

Bapcor Limited (ASX: BAP)

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Bapcor Limited gives notice of intention to make a takeover offer for 100% of the fully paid shares in Hellaby Holdings Limited and launches Equity Raising to partially fund the transaction

# **Highlights**

- Bapcor Limited ("Bapcor"), (formerly Burson Group Limited), today announced its intention to make a cash takeover offer (the "Offer") for 100% of the fully paid shares in Hellaby Holdings Limited ("Hellaby").
- Hellaby is a publicly listed entity on the New Zealand Stock Exchange trading as a holding company with operations in automotive distribution and wholesaling in Australia and New Zealand.
- Hellaby also owns businesses in resource services and footwear retailing. If Bapcor is successful in acquiring Hellaby, Bapcor will conduct a strategic review with the intention of divesting businesses that are identified as noncore.
- Hellaby's automotive distribution and wholesaling operations represent a
  highly complementary fit to Bapcor's existing trade focused distribution
  business. The proposed transaction will enable Bapcor to enter the New
  Zealand automotive parts market and use its scale and proven industry
  expertise to improve the service and range of products offered in New
  Zealand while looking for opportunities to expand further in New Zealand
  (as it has successfully in Australia).
- Bapcor is offering NZ\$3.30 cash for all the ordinary shares in Hellaby, representing an equity valuation of NZ\$322million for 100% of the issued share capital on a fully diluted basis, and an 18% premium to the 3 month volume weighted average price.



- Registered Hellaby Shareholders as at 23 September 2016 will receive Hellaby's FY16 final dividend of 12.5 cents per share, payable on 30 September 2016. The Offer has no impact on payment of that dividend to those Hellaby Shareholders. If these Hellaby shareholders accept the Offer, and the Offer becomes unconditional, they will receive the Offer price of NZ\$3.30 per share in addition to the dividend of 12.5 cents to be paid on 30 September 2016.
- Bapcor has entered into irrevocable agreements with shareholders representing approximately 30% of the total issued capital of Hellaby, including Hellaby's largest shareholder, representing 27.2%, to accept the Offer.
- Bapcor expects the transaction to be fully funded by a combination of current cash holdings and debt facilities, a new acquisition facility with the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group ("ANZ"), and A\$185 million to be raised via a fully underwritten Institutional Placement ("Placement") and a Share Placement Plan ("SPP") to existing Bapcor shareholders. The SPP will not be underwritten.
- The Offer to Hellaby shareholders will be subject to the conditions detailed within the Offer Document to be sent to Hellaby's shareholders, including:
  - The receipt by Bapcor of acceptances which will result in Bapcor becoming the holder or controller of more than 90% of the voting rights in Hellaby;
  - Bapcor obtaining any consent required under the New Zealand Overseas Investment Act 2005 and New Zealand Overseas Investment Regulations 2005 for Bapcor to complete the acquisition of Hellaby shares; and
  - The completion of the sale of Hellaby's Equipment division.
- The proposed acquisition represents a strategic expansion of Bapcor's operations and, if successful, would establish a presence in the New Zealand market and strengthen its position in the Australian automotive aftermarket industry. The proposed acquisition is expected to be EPS accretive to Bapcor shareholders. Bapcor intends to provide further guidance to shareholders subject to the success of the Offer.
- The acquisition, if successful, is expected to be completed in December 2016.



# **Business Overview of Hellaby**

Hellaby is a publicly listed entity on the New Zealand Stock Exchange trading as a holding company, with operations in New Zealand, Australia and internationally. It operates through four divisions: Automotive, Resource Services, Footwear and Equipment. On 29 June 2016, a conditional sale and purchase agreement was entered into by Hellaby for the sale of the Equipment division to Maui Capital Aqua Fund. The sale of the Equipment division is now unconditional and is expected to settle on 30 September 2016<sup>1</sup>.

As of 30 June 2016, Hellaby employed 3,000 staff and posted revenue and EBITDA (after corporate costs) of NZ\$795.5 million and NZ\$46.8 million<sup>2</sup> respectively.

