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Dear Sir

**STEADFAST ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSTITUTIONAL  
PLACEMENT**

Please see attached market release.

This announcement is authorised by a sub-committee of the Steadfast Board of Directors.

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Yours faithfully



**Linda Ellis**  
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## MARKET RELEASE

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## Steadfast Group announces successful completion of Institutional Placement

Steadfast Group Limited (ASX: SDF) ("Steadfast Group") is pleased to announce the successful completion of an institutional placement ("Institutional Placement") to raise \$200 million. Approximately 44.3 million new shares are being issued under the Institutional Placement which priced at \$4.51 per new share ("Institutional Placement Price"), representing a 2.4% discount to the dividend-adjusted last close price on Friday, 13 August 2021 of \$4.62, and a premium to the underwritten floor price of \$4.35 per share.

Settlement of new shares issued under the Institutional Placement is expected to take place on Thursday, 19 August 2021, with allotment and normal trading on Friday, 20 August 2021. The Placement Shares will rank equally with existing Steadfast Group shares however as the allotment will take place after the ex-dividend date for the final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2021 (FY21 final dividend), they will not be entitled to receive the FY21 final dividend. The Institutional Placement shares are within Steadfast Group's existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and accordingly shareholder approval is not required.

Managing Director & CEO Robert Kelly commented on the outcome of the Institutional Placement, "We are extremely pleased with the level of interest shown in the Institutional Placement and we thank our existing shareholders for their continued support and we also welcome a number of new institutional investors onto our share register. The Institutional Placement was significantly oversubscribed with support from both existing and new investors and priced at a premium to the underwritten floor price.

Since listing, Steadfast has continued to demonstrate and deliver on its strong track record of successfully executing and integrating acquisitions. As previously announced, the proceeds raised from the Institutional Placement and the accompanying Share Purchase Plan ("SPP") outlined below will be used to fund the 100% acquisition of Coverforce for \$411.5 million (expected to complete on 20 August 2021)."

### SPP

As previously announced, Steadfast Group will offer eligible shareholders the opportunity to purchase new Steadfast Group shares under an SPP at an issue price equal to the lesser of \$4.51, being the Institutional Placement Price, or the price that is a 1% discount to the volume weighted average price of Steadfast Group's shares as traded on the ASX over the five trading days ending on the closing date for the SPP offer (being Monday, 13 September 2021). Eligible shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand as at 7.00pm Sydney time on Friday, 13 August 2021 may apply to purchase up to \$30,000 worth of new Steadfast Group shares under the SPP. The SPP will not be underwritten.

Further details in relation to the SPP will be included in the SPP booklet to be released to the market and sent to eligible shareholders next week.

## Important notice

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In addition, this announcement is subject to the same "Important Notice and Disclaimer" as appears on pages 2 to 4 of the Investor Presentation dated 16 August 2021 with any necessary contextual changes.

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This market release contains forward looking statements which are identified by words such as 'may', 'could', 'believes', 'estimates', 'expects', 'intends' and other similar expressions that are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Indications of, and guidance on, future earnings and financial position and performance are also forward-looking statements.

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These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this market release, and except as

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