

20 March 2020

Shareholder Annual Meeting results

The MTF Finance Annual Meeting was held in Dunedin on 19 March 2020.

Director election

Brent Robertson retired by rotation as a shareholder director and chose not to offer himself for re-election.

Stu Myles accepted a nomination for a shareholder director position and being eligible, offered himself for election.

Voting was by way of poll with Stu elected by shareholders. The poll results were as follows:

Candidate	% votes for
Stu Myles	92.40%

As a result of the poll the shareholders passed the resolution to appoint Stu Myles as director of MTF Finance, effective 19 March 2020.

Stu has been a shareholder of MTF Finance since 2008 when he established one of the original MTF Finance franchises in Christchurch. Stu has an extensive background in the finance and motor industries.

Brent was appointed as a director of MTF Finance in 2011 and has made a significant contribution to the company's development during his 9-year term.

The board, management and staff would like to take the opportunity to thank Brent for his service to the company. Brent has been instrumental in helping lead MTF Finance through periods of significant change and disruption. Brent will continue his long association with MTF Finance, as a director of three MTF Finance franchises and we wish him well for the future.

Other voting results

Resolution	% votes for
Amendments to the company constitution	99.6%
Auditor remuneration	99.6%

COVID-19 update

The board recognise the need to keep our shareholders up to date with any major impacts that the company may experience as a result of the change in economic conditions. MTF Finance has been taking a range of actions across our business to address the current and potential threat of coronavirus (COVID-19), which are aligned with the advice from the New Zealand Government and Ministry of Health.

Given the rapidly evolving situation, our focus has been on preparing in case of a more widespread prevalence of the coronavirus disease in New Zealand. This focuses on the safety of our people and originators whilst endeavouring to maintain normal operations and service levels.

Business continuity

The key aspect of our business continuity plans (BCP) is having the capability for all our employees and originators to work remotely for extended periods.

At this time, we see no material risk to the availability of our core services & systems. Contingency plans are regularly reviewed and further testing is being carried out to ensure readiness for different scenarios. We have already implemented some aspects of our BCP procedures for our key operational teams.

We have been closely monitoring originator activity – particularly those who have significant exposure to industry sectors deemed at higher risk of economic deterioration and have already provided advice and support to assist affected customers. MTF Finance will continue to monitor conditions as they develop, and support affected customers and originators, but remains comfortable with its current provisioning levels.

MTF Finance is in regular communication with its funding partners and is confident in our liquidity levels and funding capacity.

The board will continue to approve dividends to Perpetual Preference Shareholders in the normal course of business, unless there is a material change in the company's ability to do so.

Given the uncertainty around the impact of the COVID-19 virus, dividend distributions to Ordinary Shareholders (unlisted), the majority of whom also receive commission income as originators, will be suspended temporarily as a precautionary risk management measure. The board will review this at the end of the 2020 financial year with the intention to resume ordinary dividend distributions if the board are satisfied that the company has prudent levels of working capital to meet forecast requirements.

Health monitoring and prevention

MTF Finance is also carefully monitoring and updating staff on the international and local developments around COVID-19 with a view to the health and safety of our people, and containment strategies of health authorities in New Zealand.

The company has introduced measures for staff, originators, customers and visitors which include keeping workplaces healthy, communicating with our people, and restricting non-essential travel.

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