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PRE-REINSTATEMENT DISCLOSURE

Range International Limited (ASX:RAN, **Company** or **Range**), manufacturer of Re>Pal™ 'zero-waste' plastic pallets, is pleased to provide the following information and/or attachments by way of pre-reinstatement disclosure.

 As announced by the Company on 27 December 2024, it has signed unsecured loan agreements for the total amount of A\$575K (equivalent to circa. USD\$360K) (Loan Facilities). These Loan Facilities can be drawn at the Company's election during the 2 year term.

As of 30 November 2024, the Company had circa. USD\$215K in cash. Therefore, together with the Loan Facilities, the Company had access to circa. USD\$575K (equivalent to circa. AUD\$925K).

Based on this amount (which includes the Loan Facilities), the Company confirms, on the basis of the Board's current expectation of the operations of the business and the Company's historical and projected net operating cash flows, the Company will be sufficient for the next 12 months and the Company will be sufficiently funded for at least 4 quarters without the need to raise further capital for the operation of its core business.

The Company notes that in coming into this assessment, it took into account the following factors:

- a. The negative cashflow performance in the Company's last Appendix 4C (September 2024) was impacted by increased inventories of feedstock (which is estimated to be circa. US\$81K higher than the average in the past 4 quarters), and the pre-payment of legal fees in relation to the ITO matters (circa. US\$50K), therefore does not reflect what the Company expects to the net operating cash flow moving forward. This is further supported by the historical performance of the Company. An increase in inventories for a quarter will mean that those payments will be less in subsequent quarters (as the inventories get sold). Accordingly, given the seasonal nature, the Company considers that reviewing the historical average over an extended period of time is a more appropriate measure of assessing the Company's possible net operating cash flow in the next 12 months.
- b. As noted above, the Company's cashflow is seasonal and depends on the timing of sales and its levels of inventory at the time. Across the past 8 quarters (from December 2022 until September 2024), the average net operating cash flow (based on Appendix 4Cs) was negative



USD\$121.5K. Based on this amount, the Company considers that USD\$575K is sufficient.

- c. The Company's core business in Indonesia continues to improve its performance. Notwithstanding this, the Company expects that is net operating cash flow to continue in accordance with its historical average, with one-off costs envisaged of circa. US\$80K for replacement capital expenditure in the next 12 months.
- 2. The Company's current business objectives are as follows:
 - a. manufacturing recycled plastic pallets in Indonesia for sale,
 - b. manufacturing recycled plastic pallets in Indonesia for rent, and
 - manufacturing a range of recycled plastic products in Indonesia for other industries.

Based on the expenditure in the past 12 months, the Company's expected expenditure in the next 12 month period is approximately in the range of US\$1.5-1.65m. Given the nature of the Company's business (manufacturing), there is a correlation between the expected expenditure (including on inventories of feedstock) and sales, therefore this level of expenditure means that the Company would have made sales corresponding to that period.

The Company notes that the performance of its core business in Indonesia continues to improve. The Company's net operating cash flows (when negative) is largely due to administrative and corporate costs associated with the listed parent, and not the core business itself. The Directors and management have taken significant steps to manage cash reserves, and as previously disclosed, the Directors have not taken any cash fees (Director fees) for an extended period of time, as part of this ongoing effort. The Board anticipates that its efforts to manage cash carefully will continue.

Accordingly, the Company confirms that, on the basis of the Board's current expectation of the operations of the business, the Company will have sufficient working capital at the time of reinstatement to carry out such objectives.

The Company's previously announced order from P.T. Frisian Flag Indonesia (for US\$1.35m) is expected to continue to be delivered into 2025, which will assist with the Company's objectives. In addition, the Company has significant other sales initiatives and continues to develop other project sales opportunities. This is based on the Company's existing contracts of delivery of sales into 2025 and the pipeline of opportunities which remains strong. Based on the assessment of the Board and management and feedback from the Indonesian market, the Company expects its performance in 2025 to be stronger than its 2024 performance.

In addition, the Company notes that it continues to explore growth initiatives (including potential joint ventures) to increase shareholder value. If the



Company was to pursue such initiatives, this may require additional funding in the future. The Company will keep shareholders informed in compliance with its continuous disclosure obligations.

3. The following disclosure outlines how the Directors of the Company believe the accounting standards do not require a provision for Value Added Tax ('VAT') component of the Indonesia Tax Office's ('ITO') Assessment as it is a contingent liability and is fully described in notes to the accounts for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023 that were disclaimed on this basis.

The Indonesian tax office assessments for the 2018 year were received in January 2023. The tax matters ('WHT' and 'VAT') were fully described to Audit. All requested documentation was made available and their questions to the Company and its legal counsel were fully answered and had been satisfactorily addressed. The Company's understanding of how the ITO arrived at their assessments for the FY 2018 tax audit and the Company's legal position and response were also fully described and explained to Audit, including the February 2023 valuation and confirmation of sighting of fixed assets that included plant and equipment that the ITO was alleging the Company had sold and had failed to pay VAT in FY 2018, that had given rise to most of the VAT assessment.

The reasoning behind the Board's decision to make a non-current provision for the full amount of one of the matters (WHT) and a nil provision for the other (VAT) — with regard to WHT, the stated legal issue advice rested on an interpretation of law, with regard to VAT, the issue rested on an interpretation of fact (were assets sold, or not) - was also explained (and to our understanding, satisfactorily) to Audit. As noted below, the expert taxation/legal advice received to date (on strength of the Company's case, likelihood of success) which has also supported the Company's accounting approach.

