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PGC – Update on Board Composition

At the Annual Meeting of shareholders at the end of October, the company advised that a review of the composition of the boards of Pyne Gould Corporation (PGC), MARAC and Perpetual Trust was being undertaken.

At that time it was anticipated that this review would be completed by the end of November, with a Special Shareholders Meeting prior to Christmas to approve the new appointees to the PGC board.

Today the company said in a statement: “Good progress has been made in completing the review and we are close to making recommendations to shareholders.

“We expect to finalise further appointments to the board early in the new year and hold a Special Shareholders Meeting as soon as is practicable to seek shareholder approval for all directors.”

“In the meantime, CEO Jeff Greenslade has been appointed to the PGC board as Managing Director.

At the October Annual Meeting, and having completed the \$273 million recapitalisation process of PGC, Sam Maling, Richard Elworthy and Stephen Montgomery advised of their intention to stand down from the board upon completion of the review. Following a board meeting today Messrs Elworthy and Montgomery retired as directors.

“The retirement of Richard Elworthy from the PGC board marks the end of nearly 40 years service to the company, the last four years as a director. Richard started at Pyne Gould Guinness in 1969, and progressed through to Financial Controller, and to Managing Director of PGC, a position he retired from in 2005 after the company had successfully gained an NZX listing.

“Stephen Montgomery retires after 11 years service as a director of Perpetual Trust, MARAC and PGC.

“The board expresses its sincere thanks to both Richard and Stephen for the valuable contributions they made to the company over the years and in particular the part they played in the recent capital raising.”

Mr Maling will remain Chairman of the PGC board until the Special Shareholders Meeting is held; however, he has stepped down from the boards of MARAC and Perpetual Trust. Pending completion of the Board Review, Bruce Irvine will be Interim Chairman of MARAC and Bryan Mogridge will be Interim Chairman of Perpetual Trust.

“As part of complying with the Non-Bank Deposit Taking regime, we are required to appoint two independent board members to MARAC and we expect to be in a position to make announcements soon” PGC said. Jeff Greenslade has also been appointed to the board of MARAC as Managing Director.

“We also intend to nominate a second director to be considered for appointment to the board of PGG Wrightson to replace Mr Maling who stepped down from that board at the end of October.

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