The Company had previously appointed Mr Gim Hwee Eng, and he had accepted the role on 27 October 2015. Unfortunately, Mr Eng has advised the board that he is now no longer able to take up the position based in Australia.

For the immediate term, and as an interim solution, Ms Siew Goh has been appointed as COO. She has a diverse range of industry skills and experience in the areas of international corporate events management, marketing communication and strategic relations.

As well as being a Director of LHM, Ms Goh is the Head of Operations of LionHub Group Limited, and has extensive experience working in regional corporate environment. Prior to this, Ms Goh was an Associate Director in a Singapore based investment company, Temasek Holdings Limited (one of the biggest sovereign fund managers in the world) and has also spent several years working in Temasek's subsidiaries, Temasek Management Services Pty Ltd and Singapore Technologies Pte Ltd.

Ms Goh will not receive any additional remuneration or benefits in relation to this interim appointment.

In addition to the COO, Land & Homes has appointed Mr Simon Tillbrook as General Manager.

Mr Tillbrook was previously General Manager for BLH. At Land & Homes he will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Company's plans in accordance with the board's strategy and to project-manage all property projects undertaken by Land & Homes.

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Mr Tillbrook has approximately 25 years' experience in the property industry having qualified as a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (United Kingdom) in 1991. Most recently he was the Manager of GreenPlus Property Services, which is the property arm of Environmental Earth Sciences. In that capacity he was responsible for delivery and implementation of property related professional services, including project management services of various property related refurbishments, a large scale demolition project, and a large scale industrial bioremediation project.

#### Asia Vision for the new property group

The appointments reflect the Company's commitment to strengthening its capabilities in real estate development and on servicing the growing needs of property investors from Asia.

Through its directors, Land & Homes will have strong ties to Asian markets. As a result, the Company will be well positioned to meet the needs of the growing number of offshore investors from the wider Asian region, including from Singapore and China, as well as local investors and residents.

The Land & Homes' strategy involves the development of quality, medium to high-density residential apartments for an expanding market in the strong sustainable growth region of South East Queensland, which is already establishing its names as a property investment destination in Asia.

To commence the implementation of this strategy, and following the successful recent fund raising the Company has exercised an option to acquire a 2,433sqm property located at 207 Wharf Street, Spring Hill, adjacent to the Brisbane CBD, with completion expected on 22 February. Land & Homes plans to redevelop the existing property as a multi-storey residential development of up to 30 levels (comprising 389 apartments), subject to approvals by the Brisbane City Council.

In the longer term, the Company intends to expand its property investment and development operations Australia -wide.

Land & Homes will also explore the possibility of joint ventures and further fund raising with Asian parties who are known to its Directors.

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# **About Land & Homes Group Limited**

Land & Homes Group Limited (LHM) is a property development company focused on the acquisition of prime sites for project development into quality residential, commercial and mixed-use

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apartments. The Company's strategy is to become a company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in the property development sector, with a diverse portfolio of high-yield properties and projects at various stages of development and construction.

The Company's operations have been established in Brisbane to develop quality, medium to high-density residential apartments for an expanding market in the strong sustainable growth region of South East Queensland. Initially concentrating the business activity on Brisbane city, the residential products are to be developed in attractive convenient locations of inner Brisbane area suitable for a balance of both investors and owner occupiers.

The Company is well placed to leverage the credentials and track record of its major shareholder, the Lian Huat Group, in property development in Australia with strong networks and insight into the needs of investors from Asia. With this experience, LHM will realise its *Asia Vision* through the establishment of an experienced management team that has expertise in Australia's property market, urban planning, project management and finance, along with an intimate knowledge of the appetite and demands of the significant Asian market.

Land & Homes Group intends to make its flagship Wharf Street project in Brisbane the first of many such residential developments, transforming *Asia's inspiration* into *Australia's landmark*.

Please visit the Company web site for additional details: <a href="http://www.landnhomesgroup.com/irm/content/default.aspx">http://www.landnhomesgroup.com/irm/content/default.aspx</a>