

## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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## **RETAIL ENTITLEMENT OFFER**

Appen Limited (**Appen**) (ASX code: APX) refers to its announcement attaching the Retail Offer Booklet released earlier today. That version omitted copies of certain ASX announcements in section 4 of the Retail Offer Booklet.

Shareholders are advised to disregard the previously lodged Retail Offer Booklet and to instead refer to the revised copy of the Retail Offer Booklet (which contains copies of the ASX announcements in section 4 of the Retail Offer Booklet), which is attached. For completeness, the letter that will be made available to ineligible retail shareholders notifying them of the Retail Entitlement Offer is also attached.

A copy of both documents can also be accessed by eligible retail shareholders through <u>https://events.miraqle.com/apx-offer/</u>.

The Retail Offer Booklet and the Entitlement and Acceptance Form contains important information about the Retail Entitlement Offer including how eligible retail shareholders in Australia and New Zealand can apply to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Eligible shareholders can contact the the Appen Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia) for more information. The Appen Offer Information Line will be open from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday.

## Authorised by Company Secretary of Appen Limited, Mr Carl Middlehurst.

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#### **Important Information**

This announcement does not constitute financial product advice and does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any particular investor. Investors are encouraged to seek independent financial advice before making any investment decision.

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This announcement has been prepared for publication in Australia and may not be released or distributed in the United States. This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, securities in the United States. Any securities described in this announcement have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("U.S. Securities Act"), or under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the entitlements may not be taken up or exercised by, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to persons in the United States, except in transactions exempt from, or not subject to, the registration of the U.S. Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States.

# Appen Limited Retail Entitlement Offer Booklet

Appen Limited (ACN 138 878 298)

1 for 3.65 pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer of Appen Limited ordinary shares at an Offer Price of \$0.55 per New Share

Retail Entitlement Offer closes at 5.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 8 December 2023



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If you are an Eligible Retail Shareholder, this Retail Offer Booklet and the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form that accompanies it contains important information and requires your immediate attention. You should read both documents carefully and in their entirety. This Retail Offer Booklet is not a prospectus under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) and has not been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**). If you have any questions, please call your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser or the Appen Limited Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 outside Australia) between 8:30am and 5:30pm (AEDT), Monday to Friday.

## **Important Notices**

This Retail Offer Booklet is dated 29 November 2023, and has been issued by Appen Limited (ACN 138 878 298) (**Appen**). It relates to the Retail Entitlement Offer, which is part of the Entitlement Offer by Appen to raise approximately A\$23.6 million. Unless otherwise defined in this section, capitalised terms in this section have the meaning given to them elsewhere in this Retail Offer Booklet.

The Retail Entitlement Offer is made in accordance with section 708AA of the Corporations Act (as notionally modified by the ASIC Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84) and Australian Securities Investments Commission Corporations (Disregarding Technical Relief) Instrument 2016/73.

This Retail Offer Booklet is not a prospectus or a product disclosure statement under the Corporations Act and it has not been lodged with ASIC. This Retail Offer Booklet does not contain all of the information which would be required to be disclosed in a prospectus or a product disclosure statement. As a result, it is important for you to read and understand the publicly available information on Appen and the Entitlement Offer (for example, the information available on Appen's website at appen.com or on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) website at

https://www.asx.com.au) prior to deciding whether to accept your Entitlement and apply for New Shares. The information in this Retail Offer Booklet does not constitute financial product advice, and does not take into account your investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs.

There may be additional announcements made by Appen after the launch of the Retail Entitlement Offer on 29 November 2023 and throughout the period that the Retail Entitlement Offer is open that may be relevant to your consideration of whether to take up or do nothing in respect of your Entitlement. Therefore, it is prudent that you check whether any further announcements have been made by Appen (by visiting the ASX website at

https://www.asx.com.au) before submitting your Application to take up your Entitlement or doing nothing with your Entitlement.

Please contact your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser or the Appen Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia) between 8:30am and 5:30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday if you have any questions.

This Retail Offer Booklet should be read in its entirety (including the accompanying Entitlement and Acceptance Form) before you decide whether to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer. In particular, the Investor Presentation in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet details important factors and risks that could affect the financial and operating performance of Appen. Please refer to the "Key Risks" sections of the Investor Presentation for details. When making an investment decision in connection with the Retail Entitlement Offer, it is essential that you consider these risk factors carefully in light of your individual personal circumstances, including financial and taxation issues (some of which have been outlined in Section 3 of this Retail Offer Booklet).

