

ASX Announcement

Smartgroup Corporation Ltd (ASX: SIQ)

Smartgroup successfully completes A\$75 million institutional placement

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Smartgroup Corporation Ltd ("**Smartgroup**") is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed an institutional placement to raise approximately \$75 million through the issue of approximately 6.8 million new shares (the "**Offer**"), as announced to the market on Monday, 26 February 2018. The placement was priced at \$11.05 per new share ("**Offer Price**"), representing a 5.5% discount to the last close price on Monday, 26 February 2018 of \$11.69.

The proceeds under the Offer will be used to strengthen Smartgroup's balance sheet and provide financial flexibility to support organic growth and pursue future acquisitions.

The Offer received significant demand and was strongly supported by existing and new institutional shareholders. As a result, the Offer was substantially oversubscribed at the Offer Price.

Smartgroup CEO, Deven Billimoria said: "We are delighted with the strong demand we have received for the Offer and I thank our existing investors for their continued support of our company and its objectives. I would also like to welcome all of the new institutional investors to our register and I am delighted with the message of support their participation sends to our staff and customers".

The New Shares to be issued under the Placement ("**Placement Shares**") will rank equally with existing Smartgroup fully paid ordinary shares on issue, including entitlement to Smartgroup's fully franked final dividend of 18.5 cents per share for CY 2017.

Settlement of the Offer is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 1 March 2018, with allotment and quotation of the new shares issued in respect of the Offer to occur on the ASX on Friday, 2 March 2018.

Share Purchase Plan

As announced to the market on Monday, 26 February 2018, Smartgroup is intending to undertake a Share Purchase Plan ("SPP") whereby eligible existing shareholders will be able to apply for up to \$15,000 of Smartgroup shares per Smartgroup shareholder. The SPP will be capped at \$15 million in aggregate.

Further information in relation to the SPP, including the SPP terms and conditions, will be outlined in a separate SPP Booklet which will be dispatched to eligible shareholders.



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