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Attached herewith is a copy of an announcement released to the NZX by Contact Energy today.

Origin Energy holds 53.09% of quoted ordinary shares in Contact Energy Limited.

Regards

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### **Contact returns to US Private Placement market**

Contact Energy Limited (Contact) announces that it has raised US\$100 million in long term debt through a private placement with US investors.

The private placement has maturities of eight, ten and twelve years, with a weighted average term to maturity of approximately ten years. The proceeds will be drawn down in September 2015 and used to replace bank bridging facilities put in place earlier in the year.

Proceeds from the issue will be converted into approximately NZ\$145 million. All foreign currency cash flows through to maturity have been hedged back to New Zealand dollars at floating interest rates.

Contact's Treasurer, Louise Tong said "we are pleased to see continued support from United States Private Placement (USPP) investors following our last transaction of US\$240 million in March 2013. In refinancing existing facilities we aim to maintain diversity of funding sources and tenor in our capital structure and the USPP market supports both of these objectives very well."

CBA acted as Agent on the transaction.

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