In addition to reading this Retail Offer Booklet in conjunction with Appen's other periodic and continuous disclosure announcements, you should conduct your own independent review, investigations and analysis of Appen and the New Shares and obtain any professional advice you require to evaluate the merits and risks of an investment in Appen before making any investment decision.

By paying for your New Shares through BPAY® or EFT in accordance with the instructions in the Entitlement and Acceptance Form, you acknowledge that you have read this Retail Offer Booklet and you have acted in accordance with and agree to the terms of the Retail Entitlement Offer detailed in this Retail Offer Booklet.

#### No overseas offering

The Retail Offer Booklet, the Entitlement and Acceptance Form and any accompanying ASX announcements have been prepared to comply with the requirements of the securities laws of Australia and New Zealand. To the extent that you hold Shares or Entitlements on behalf of another person resident outside Australia and New Zealand, it is your responsibility to ensure that any participation (including for your own account or when you hold Shares or Entitlements beneficially for another person) complies with all applicable foreign laws and that each beneficial owner on whose behalf you are applying for New Shares is not in the United States and not acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States.

This Retail Offer Booklet does not constitute an offer or invitation in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it would not be lawful to make such an offer or invitation. No action has been taken to register or qualify the Retail Entitlement Offer, the Entitlements or the New Shares, or otherwise permit the public offering of the New Shares, in any jurisdiction other than Australia and New Zealand.

The distribution of this Retail Offer Booklet (including an electronic copy) outside Australia and New Zealand may be restricted by law. If you come into possession of this Retail Offer Booklet, you should observe such restrictions and should seek your own advice on such restrictions. See the foreign selling restrictions set out in the "International selling restrictions" section of the Investor Presentation included in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet for more information.

Any non-compliance with these restrictions may contravene applicable securities laws.

#### New Zealand

The New Shares are not being offered to the public within New Zealand other than to existing Shareholders of Appen with registered addresses in New Zealand to whom the offer of these securities is being made in reliance on the Financial Markets Conduct (Incidental Offers) Exemption Notice 2021.

This document has been prepared in compliance with Australian law and has not been registered, filed with or approved by any New Zealand regulatory authority under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This document is not a product disclosure statement under New Zealand law and is not required to, and may not, contain all the information that a product disclosure statement under New Zealand law is required to contain.

#### United States

None of this Retail Offer Booklet, any accompanying ASX announcements and the Entitlement and Acceptance Form constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities in the United States.

The Entitlements and the New Shares have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (**US Securities Act**) or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the Entitlements may not be taken up or exercised by and the New Shares may not be offered, sold or resold, directly or indirectly, to a person in the United States or acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States (to the extent such persons are acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States), except in a transaction exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and the applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States.

In the Retail Entitlement Offer, the Entitlements may only be taken up or exercised by and the New Shares may only be offered or sold outside the United States in "offshore transactions" (as defined in Rule 902(h) under the US Securities Act) in compliance with Regulation S under the US Securities Act. Neither this Retail Offer Booklet (nor any part of it), the Entitlement and Acceptance Form, any accompanying ASX announcement nor any other material relating to the Retail Entitlement Offer may be distributed or released in the United States, to any person in the United States or to any person acting for the account or benefit of any person in the United States.

#### Future performance and forward looking statements

This Retail Offer Booklet and certain accompanying ASX announcements contain certain "forward looking statements". Forward looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward looking words such as "expect", "anticipate", "likely", "intend", "propose", "should", "could", "may", "guidance", "outlook", "predict", "plan", "will", "believe", "forecast", "estimate", "target", and other similar expressions within the meaning of securities laws of applicable jurisdictions. The forward looking statements contained in this Retail Offer Booklet are not guarantees or predictions of future performance and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Appen, its directors and management, and may involve significant elements of subjective judgement and assumptions as to future events which may or may not be correct.

There can be no assurance that actual outcomes will not differ materially from these forward looking statements. A number of important factors could cause actual results or performance to differ materially from the forward looking statements. Investors should consider the forward looking statements contained in this Retail Offer Booklet in light of those disclosures. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward looking statements.

