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## Appointment of Administrator

Penrice Soda Holdings Limited (Penrice) (ASX: PSH) today provides this market update.

Penrice announced on 31 March 2014 a Heads of Agreement with a new lender for a debt restructure and refinancing planned for the end of April 2014, which provided for;

- the new lender to purchase part of Penrice's existing senior debt,
- a restructure of Penrice's senior debt involving the forgiveness and/or conversion to equity of the majority of Penrice's senior debt, and
- the new lender to provide new working capital funding to Penrice.

Since that announcement, due diligence was conducted by the new lender and approvals progressed. That Heads of Agreement has been terminated with the new lender determining not to proceed with the proposal.

Today, the board of Penrice announces that it has resolved to appoint a voluntary administrator to the Penrice group of companies.

Penrice Chairman, David Trebeck said, "As previously advised, the company has actively pursued a debt restructure and refinancing to reduce its net debt and obtain a working capital facility, to put the company on a more solid and sustainable footing. Notwithstanding the company's considerable efforts over the last six months and the likely prospect of three potential financing syndicates proceeding, a suitable refinancing has not been achieved."

Mr Trebeck said, "Our restructured business is turning around under the new operating model. We are confident that our three businesses - Penrice Quarry & Mineral, Penrice Bicarbonate and Penrice Lime businesses - will together provide a platform for strong growth in the future. In these circumstances, the board believes that the most appropriate course of action is to appoint an administrator to endeavour to allow the business to continue to trade and to achieve the necessary refinancing to continue the business turnaround. "

Visit the company's website at [www.penrice.com.au](http://www.penrice.com.au)

### About Penrice

Penrice Soda Holdings Limited (ASX: PSH) is a world leading manufacturer, marketer and exporter of sodium bicarbonate. It manufactures and markets lime for Australian industry. It imports and distributes soda ash throughout Australia through its joint venture, Pro Asia Pacific. It also operates a limestone mine, supplying quarry products and industrial minerals in South Australia. The Company is committed to driving shareholder value through the manufacture and supply of a range of world-class products across a variety of industries and countries including packaging, building and construction, mining, detergents, food and personal care, stockfeed and environmental control/water purification.

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