



**ASX Announcement
Vitalharvest Freehold Trust**

5 March 2021

Further update on Roc proposal and unitholder meeting date

Further to the announcement on 1 March 2021, VTH RE has continued to assess the non-binding proposal from Roc. Following receipt of further information from Roc, VTH RE has now determined that the Roc proposal would be reasonably likely to result in a Superior Proposal.

However, it is important to note that, although VTH RE has made this determination and is able to negotiate with Roc with a view to agreeing a legally binding Superior Proposal, as defined in the scheme implementation deed (**SID**), VTH RE has not at this stage determined that the Roc proposal is in fact a Superior Proposal. The Roc proposal remains non-binding and is subject to the uncertainties and conditions which were set out in Roc's letter dated 25 February 2021 and which was attached to VTH RE's announcement dated 26 February 2021. VTH RE will also consider any response from Macquarie Agricultural Funds Management Limited as trustee for the Macquarie Agriculture Fund – Crop Australia 2 (**MAFM**).

The SID provides for a matching right process under which MAFM will have a 5 Business Day period to provide a matching or superior proposal, before VTH RE could enter into any legally binding agreement, arrangement or understanding to give effect to the Roc proposal.

VTH RE will continue to assess the Roc proposal but does not recommend, support or endorse Roc's non-binding proposal at this time. VTH unitholders do not need to take any action in relation to the Roc Proposal pending VTH RE's assessment.

As a result, the VTH RE Board continues to unanimously recommend that VTH unitholders vote in favour of:

- the Scheme, in the absence of a Superior Proposal and subject to the Independent Expert continuing to conclude that the Scheme is fair and reasonable to, and in the best interests of, VTH Unitholders; and
- the Asset Sale, in the absence of a Superior Proposal and subject to the Independent Expert continuing to conclude that the Asset Sale is fair and reasonable to, and in the best interests of, VTH Unitholders (and on the basis that it will only be implemented if the Scheme Approval Condition is not satisfied).

VTH RE will provide an update on the timing of the postponed meeting in relation to the MAFM proposal (currently expected to be held in April) as soon as possible. Further proxy instructions will also be provided in due course.

Conditional distribution

On 25 February 2021, VTH RE announced its half year FY2021 results which included reference to the conditional distribution of 2.5c per VTH unit having an expected record date



of 10 March 2021 and payment date of 17 March 2021. As a result of the postponement of the unitholder meeting previously scheduled for 4 March 2021, the timing condition has not been satisfied and accordingly no distribution will be paid on 17 March 2021 or with a record date of 10 March 2021. VTH RE has requested that MAFM agree to extend the waiver time limits and VTH RE will keep unitholders informed regarding whether MAFM consents to permit payment of the distribution to unitholders.

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About Vitalharvest Freehold Trust

Vitalharvest owns one of the largest aggregations of berry and citrus farms in Australia. These are located in prime growing locations in New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania and are leased to Costa Group (ASX:CGC).

Vitalharvest provides investors with exposure to agricultural property assets whose earnings profile and underlying value are exposed to the growing global agricultural demand for healthy, nutritious food. These assets provide agricultural diversification by way of crop type, climatic region, water source and product end markets.

Vitalharvest is an agricultural real estate investment trust managed by Primewest Agrichain Management Pty Ltd (ACN 625 505 455) AR No. 001264243.

About The Trust Company (RE Services) Ltd

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (Responsible Entity), part of Perpetual Limited (ASX:PPT) (**Perpetual**), is the responsible entity for the Vitalharvest Freehold Trust ARSN 626 537 362.

Perpetual is a financial services group operating in funds management, financial advisory and trustee services and has been in operation for over 130 years. Perpetual provides the fiduciary and governance oversight for the Vitalharvest Freehold Trust and Perpetual's Responsible Entity Services are provided independently of the manager to ensure the Vitalharvest Freehold Trust meets its regulatory and compliance obligations. Perpetual currently acts for over 90 Australian and international investment managers making their Responsible Entity team one of Australia's leading providers.