## Automotive Division

- The Automotive division comprises a network of over 120 specialist wholesale and trade businesses across New Zealand and Australia, which operate within three key market segments – mechanical, auto-electrical and tyre & wheel.
  - The specialist wholesale business includes approximately 60 stores across
     Australia and New Zealand that are operated under different brands. Key
     Australian wholesale brands include JAS, Federal Batteries, PAT and Diesel
     Distributors. Key New Zealand wholesale brands include Autolign, HCB, TRS,
     JAS and Diesel Distributors.
  - The trade business includes approximately 60 stores in New Zealand that are operated under the BNT and Truck & Trailer Parts brands.
  - In May 2016, Hellaby acquired Premier Auto Trade Pty Limited in Australia, an importer and wholesaler of quality electronic fuel injection, engine management and service components to the Australian automotive aftermarket. Hellaby expected the business to deliver A\$22 million in sales and A\$2.6 million in Trading EBIT in FY2017.
- As of 30 June 2016, the Automotive division employed more than 800 staff and accounted for FY2016 revenue of NZ\$259.8 million and FY2016 EBITDA of NZ\$26.8 million<sup>3</sup> (before corporate costs).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per Hellaby's NZX release on 23 September 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Inclusive of the Equipment division which has been contracted for sale; continuing revenue and EBITDA (after corporate costs), excluding the Equipment division, represented NZ\$570.1 and NZ\$34.0 million respectively; corporate costs represented NZ\$8.1 million in FY2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Inclusive of approximately two months contribution from Premier Auto Trade Pty Limited, acquired by Hellaby in May 2016



# Resource Services Division

- The Resource Services division is a specialist international technical services group that operates in a number of countries and services clients that own and operate processing facilities in the oil, gas, petrochemical, mineral, electrical generator and pulp and paper sectors.
- On 1 July 2016, Hellaby acquired a 100% shareholding in the TBS Group, a specialist industrial asset maintenance provider, providing key maintenance services to a wide range of New Zealand clients in the oil and gas, agricultural, construction and power generation markets. Hellaby has indicated that the TBS Group is generating approximately NZ\$85 million in revenue and is expected to add approximately NZ\$8 million<sup>4</sup> in annualised EBIT to the Resource Services division in FY2017.
- As of 30 June 2016, the division employed 900 staff and accounted for FY2016 revenue of NZ\$176.0 million and FY2016 EBITDA of NZ\$11.0 million (before corporate costs).

### Footwear Division

- The Footwear division owns three retail chains and operates a total of 117 stores across New Zealand, including New Zealand's largest specialist discount footwear chain, Number One Shoes.
- As of 30 June 2016, the division employed more than 1,000 staff and accounted for FY2016 revenue of NZ\$137.3 million and FY2016 EBITDA of NZ\$4.3 million (before corporate costs).

# Financial Position

Hellaby announced Net Debt of NZ\$83.3 million as at 30 June 2016. Subsequent to the balance date:

- On 1 July 2016 Hellaby paid NZ\$40.5 million in cash to part fund settlement of the TBS Group acquisition; and
- Hellaby has declared a 12.5 cent per share dividend, representing NZ\$12.2 million, to be paid on 30 September 2016.

Hellaby had previously announced the conditional sale of the Equipment division to Maui Capital Aqua Fund for NZ\$81 million. The sale of the Equipment division is now unconditional and is expected to settle on 30 September 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As indicated by Hellaby on its FY2016 annual report



## **Transaction Rationale**

Hellaby represents a highly complementary fit to Bapcor's existing trade focused distribution business and would enable Bapcor to enter the New Zealand automotive parts market.

Bapcor believes that the potential acquisition:

- Complements Bapcor's existing trade-focused distribution business;
- Facilitates entry into New Zealand automotive parts market;
- Increases Bapcor's Specialist Wholesale business in Australia and provides growth opportunities into New Zealand;
- Increases Bapcor's scale and is expected to strengthen Bapcor's competitive position;
- Provides an opportunity to leverage Bapcor's retail distribution channels to expand the reach of Hellaby's product offering;
- Provides an opportunity to expand the product offering of the Hellaby business in Australia into other areas of Bapcor's expertise; and
- Is expected to be EPS accretive to Bapcor shareholders. Bapcor intends to provide further guidance to shareholders subject to the success of the Offer.

Darryl Abotomey, Managing Director of Bapcor, commented, "The potential acquisition of Hellaby represents a unique and exciting opportunity to establish Bapcor's position in the New Zealand trade and specialist wholesale automotive aftermarket parts industry while further expanding our wholesale and distribution business in Australia. We see this as a substantial opportunity for the staff of both Hellaby and Bapcor, which will provide enhanced opportunities in the Automotive Aftermarket in Australia and New Zealand".

