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Sequoia Corporate Finance Pty Ltd gaining market presence and growing profit contribution

- **Sequoia Corporate Finance successfully completes the listing of Lithium Power International Ltd – transaction significantly oversubscribed**
- **Positive earnings contribution to Sequoia Financial Group expected to continue**
- **Division engaged in growing number of ECM and M&A transactions, reflecting attraction of Company's unique multi-channel model**

Sydney, 29th June 2016: Diversified financial services group Sequoia Financial Group Limited (ASX:SEQ) (**Sequoia**) is pleased to provide an update on its wholly owned subsidiary Sequoia Corporate Finance Pty Ltd (**Sequoia Corporate Finance**), a corporate authorised representative (No 469074) of D2MX Pty Ltd (AFSL 297950).

Sequoia Corporate Finance provides corporate and strategic advice to companies in the small and mid-market sectors, principally in the areas of Equity Capital Markets (**ECM**) and Mergers & Acquisitions (**M&A**).

The Company is pleased to announce the completion of a significant ECM transaction, the Initial Public Offering (**IPO**) of Lithium Power International Ltd (**LPI**) where Sequoia Corporate Finance acted as Lead Manager. The offer was heavily oversubscribed and successfully listed on the ASX last Friday 24th June 2016. Sequoia congratulates LPI on its successful debut on the ASX.

Sequoia Corporate Finance has an experienced team of corporate finance specialists who joined Sequoia in 2015, headed by Mr Matthew Lindh. Mr Lindh is the former head of Investment Banking in Australia for TSE-listed global investment bank, Daiwa. The team is currently engaged in a number of additional ECM and M&A transactions.

The Company is confident that the growth in corporate finance engagements is a direct reflection of Sequoia's unique point of difference as a diversified financial services provider servicing broad retail, wholesale and institutional client channels.

The successful listing of LPI was achieved by promoting the IPO through a number of these channels including through our subsidiaries D2MX Pty Ltd, Trader Dealer Pty Ltd, Sequoia Asset Management Pty Ltd, Sequoia Wealth Management Pty Ltd and Finance News Network Pty Ltd.

Sequoia's Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Scott Beeton, commented: *"The successful listing of LPI by Sequoia's Corporate Finance team is a great result, and one that has been achieved by leveraging our unique multi-channel financial services platform."*

The team is engaged in a growing number of ECM and M&A transactions, reflecting this point of difference and the calibre of personnel that Sequoia is able to attract. We anticipate that the division will continue to grow and deliver a positive and sustained earnings contribution to the broader group.





The growing and diversified revenue streams being generated by Sequoia from a range of financial advisory and wealth management products and services continue to build and we are confident that these will deliver meaningful returns for our shareholders. We are still in the early stages of growth and look forward to updating shareholders on our progress across the group in the near term."

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ABOUT SEQUOIA FINANCIAL GROUP

ASX-listed Sequoia Financial Group Limited (ASX: SEQ) (formerly MDS Financial Group Ltd) is an integrated financial services company providing products and services to self-directed retail and wholesale clients and those of third party professional service firms. It provides:

- Investment and superannuation products
- Wealth management and advisory services
- Corporate advisory and capital markets expertise
- Retail, wholesale and institutional trading platforms
- Market data and financial news services

Sequoia operates various AFS Licenses and its subsidiary D2MX Pty Ltd is an ASX Market Participant.

