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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND COMMENCEMENT OF PROCESS TO SOLICIT AND CONSIDER OFFERS FOR THE GROUP'S SCAFFOLDING AND ACCESS BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTION

AusGroup Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") wishes to announce that in response to a number of expressions of interest from third parties, it has appointed Macquarie Capital (Australia) Limited ("**Macquarie Capital**") as the financial advisor to undertake a process to solicit and consider offers for the acquisition of the Group's scaffolding and access business ("**MAS Business Segment**") conducted through its wholly-owned subsidiaries MAS Australasia Pty Ltd, Modern Access Services Singapore Pte Ltd and AusGroup Corporation Co Ltd trading as MAS Thailand ("**Proposed Disposal**").

With current operations throughout Australia, Singapore and Thailand, the MAS Business Segment provides scaffolding and associated services for both construction and maintenance activities on major projects in the resources, oil and gas, infrastructure and industrial sectors. The MAS Business Segment counts among its current customers the developers and operators of some of the most significant resources projects currently being undertaken in Australia, including the onshore components of the Gorgon, Wheatstone and Icthys LNG developments.

While no decision has been made whether to proceed with a disposal of the MAS Business Segment, the Board is of the view that, in light of the expressions of interest received by the Company, it is in the Group's best interests to consider whether a sale can be agreed on terms which can be recommended by the Board. The disposal of the MAS Business Segment, if it proceeds, may be subject to the approval of shareholders and noteholders of the Company pursuant to the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("Listing Manual"). In the event the Proposed Disposal is subsequently undertaken following the commencement of the process, the Company will make a further announcement on the relative figures of the Proposed Disposal computed on the bases set out in Rule 1006 of the Listing Manual as well as the financial effects of the Proposed Disposal in due course.

In the event the Proposed Disposal is subsequently undertaken and completed following the commencement of the process, the Group will retain the following existing business segments: (1) fabrication and manufacturing; (2) project and maintenance services; and (3) port and marine services.

The Board will provide further updates as and when appropriate.



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2. CAUTION IN TRADING

Shareholders are advised to exercise caution in trading their Shares. There is no certainty or assurance as at the date of this announcement that the Proposed Disposal will be undertaken or completed. The Company will make further announcements on the Proposed Disposal as appropriate or when there are further developments on the same. Shareholders are advised to read this announcement and any further announcements by the Company carefully. Shareholders should consult their stock brokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisors if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.

In the meantime any inquiries should be directed to the contacts listed below:

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By Order of the Board **AusGroup Limited**

Eng Chiaw Koon Managing Director

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ABOUT AUSGROUP LIMITED (Bloomberg Ticker: AUSG.SP)

Main board-listed, AusGroup Limited is an energy and resources specialist providing fabrication, precision machining, construction and integrated services to natural resource development companies. The Company also provides access services for construction and maintenance contracts through MAS Australasia Pty Ltd (MAS). AusGroup has an established operations network strategically positioned throughout Australia, Singapore and Thailand. For more information visit <u>www.agc-ausgroup.com</u>