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### **NZ King Salmon mourns passing of director Thomas Song**

NZ King Salmon Investments (NZX and ASX:NZK) advises with deep sadness and regret that founding director Thomas Song has passed away following a sudden illness.

Thomas has been involved in the NZ salmon industry since 1995. Brought in to assist the then-struggling Regal Salmon, he was appointed CEO during that time. He was subsequently an essential facilitator of the merger between Southern Ocean Seafoods and Regal Salmon, to form NZ King Salmon under the ownership of Oregon Group.

Over the years since then, he has been an enthusiastic and tireless supporter of the industry, willingly providing additional capital and unending faith in management and team during challenging periods over the years. Thomas had a much valued personal approach with the team. His concern and words of support were often gratefully received and will be sorely missed.

The NZ King Salmon Board acknowledges the outstanding contribution of Thomas to creating today's thriving salmon industry. Thomas was a remarkable man, commercially astute, well read with much optimism yet a pragmatic approach. Over the last 30 years he has led and developed very significant business interests in New Zealand and is a huge loss to the country in so many ways.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Leh Sieng, son Steven and daughter Swee Sing. The Board, management and team of NZ King Salmon extend their deepest sympathies to Leh Sieng and family for their loss.

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#### **About NZKS:**

New Zealand King Salmon is the world's largest aquaculture producer of the premium King salmon species. We operate under our four key brands: Ōra King, Regal, Southern Ocean, and Omega Plus, as well as the New Zealand King Salmon label. We have been growing and selling salmon to consumers for more than 30 years. Today we employ around 500 people. New Zealand investors make up a significant percentage of the ownership of NZ King Salmon and the communities of Marlborough, Nelson Bays and Tasman are well represented with nearly 400 of the 2,800 shareholders from the Top of the South. More information can be found at [www.kingsalmon.co.nz](http://www.kingsalmon.co.nz)