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<u>Link Group announces successful completion of A\$300 million</u> <u>fully underwritten institutional placement</u>

Link Administration Holdings Limited (ASX: LNK) (**Link Group**) has successfully completed the fully underwritten placement of 35,294,118 ordinary shares to institutional and professional investors at a price of A\$8.50 per share, as announced yesterday, 17 April 2018, raising A\$300 million (**Placement**).

Demand for the Placement was very strong. The issue price under the Placement represents a 2.4% discount to Link Group's last closing price of A\$8.71 on 17 April 2018 (being the last trading day prior to the announcement of the Placement).

John McMurtrie, Link Group Managing Director, said: "We are delighted with the strong support shown by both existing and new institutional investors for the offer. The proceeds provide Link Group with balance sheet flexibility to continue to pursue strategic opportunities."

Settlement of the Placement is expected to occur on Friday, 20 April 2018, with allotment expected to occur on Monday, 23 April 2018.

Share Purchase Plan (SPP)

As announced yesterday, Link Group will also offer eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand the right to participate in the SPP. If 30% of non-institutional investors participate fully in the SPP, Link Group will raise approximately A\$40 million. Link Group reserves the right to increase the size of the SPP offer or scale back applications under the SPP at its absolute discretion. The issue price under the SPP will be \$8.50 per share, which is equal to the issue price under the Placement. New shares issued under the SPP will rank equally with existing ordinary shares in Link Group. Full details of the SPP will be set out in the SPP Offer Booklet, which will be lodged with ASX and sent to eligible shareholders on 26 April 2018.

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