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## VIL initiates legal proceedings against Nosh Group Limited

Veritas Investments Limited advises that it has initiated legal proceedings against Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited), the purchaser of the business of Nosh Group Limited (now Old NGL Limited). The proceedings are to enforce the agreement for sale and purchase of the Nosh business which completed on 24th February 2017.

Veritas Chairman, Mr Tim Cook, said that the failure by Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) to meet the committed payment schedule of the creditors of the business is a breach of the Sale and Purchase Agreement and has resulted in the legal action.

Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) has consistently failed to meet its contracted financial commitments contained in the Sale and Purchase Agreement.

The Veritas Group itself is a creditor of Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) to the extent of \$68,549. Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) has failed to meet obligations to creditors in an amount of \$1,919,205. While those remain obligations of Old NGL Limited, Veritas is not a guarantor and so has no financial exposure. Old NGL Limited has no assets to meet the creditor payments that Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) committed to pay.

When Veritas originally purchased Nosh, Veritas committed to meet all creditors payments, which amounted to \$3.9 million, and honoured this. Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) made the same commitment to Veritas upon the sale of the business, but has failed to meet that commitment.

Mr Cook said:

"We entered into this transaction in good faith after a rigorous process and it is extremely disappointing that the Directors of Gosh Holdings Limited (now Nosh Group Limited) have clearly failed and continue to fail to meet their financial and legal obligations."

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## **About Veritas Investments Limited**

Veritas Investments is an NZX Main Board-listed investment company focusing in the Food and Beverage, Franchise and Hospitality sectors. The shell company was formed in December 2011 and made its first acquisition of the Mad Butcher franchisor business in May 2013 through a reverse acquisition transaction. In November 2014 Veritas acquired The Better Bar Company group business.

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