

ASX Announcement: Calliden Group Limited (CIX)

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Calliden Group 2013 Natural Catastrophe Claims Update

Calliden Group Limited (**Calliden**) today provided an update on the 2013 claims arising from ex-tropical cyclone Oswald in Queensland and New South Wales, as well as those from the recent bushfires in Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria.

The first and fourth quarters in the Calendar Year are the industry's most active periods for natural catastrophe claims and the Group's insurer, Calliden Insurance Limited, provides for this eventuality each year. The estimated net cost to Calliden of these incidents to date is in excess of its first quarter allowance but well within its annual expectation.

Calliden Insurance has so far received 356 claims arising from ex-tropical cyclone Oswald, with the net cost to Calliden from this event expected to range between \$1.6m and \$2.5m.

Calliden's exposure to claims relating to the bushfires in Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria, has been much smaller with only five claims received, with an expected net cost to the Group from these events of between \$0.4m and \$0.5m.

Over the past year Calliden has been restructuring its business to better manage its exposure to natural catastrophe and to transfer around half of its underwriting exposure to third parties insurers as part of its Managing General Agency model. Of the natural catastrophe-related claims received this year some 40% relate to policies that will in future be insured by third party insurers as part of this strategy. From the information currently available, Calliden's total share of these natural catastrophe claims is significantly below its share of past events, including those that occurred in 2011.

The Group is managing the claims relating to portfolios that it has already moved to an agency basis with alternative insurers and will continue to do so for any policies written under these agency agreements.

Calliden's first priority is to assist any of its customers who have been affected by the storm, flood and bushfire events and provide them with the support they need under very difficult circumstances.

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