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van Eyk Three Pillars - Share Buyback

The Board of Directors believe the discount reflects an imbalance of supply and demand for VTP shares. The dividend announcement and promotional activity has ensured we have moved well above the critical price level of \$1.00. However, there remains in the market shareholders willing to sell their VTP shares at levels below the NTA after tax. We consider this reflects an overhang of IPO shareholders that may not have a medium or long term view.

While, as you are aware, there are no guarantees in relation to absolute or comparative investment performance, we remain confident that van Eyk's investment philosophy will outperform the market over the medium and long term.

We will continue to take the necessary steps to promote VTP shares, including:

- Retail strategy – brief brokers, IFAs, retail investors, press on an ongoing basis
- Institutional strategy – brief value fund managers, other LICs, super funds and other institutional investors about the story
- Industry strategy – Together with other LIC operators and the ASX develop a broader industry understanding of LICs via seminars and education
- Build war chest to maintain fully invested strategy based on relative value to build NTA
- Distribution of consistently high dividends

We will also continue to review the advantages and disadvantages of a share buyback. The significant advantage being the temporary increase in demand for shares and the significant disadvantage being the decrease in future share turnover. Share turnover helps support LIC share prices relative to NTA.

The directors believe that we should, in the first instance, focus on actions to support the VTP price that do not have limited disadvantages. We are continuing to implement our planned actions.

The directors are mindful of the need to consider the interests of all shareholders, including long term shareholders as well as those that wish to ensure they can sell in the short term and receive full value for their shares.

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While we are encouraged by the share price movements in recent months, we consider the discount to NTA after tax remains at an unacceptable level.

Should the directors determine, through our ongoing review, that a share buyback is beneficial, we would inform the market through the ASX.

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