No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the accuracy, likelihood of achievement or reasonableness of any forecasts, prospects, returns or statements in relation to future matters contained in this Retail Offer Booklet.

The forward looking statements are based on information available to Appen as at the date of this Retail Offer Booklet. Except as required by law or regulation (including the ASX Listing Rules), Appen undertakes no obligation to provide any additional or updated information whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise.

#### Past performance

Investors should note that any past performance information, including past share price performance and pro forma historical information, is provided for illustrative purposes only, and cannot be relied upon as an indicator of (and provides no guarantee or guidance as to) future Appen performance, including future financial position or share price performance. The pro forma historical information is not represented as being indicative of Appen's views on its future financial condition and/or performance.

#### References to "you" and "your Entitlement"

In this Retail Offer Booklet, references to "you" are references to Eligible Retail Shareholders (as defined in Section 5.1) and references to "your Entitlement" (or "your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form") are references to the Entitlements (or personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form) of Eligible Retail Shareholders.

#### **Times and dates**

Times and dates in this Retail Offer Booklet are indicative only and subject to change. All times and dates refer to Sydney time. Refer to the "Key Dates" section of this Retail Offer Booklet for more details.

#### Currency

Unless otherwise stated, all dollar values in this Retail Offer Booklet are in Australian dollars (A\$).

#### Taxation

There will be tax implications associated with participating in the Retail Entitlement Offer and receiving New Shares. Section 3 provides a general guide to the Australian income tax, goods and services tax and stamp duty implications of the Retail Entitlement Offer for certain Eligible Retail Shareholders. The guide is expressed in general terms and does not take account of the individual circumstances of particular Eligible Retail Shareholders and does not constitute tax advice. Appen recommends that you consult your professional tax adviser in connection with the Retail Entitlement Offer.

#### Governing law

This Retail Offer Booklet, the Retail Entitlement Offer, and the contracts formed on acceptance of the Applications are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. Each Eligible Retail Shareholder who submits an Application submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales, Australia.

#### No representations

No person is authorised to give any information or to make any representation in connection with the Retail Entitlement Offer which is not contained in the Retail Offer Booklet. Any information or representation in connection with the Retail Entitlement Offer not contained in the Retail Offer Booklet, the accompanying Entitlement and Acceptance Form and any accompanying ASX announcements, may not be relied upon as having been authorised by Appen or any of its officers in connection with the Retail Entitlement Offer.

#### Underwriter

Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited (ACN 636 976 059) (Underwriter) is acting as lead manager, bookrunner and underwriter to the Entitlement Offer. Neither the Underwriter, nor any of its affiliates, related bodies corporate (as that term is defined in the Corporations Act), nor its directors, employees, officers, representatives, agents, partners, consultants and advisers (together the Underwriter Parties), nor the advisers to Appen or any other person including clients named in this document, have authorised, permitted or caused the issue or lodgement, submission, dispatch or provision of this Retail Offer Booklet (or any other materials released by Appen) and none of them makes or purports to make any statement in this Retail Offer Booklet and there is no statement in this Retail Offer Booklet which is based on any statement by any of them.

The Underwriter Parties may, from time to time, hold interests in the securities of, or earn brokerage, fees or other benefits from Appen.

Determination of eligibility of investors for the purposes of the institutional or retail components of the Entitlement Offer is determined by reference to a number of matters, including legal and regulatory requirements, logistical and registry constraints and the discretion of Appen and the Underwriter.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, each of Appen and the Underwriter and each of their respective affiliates disclaim any duty or liability in respect of that determination and the exercise or otherwise of that discretion.

The Underwriter Parties: (1) have not caused the issue of this Retail Offer Booklet or the issue of any New Shares pursuant to the Entitlement Offer, (2) have not made any statements in this Retail Offer Booklet (other than references to its name), and (3) do not accept any responsibility for any statements in this Retail Offer Booklet (other than references to it name) or any omissions from and makes no representation or warranty as to the currency, accuracy, reliability or completeness of this Retail Offer Booklet.