# **Changes to the Business Activities Of Hellaby**

Bapcor will conduct a strategic integration review of the Hellaby business with the intention of divesting businesses that are identified as non-core. These businesses may include the Resource Services division and the Footwear division.

### **Funding**

The transaction is expected to be fully funded through a combination of current cash holdings and debt facilities, a new acquisition facility provided by ANZ, and funds raised via a fully underwritten Institutional Placement. Bapcor will also offer a Share Placement Plan to existing Bapcor shareholders to enable participation in the equity offering. The Share Purchase Plan will not be underwritten.



# Institutional Placement Details

The Placement to eligible sophisticated, professional and other institutional investors to raise approximately A\$165 million will be conducted via a bookbuild today in both Australia and selected international jurisdictions. The Placement Price is fully underwritten at A\$5.85 per new Share.

This Placement Price represents a:

- 5.0% discount to the closing price of A\$6.16 per Share on 26 September 2016, being the last trading day prior to announcement of the Placement; and
- 4.6% discount to the 5 day VWAP of A\$6.13 per Share up to 26 September 2016 being the last trading day prior to announcement of the Placement.

The Placement represents approximately 11.4% of Shares on issue, is within Bapcor's existing capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and accordingly no shareholder approval is required in connection with the Placement. Settlement of the Placement is expected to occur on 30 September 2016, with the new Shares expected to be allotted through ASX and commence trading on 3 October 2016. The new Shares will rank equally with existing Bapcor Shares.

### Share Purchase Plan Details

Bapcor will offer an SPP at the lower of A\$5.85, being the same price as the Placement, or the VWAP of Bapcor's Shares as traded on the ASX over the five trading days ending on (and including) the closing date for the SPP offer, to raise approximately A\$20 million. Bapcor will offer eligible shareholders with registered addresses in Australia or New Zealand as at 7.00pm Sydney time on 26 September 2016 (the Record Date) an opportunity to participate in the SPP allowing them to acquire up to A\$15,000 in new Bapcor shares. The SPP is not underwritten and may be subject to a scale-back at the discretion of Bapcor's directors should total applications exceed A\$20 million. Details of the SPP will be sent to shareholders in the near future.

# **Bapcor Trading Update**

Bapcor reconfirms it is trading in-line with expectations and re-affirms its previously stated guidance for NPAT growth of between 25% to 30% for the 12 months to 30 June 2017.

## **Key Equity Raising Dates**

**SPP Record Date** 

Monday, 26 September 2016

Institutional Bookbuild

Tuesday, 27 September 2016



| Institutional Settlement Date                           | Friday, 30 September 2016  |
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| Allotment and trading of Institutional Placement Shares | Monday, 3 October 2016     |
| SPP Offer Opens   | Monday, 3 October 2016     |
| SPP Offer Closes  | Wednesday, 19 October 2016 |
| Issue of New Shares under the SPP                       | Wednesday, 26 October 2016 |
| Commencement of trading of SPP Shares                   | Thursday, 27 October 2016  |

## **New Zealand Takeover Code Offer Process**

The acquisition of Hellaby is governed by the New Zealand Takeover Code. Key dates are:

- Bapcor issued a Takeover Notice ("Takeover Notice") to Hellaby and lodged it with NZX Limited and the Takeovers Panel on 27 September 2016;
- New Zealand Overseas Investment Office consent application lodged on 27 September 2016;
- Takeover Offer ("Takeover Offer") to be dispatched to Hellaby shareholders no later than 27 October 2016;
- Hellaby Target Company Statement and Independent Adviser's Report to be released within 14 days from dispatch of the Takeover Offer; and
- Takeover Offer expected to close 60 days after dispatch of the Takeover Offer (unless extended by Bapcor in accordance with the New Zealand Takeovers Code).

Completion of the Hellaby acquisition will be subject to a number of conditions precedent including (but not limited to):

- Receipt of acceptances from Hellaby's shareholders representing 90% or more of Hellaby's voting rights;
- Any consents required from the New Zealand Overseas Investment Office to complete the acquisition of Hellaby shares;
- Completion of the sale of the Equipment division.



Note that a number of the dates shown above in relation to the Placement, SPP and the Takeover Code Offer Process are indicative only and subject to change.