The relevant accounting standards for provisions and contingent liabilities:

A provision shall be recognised when (a) an entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event; (b) it is possible that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and (c) a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. If these conditions are not met no provision shall be recognised. In the event where, for example, it may be disputed whether certain events have occurred or whether those events result in a present obligation, an entity should determine whether a present obligation exists at the end of the reporting period by taking account of all available evidence including the opinion of experts. Where it is more likely than not that a present obligation exists at the end of the reporting period the entity recognises a provision if the criteria is met and where it is more likely that no present obligation exists at the end of the reporting the entity discloses a contingent liability. For the purpose



of this standard an outflow of resources or other event is regarded as probable if the event is more likely than not to occur that is the probability that the event will occur is greater than the probability that it will not.

With respect to the VAT ITO matter (which is the more significant matter in terms of potential liability), as the Company has previously disclosed to ASX, the Company uses the vast majority of the assets to this day (that the ITO alleges was sold in 2018, therefore triggers the VAT payment). Given this fact, the Company and its tax/legal advisers remain of the view that the Company's case is strong and the likelihood of success is high.

As the probability of the present obligation to pay the VAT assessment pending the legal appeal is unlikely, based on available information and legal opinions available to the Company, the Board has not accrued a provision for the VAT liability and has thus disclosed this as a contingent liability in accordance with the accounting standards.

The Company has periodically sought and received expert advice in relation to the ITO matters. In March 2023, the Company's previous auditor received advice from Indonesian taxation experts including the legal counsel appointed by the Company, and information relating to the matters of the VAT and withholding tax assessments, regarding:

- a. the legal position and evidence relating to both tax matters
- b. that the Company intended to pursue the matter to the full extent of law unless resolved to the Company's satisfaction
- c. the legal process in Indonesia and that the Court hearing process would take significant time to finalise

The Company's previous auditor requested and received additional advice in August 2023, and again, in February 2024.

The Company's current auditor was provided with materially the same body of evidence and supporting materials. In addition, the current auditor made several trips to Indonesia to undertake their own due diligence on the ITO matters. Based on the evidence and supporting material provided to the current auditor, it appears the auditor was able to satisfy themselves of the queries they had to form an audit conclusion.

4. The following disclosure outlines the current status of discussions and any relevant steps that have been undertaken to date with the ITO in relation to the VAT component of the ITO's Assessment of RAN's Indonesian subsidiary, PT Repal International Indonesia.

As previously disclosed to ASX, the Board continues to work with its Indonesian legal advisors regarding the disputed 2018 Indonesian tax assessment. The hearing for the withholding tax matter commenced in Q3 2024 and the scheduled hearings are expected to conclude in January 2025 with a judgement



delivered possibly by early Q2. Regarding the VAT matter, the Company is awaiting notice from the courts regarding the commencement of hearings that are expected to commence in Q1 2025 following the preliminary hearing in January 2025 and could continue through to early Q3 2025 with a judgement expected possibly by early Q4 2025.

The Board and management maintain regular consultation with their Indonesian legal advisors. Since the last quarterly update, the Directors and management met with legal counsel on 21 November 2024 to discuss progress and developments of the two legal cases.

Since the last quarterly update, there have been no material developments in the court hearings that have changed the advice to the Company.

- 5. The Company has separately released its reviewed pro-forma statement of financial position (which includes the Loan Facilities), as prepared as of 30 November 2024 (which is the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the time of reinstatement.
- 6. The Company confirms that it is in compliance with the Listing Rules and in particular Listing Rule 3.1.

Whilst it is not required to be disclosed under Listing Rule 3.1, at the advice of legal counsel, ahead of the Company's reinstatement to ASX, the Company has determined to make shareholders and investors aware of the following, as part of a market cleansing exercise.

On 16 December 2024, the Company received an incomplete, indicative and non-binding offer (**NBIO**) from Thermal Installations Pty Ltd and aligned entity Vitelergy Limited (**Offeror**) to acquire at least 50.1% of the issued share capital of the Company an indicative offer price of \$0.002 (in cash and shares) for every one Range share.

Following careful consideration, the NBIO was rejected by the Board. The Board considered the NBIO to be opportunistic and significantly undervalued the Company. In addition, the Board gave consideration to the conditionality of the NBIO, which could be difficult to satisfy or implement. Subsequently, the Offeror communicated that the offer would be in cash only. Shareholders do not need to take any action in respect of the NBIO.

There is no certainty that the Offeror will remain interested in generating further proposals given the public disclosure of the NBIO. Furthermore, there is no certainty that any further change of control proposals will be received by the Company from any third party. Shareholders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such a proposal emerging.

The Company remains focused on progressing its activities to maximise value for shareholders.



7. The Company's current capital structure is as follows:

Type of security	Number of securities
Fully paid ordinary shares	939,290,320

- 8. Top 20 shareholders separately released to ASX.
- 9. Distribution schedule of holders separately released to ASX.

This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of the Company.

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About Range International:

Range is a manufacturer of plastic pallets. Our ThermoFusion™ technology allows Range to make 'zero waste', 100% upcycled plastic pallets. Range currently has production lines operating in its East Java factory in Indonesia and sells its pallets under the brand Re>Pal™, supplying pallets into Indonesia and across Asia Pacific.

Forward looking statements:

This announcement may contain forward looking statements which may be identified by words such as "believes", "considers", "could", "estimates", "expects", "intends", "may", and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of Range International Limited or its Directors and management and could cause Range International Limited's actual results and circumstances to differ materially from the results and circumstances expressed or anticipated in these statements. The Directors cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement will actually occur and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.