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Dear James

### Request for Trading Halt

Crowe Horwath Australasia Ltd (ASX:CRH) ("**Crowe Horwath**") hereby requests a trading halt in respect of its securities.

Crowe Horwath announced the determination of a special dividend on 15 December 2014, payment of which is conditional on the Scheme becoming effective (**Special Dividend**). As the record date for the Special Dividend is intended to be 22 December 2014, Crowe Horwath shares will otherwise be trading ex-dividend from market open on 18 December 2014.

We anticipate that the Supreme Court of Victoria will, at the second court hearing commencing at 10am tomorrow morning, make orders under section 411(4)(b) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (**Act**) approving the scheme of arrangement under which Findex Australia Pty Ltd will acquire all of the issued share capital in Crowe Horwath (**Scheme**). Crowe Horwath intends to lodge an office copy of these orders with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**), shortly after it receives the order such that the Scheme will become effective under section 411(10) of the Act.

In accordance with the requirements of Listing Rule 17.1, Crowe Horwath:

- advises that the trading halt is being requested so that Crowe Horwath shares will not be traded on an ex-dividend basis while payment of the Special Dividend remains conditional on the Scheme becoming effective;
- requests that the securities remain in trading halt until the earlier of:
  - if an announcement is made advising that the Scheme has become effective, close of trade on the date of such announcement; and
  - the commencement of normal trading on Monday 22 December 2014;

- advises it is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
- advises it is not aware of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Yours sincerely



**Bruce Paterson**  
**Company Secretary**