## Agreements to Accept the Offer

Bapcor has entered into irrevocable agreements with shareholders representing approximately 30% of the total issued capital of Hellaby, including Hellaby's largest shareholder, representing 27.2%, to accept the Offer.

Each shareholder has agreed to accept the Takeover Offer by no later than the date which is two business days after the date of despatch of the Offer Document to Hellaby shareholders.

# **Summary Information and Risks**

The information in this announcement is in summary form and does not contain all of the information necessary to fully evaluate Bapcor's proposed acquisition of Hellaby or the offer of new Shares under the Placement or SPP. The information in this announcement should be read in conjunction with the other periodic and continuous disclosure announcements lodged by Bapcor on ASX, including Bapcor's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016, which are available at <a href="https://www.asx.com.au">www.asx.com.au</a>.

Certain information in this announcement has been sourced from Hellaby's periodic and continuous disclosure announcements on NZX. While steps have been taken to review that information, no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as its fairness, accuracy, correctness, completeness or adequacy. Publicly available information relating to Hellaby, including its latest Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2016, are available at <a href="https://www.nzx.com">www.nzx.com</a>.

Investors should also note that whilst Bapcor has considered publicly available information, it has not been able to undertake a due diligence process on Hellaby. Therefore, unlike other acquisitions which proceed upon an agreed-basis, there may be less information available at this stage to fully evaluate what the combined business may look like if the acquisition is completed and what the implications of the acquisition may be. Both the acquisition and Placement and SPP can present a number of risks, some of which are specific to Bapcor and some which relate to the combined business. These include operational risks regarding competition, supplier pressures, business disruptions and industry trends, and also risks related to completion, integration and information in connection with the acquisition of Hellaby. Please refer to Annexure A for a summary of these risks.



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Neither this announcement nor any other documents relating to the offer of new Shares may be sent or distributed to persons in the United States. Please refer to Annexure B for further information and additional Foreign Selling Restrictions.

This announcement contains forward-looking statements, which can usually be identified by the use of words such as such as "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "continue", "objectives", "outlook", "guidance" or words of similar effect. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees or predictions of future performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Bapcor, and which may cause actual outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in the statements contained in this announcement. Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to Bapcor as of the date of this announcement. Except as required by law or regulation (including the ASX Listing Rules). Bapcor undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

Past performance information given in this announcement is given for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as (and is not) an indication of future performance.

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A number of figures, amounts, percentages, estimates, calculations of value and fractions in this announcement are subject to the effect of rounding. Accordingly, the actual calculation of these figures may differ from the figures set out in this announcement.

#### **Non-IFRS** information

This announcement may include certain financial measures that may be considered "non-GAAP financial measures" under Regulation G of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and are not recognized under Australian Accounting Standards ("AAS"), New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ-IFRSs") or International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and are 'non-IFRS financial measures" under Regulatory Guide 230 published by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. These measures include EBITDA. Such non-GAAP and non-IFRS financial measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by AAS, New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ-IFRSs") or IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other entities. and should not be construed as an alternative to other financial measures determined in accordance with AAS, New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ-IFRSs") or IFRS. The information is presented to assist in making appropriate comparisons with prior periods and to assess the operating performance of the business. Bapcor uses these measures to assess the performance of the business and believes that information is useful to investors. Recipients are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any non-GAAP and non-IFRS financial measures included in this announcement.

Investors should also note that this announcement does not include historical financial information or pro forma financial information that complies with Article 3-05 of Regulation S-X of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Hellaby's information disclosed in this Announcement has been sourced from publicly available information filed by Hellaby according to the NZX regulations and has not otherwise been verified by Bapcor. Hellaby's financial measures have been extracted from Hellaby audited financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand accounting standards, which may differ from Australian accounting standards.



## **Annexure A: Key Risks**

#### Introduction

The acquisition and the Placement and SPP present a number of risks, including those specific to Bapcor and Hellaby (when referred to together, the "Combined Group") and of a general nature, which may, either individually or in combination, affect the future operational performance of Bapcor and Hellaby, the industries in which they operate, and the value of Bapcor shares. This annexure describes some, but not all, of the risks associated with an investment in Bapcor.

# **Business and Operational Risks relevant to Bapcor and the Combined Group**

#### Increased Competition

The Combined Group operates in a competitive market. The Combined Group's financial performance or operating margins could be adversely affected if the actions of competitors or potential competitors become more effective, or if new competitors enter the market, and the Combined Group is unable to counter these actions.