The Underwriter Parties make no recommendation as to whether you or your related parties should participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer nor do they make any representations or warranties, express or implied, to you concerning the Entitlement Offer or any such information, and by paying for your New Shares through BPAY® or EFT in accordance with the instructions on the Entitlement and Acceptance Form, you represent, warrant and agree that you have not relied on any statements made by the Underwriter Parties in relation to the New Shares or the Entitlement Offer generally.

Statements made in this Retail Offer Booklet are made only as the date of this Retail Offer Booklet. The information in this Retail Offer Booklet remains subject to change without notice.

#### **Trading New Shares**

Appen and the Underwriter, and each of their directors, officers, employees, agents and consultants, will have no responsibility to persons who trade New Shares they believe will be issued to them before they receive their holding statements, whether on the basis of confirmation of the allocation provided by Appen or the Share Registry or otherwise, or who otherwise trade or purport to trade New Shares in error or which they do not hold or are not entitled to.

If you are in any doubt as to these matters you should first consult with your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser.

#### No Entitlements trading

The Entitlements are non-renounceable and cannot be traded on ASX or any other exchange, nor can they be privately transferred.

#### No cooling-off rights

Cooling-off rights do not apply to an investment in New Shares. You cannot withdraw an Application once it has been submitted.

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## Summary of the Retail Entitlement Offer

Offer Price	A\$0.55 per New Share	
Your Entitlement	1 New Share for every 3.65 Existing Shares held on the Record Date	

## Key dates for the Retail Entitlement Offer

Announcement of the Entitlement Offer and the Placement	Tuesday, 21 November 2023
Record Date for eligibility in the Retail Entitlement Offer (7.00pm, Sydney time)	Friday, 24 November 2023
Retail Entitlement Offer opens	Wednesday, 29 November 2023
Retail Offer Booklet made available, including personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form	Wednesday, 29 November 2023
Retail Entitlement Offer closes (5.00pm, Sydney time)	Friday, 8 December 2023
Settlement of Retail Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 14 December 2023
Issue of New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Friday, 15 December 2023
Quotation and normal trading on ASX of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Monday, 18 December 2023
Despatch of holding statements	Tuesday, 19 December 2023

<u>Note:</u> The timetable above is indicative only and may change. Appen reserves the right, where reasonable, to amend any or all of these dates and times having regard to market conditions, the circumstances of the Entitlement Offer and Appen's business needs and subject to the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules and other applicable laws. In particular, Appen reserves the right to extend the closing date of the Retail Entitlement Offer, to accept late Applications under the Retail Entitlement Offer (either generally or in particular cases) and to withdraw or vary the Retail Entitlement Offer. Material changes to the timetable for the Entitlement Offer will be disclosed on ASX as soon as practicable. Any extension of the closing date may have a consequential effect on the issue date of New Shares. The commencement of quotation of New Shares is subject to confirmation from ASX.

#### No cooling off rights

Cooling off rights do not apply to an investment in New Shares. You cannot withdraw your Application once it has been accepted. Eligible Retail Shareholders wishing to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer are encouraged to pay for your New Shares through BPAY® or EFT in the manner described in this Retail Offer Booklet and your Entitlement and Acceptance Form as soon as possible after the Retail Entitlement Offer opens.

#### Enquiries

If you have any questions, please call the Appen Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia). The Appen Offer Information Line will be open from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday.

Alternatively, contact your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser.

## **Chair's Letter**

29 November 2023

Dear Appen Shareholder,

On behalf of the Appen Limited board, I am pleased to invite you to participate in a 1 for 3.65 pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer of new Appen ordinary shares (**New Shares**) at an offer price of \$0.55 per New Share (**Offer Price**), to raise gross proceeds of approximately \$23.6 million. (**Entitlement Offer**).

The proceeds of the Entitlement Offer are intended to be used to provide balance sheet flexibility and general working capital requirements to support Appen's return to profitability and transaction costs.

## **Details of the Entitlement Offer**

The Entitlement Offer comprises an institutional component (**Institutional Entitlement Offer**) and a retail component (**Retail Entitlement Offer**), and is being conducted in conjunction with a placement of ordinary shares to Institutional Investors (**Placement**) as announced on 21 November 2023. The Offer Price is the same as the offer price under the Placement. As announced to ASX on 23 November 2023, Appen has successfully completed the Institutional Entitlement Offer raising approximately \$6.4 million for Appen. The Retail Entitlement Offer is expected to raise approximately \$17.3 million. The Placement and the Entitlement Offer are fully underwritten.

