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## ONE FOR FIVE NON-RENOUNCEABLE ENTITLEMENT OFFER TO RAISE UP TO \$2.37 MILLION

## Announcement

The Board of Directors of Atlas South Sea Pearl Limited (**Company**) is pleased to announce a pro rata non-renounceable entitlement offer to subscribe for one (1) new fully paid ordinary share for every five (5) ordinary shares held by eligible shareholders at \$0.05 per share to raise up to \$2,371,350 before costs of the issue. In addition, there will be one (1) free attaching unlisted option for every one (1) share applied for in the entitlement offer. Each option will have an exercise price of \$0.05 and is exercisable at any time in the 12 months following the date of grant.

New shares issued under the entitlement offer will rank equally with all ordinary shares already on issue. Under the entitlement offer, Atlas will issue up to a maximum of 47,427,014 new ordinary shares, resulting in a total of up to 284,562,086 fully paid ordinary shares on issue.<sup>1</sup>

The entitlement offer forms part of the Company's previously announced intention to raise additional funds. The funds raised (together with other fundraising initiatives previously announced) will be used to:

- support existing current assets;
- reduce existing debt in the Essential Oils of Tasmania business being acquired by the Company;
- fund research and development initiatives;
- fund increased production of strategic pearl by-product and perfume ingredients and commercialisation of new consumer products through World Senses Pty Ltd;
- fund expansion of the existing pearl auction strategy; and
- strengthen the balance sheet for general working capital purposes.

The entitlement offer will not be underwritten, however, Directors will retain the discretion to place any shares and options not taken up by eligible shareholders under the entitlement offer.

The Company does not believe that the issue of shares under the entitlement offer will have a material effect or consequence on the control of the Company. However, eligible shareholders who do not take up their entitlement will have their proportional interest in the Company diluted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The total number of 284,562,086 shares does not include any additional shares which may be issued under other fundraising alternatives previously announced.



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The timetable and a prospectus setting out further details of the entitlement offer will be issued in the coming weeks accompanied by a personalised entitlement and acceptance form and instructions on how eligible shareholders may accept their entitlement. Any eligible shareholder who wishes to acquire new shares under the entitlement offer will need to complete the personalised entitlement and acceptance form that will accompany the entitlement offer prospectus.

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About Atlas

Atlas South Sea Pearl Limited ("Atlas", ASX:ATP) is an Australian based pearling business established in 1992. Atlas has earned an enviable reputation as a world leading pearl producer of "natures most precious gift", the South Sea pearl, specialising in highly sought after white and silver pearls. Atlas operates pearl farms spread across the Indonesian archipelago including Bali, Flores, Alor and Papua. Atlas is a fully integrated pearling business with its own high quality grading and loose pearl distribution business, a jewellery manufacturing capability and sales direct to customers through wholesale partners and via its retail outlets.