## Supplier Pressure or Relationship Damage

The Combined Group relies on having access to a wide range of automotive parts. An increase in pricing pressure from suppliers or a damaged relationship with a supplier may cause a rise in the prices at which the Combined Group procures parts or limit the Combined Group's ability to procure parts. This may impact the demand for parts from customers or reduce the margins that the Combined Group generates on its sales.

### **Business Disruptions**

A disruption in the systems and processes utilised in the Combined Group's business can affect part availability and result in delays in the delivery of parts to the Combined Group customers. Stock-outs and delays in delivery can have the short-term effect of lost orders from the period, as well as the longer term consequence of the loss of customer accounts.

#### Industry Trends and Customer Decisions

Demand for automotive parts and accessories is affected by a number of factors, including the number of vehicles, vehicle age and vehicle usage. An unfavourable trend in these factors may reduce the demand for automotive parts and accessories. In addition, sales of automotive parts and accessories are impacted by the frequency of vehicle servicing and general economic and consumer confidence. Any postponement of servicing or purchasing by vehicle owners, either through delaying the service or opting-out of particular jobs or purchases, is likely to decrease the demand for automotive parts and accessories. Negative movements in demand may reduce the Combined Group's revenue and profitability.

#### Employee and Key Personnel Recruitment and Retention

The successful operation of Bapcor relies on Bapcor's ability to attract and retain experienced and high performing employees (including store managers and sales staff) and executives. Failure to achieve this may negatively impact Bapcor's sales and adversely affect Bapcor's ability to develop and implement its business strategies, resulting in a material increase in the costs of securing experienced and high performing executives.

Further, Bapcor is committed to providing a continued attractive employment environment, conditions and prospects to assist in the retention of Combined Group's key management personnel. If Bapcor loses any of its key personnel, the impact would be dependent upon the replacement of the employee's quality and time of appointment.

Exchange Rate Risk



Fluctuations in the value of currencies may affect the prices at which the Combined Group purchases parts from suppliers and result in volatility in the Combined Group's profitability, particularly if the Combined Group cannot pass price changes to its customers.

Additionally, Bapcor's acquisition of Hellaby also exposes it to New Zealand currency risks, including fluctuations in its revenue and profits as reported by Bapcor in Australian dollars.

### Customers' Bargaining Power

A significant majority of Bapcor's sales are derived from repeat orders from customers. Increased bargaining power from customers arising from consolidation of existing workshops, great participation of existing workshops in purchasing and buying groups or closure of independent workshops may result in a decrease in prices or loss of customer accounts and subsequently, may adversely affect Bapcor's sales and profitability.

# Supply Chain Management

The Combined Group's business relies on being able to access a wide variety of SKUs from its suppliers and having the required part available for timely delivery to its stores, outlets and customers when ordered. Any potential delay or default by suppliers in delivering parts and accessories to the Combined Group may adversely impact the Combined Group's ability to service its customers and marketing network and damage the customer relationship and ultimately impact the Combined Group's sales.

### Property Leases

The Combined Group has a large number of leased premises. The growth prospects of the Combined Group are likely to result from increased contribution from existing stores and the Combined Group's ability to continue to open and operate new stores on a profitable basis. Accordingly, there may be a material adverse impact on the Combined Group's business and profitability if the Combined Group is unable to renegotiate acceptable lease terms of existing stores when leases are due to expire and to identify suitable sites and negotiate suitable leasing terms for new stores.

### Risks related to the Acquisition and Equity Raising

### Completion Risk

There is a risk that Bapcor may not acquire all Hellaby shares under the offer. The impact upon Bapcor of acquiring less than 100 percent will depend upon the final level of ownership acquired. If completion does not occur for any reason, including as a consequence of failing to satisfy any condition precedent, Bapcor will need to consider alternative uses for, or ways to return the proceeds of, any subscriptions raised from Bapcor shareholders under the Placement and SPP.

# Information risks related to Hellaby

Bapcor has had access to publicly available information in relation to Hellaby but has not been able to undertake a due diligence process. Therefore, Bapcor has not been able to verify the accuracy, reliability or completeness of any of the information publicly available that it has reviewed. If any of the data or information relied upon by Bapcor in making the takeover offer proves to be incomplete, incorrect, inaccurate or misleading, there is a risk that the actual financial position and performance of Hellaby and the Combined Group may be materially different to the financial position and performance expected by Bapcor.

