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## **MARAC commits to revised Crown Retail Deposit Guarantee Scheme**

Following the announcement by The Treasury that the Crown Retail Deposit Guarantee Scheme (Crown Guarantee) will be amended, MARAC Finance Limited (MARAC) confirms that it will execute a replacement Deed of Guarantee with the Crown.

MARAC CEO Jeff Greenslade commented that “the changes provide deposit taking institutions with more flexibility under the scheme and we are supportive of the amendments”.

MARAC remains covered by the Crown Guarantee and continues to offer investors a range of term deposit offers with competitive interest rates.

MARAC investors can also take comfort from the significant financial flexibility of MARAC’s parent company, Pyne Gould Corporation Limited (PGC). PGC has recently completed a successful rights issue and share placement, raising \$267 million. PGC maintains a very strong balance sheet in its own right, is debt free, and recently injected a further \$35 million of new capital into MARAC. This, together with the transfer of \$175 million of property development loans out of MARAC into another PGC group company, has significantly improved MARAC’s stand-alone financial strength.

As a result, MARAC held in excess of \$280 million of liquidity and had shareholder funds of \$199 million as at 31 October 2009.

Greenslade stated “MARAC’s balance sheet has never been stronger”.

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