In the absence of a due diligence process, Bapcor has not been able to assess whether the acquisition of Hellaby will trigger change of control clauses in any material contracts to which Hellaby is a party. If there are change of control clauses that are triggered, some of these may require Bapcor to seek counterparty consent in relation to the acquisition of Hellaby. There is a risk that a counterparty may not provide its consent to the acquisition, which may trigger a termination



right in favour of that counterparty. If this occurs, or contracts are renegotiated on less favourable terms, there may be an adverse impact on Bapcor's financial performance and reports.

To the extent possible, Bapcor has undertaken financial, business and other analyses of Hellaby in order to determine its attractiveness to Bapcor and whether to pursue a takeover offer. It is possible that such analysis, and the best estimate assumptions made by Bapcor, draw conclusions and forecasts that are inaccurate or which will not be realised in due course. Insofar as the actual results achieved by Hellaby differ to those indicated by Bapcor's analysis, there is a risk that the profitability and future earnings of the operations of the Combined Group may be materially different from the profitability and earnings predicted.

Bapcor has assumed that Hellaby has met all of its reporting obligations, and that disclosures made by it are true in all material respects and not misleading in any material respects.

#### Management and Integration Risk

Integrating two companies produces some risks, including combining management, information systems and operations. It is possible that these risks may be more complex than currently anticipated, encounter unexpected challenges or issues and take longer than expected. This may affect the Combined Group's operating and financial performance. Further, there is a risk of a material adverse impact on the Combined Group if it is not able to manage its expansion and growth efficiently and effectively.

### Equity Financing for Acquisition

Bapcor has entered into an underwriting agreement for the underwriting of the Placement. If certain conditions are not satisfied or certain events occur, the underwriter may terminate the underwriting agreement or will otherwise be under no obligation to underwrite the Placement, which may require Bapcor to seek alternative funding.

If shareholders do not participate in the SPP, then their percentage shareholding in Bapcor will be diluted as a result of the Placement. Even if a shareholder does take up their full allocation under the SPP, the percentage shareholding in Bapcor may be diluted by the Placement and possibly also from the SPP because participation is limited to a fixed amount and shareholders are not entitled to participate in the SPP on a pro rata basis relative to their existing shareholdings.

## Debt Financing for Acquisition

Bapcor has entered into a new acquisition facility provided by ANZ to support the acquisition of Hellaby. However, the draw down under this acquisition facility is subject to various conditions precedent. If these conditions are not met and Bapcor is unable to obtain alternative funding, Bapcor may have a shortfall in the funding it requires to pay the purchase price for the acquisition of Hellaby. Such an event could materially adversely affect Bapcor's business, cash flow and financial condition.

### **General Risks**

An investment in Bapcor carries with it a number of risks, including exposure to taxation, changes in law and regulation, potential litigation, and whether its insurances are appropriate. Such matters could adversely impact Bapcor's business, financial condition, and operational results.

#### **Investment Risks**

Investing in a listed entity has a number of general risks. The price at which Bapcor shares trade on ASX may be determined by a range of factors including movements in investor sentiment in local and international markets, inflation, interest rates, taxation rates, liquidity, general economic conditions, and changes in the supply of, and demand for, Bapcor's goods and services.



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This announcement does not constitute an offer of new ordinary shares ("New Shares") of the Bapcor in any jurisdiction in which it would be unlawful. In particular, this document may not be distributed to any person, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, in any country outside Australia except to the extent permitted below.

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# European Economic Area - Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg and Netherlands

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An offer to the public of New Shares has not been made, and may not be made, in a Relevant Member State except pursuant to one of the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive as implemented in the Relevant Member State:

- to any legal entity that is authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or whose main business is to invest in financial instruments;
- to any legal entity that satisfies two of the following three criteria: (i) balance sheet total of at least €20,000,000; (ii) annual net turnover of at least €40,000,000 and (iii) own funds of at least €2,000,000 (as shown on its last annual unconsolidated or consolidated financial statements);
- to any person or entity who has requested to be treated as a professional client in accordance with the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC, "MiFID"); or
- to any person or entity who is recognised as an eligible counterparty in accordance with Article 24 of the MiFID.

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D.533-11, D.533-13, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and any implementing regulation.

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