Under the Retail Entitlement Offer, Eligible Retail Shareholders (as defined in Section 5.1) are being offered the opportunity to subscribe for 1 New Share for every 3.65 existing Appen ordinary shares (**Shares**) held on the Record Date of 7.00pm (Sydney time) on 24 November 2023 (**Entitlements**). The Offer Price of \$0.55 per New Share represents an approximate 42.1% discount to the closing share price of \$0.95 on 20 November 2023, being the last trading day shares traded before the Entitlement Offer was launched and a 35.1% discount to the theoretical ex-rights price (**TERP**)<sup>1</sup> of \$0.85 on 20 November 2023, being the last trading day shares traded before the Entitlement Offer was launched.

## Other information

This offer booklet (**Retail Offer Booklet**) relates to the Retail Entitlement Offer. This Retail Offer Booklet contains important information about the Retail Entitlement Offer and Appen's business under the following headings:

- Key dates;
- Summary of options available to you;
- Actions required by you (including instructions on how to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer if you choose to do so);
- Australian taxation considerations;
- ASX announcements (including the Investor Presentation, which provides information on Appen, including information relating to the use of the proceeds of the Entitlement Offer, and a summary of some of the key risks associated with an investment in Appen); and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TERP is the theoretical ex-rights price including the Placement shares. TERP is calculated by reference to Appen's closing price of A\$0.95 on 20 November 2023, being the last trading day prior to the announcement of the Entitlement Offer and Placement. TERP is a theoretical calculation only and the actual price at which Appen shares trade immediately after the ex-date of the Entitlement Offer will depend on many factors and may not be equal to TERP.

#### Additional information.

Accompanying this Retail Offer Booklet is your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form which contains details of your Entitlement. Your Entitlement may have value and it is important that you determine whether to take up or do nothing in respect of your Entitlement. If you choose to do nothing, your Entitlement will lapse and you will receive no value for your Entitlement.

#### The Retail Entitlement Offer closes at 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023.

To participate, you need to ensure that you have completed your Application by paying the Offer Price multiplied by the number of New Shares you are applying for (**Application Monies**) by BPAY® or EFT before this time in the manner described in this Retail Offer Booklet.

Please carefully read this Retail Offer Booklet in its entirety before you invest and consult your stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser before making your investment decision. In particular, you should read and consider the "Key risks" section of the Investor Presentation included in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet which contains a summary of some of the key risks associated with an investment in Appen.

If you have any questions in respect of the Entitlement Offer please call the Appen Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia) at any time from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday. Please consult your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser before making your investment decision.

On behalf of the Board of Appen, I thank you for your continued support and encourage you to consider this investment opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

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Richard Freudenstein Chair

## Section 1 Summary of options available to you

If you are an Eligible Retail Shareholder (as defined in Section 5.1) you may take any one of the following actions:

- take up all of your Entitlement;
- take up some of your Entitlement and allow the balance to lapse; or
- do nothing, in which case your Entitlement will lapse and you will receive no value for your lapsed Entitlement.

The Retail Entitlement Offer closes at 5.00pm on 8 December 2023.

If you are a retail Shareholder that is not an Eligible Retail Shareholder (as defined in Section 5.1), you are an Ineligible Retail Shareholder. Ineligible Retail Shareholders are not entitled to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Optio	ons available to you	Key considerations
1.	Take up all of your Entitlement	<ul> <li>You may elect to purchase New Shares at the Offer Price (see Section 2.4.1 for instructions on how to take up your Entitlement).</li> <li>The New Shares will rank equally in all respects with Existing Shares (including rights to dividends and distributions).</li> </ul>
2.	Take up part of your Entitlement	<ul> <li>If you do not take up your Entitlement in full, that portion of your Entitlement not taken up will lapse and you will not receive any payment or value for them.</li> <li>If you do not take up your Entitlements in full, your percentage holding in Appen will be diluted.</li> </ul>
3.	Do nothing, in which case your Entitlements will lapse and you will receive no payment or value for those lapsed Entitlements	<ul> <li>If you do not take up any of your Entitlements, you will not be allocated New Shares and your Entitlements will lapse. Your Entitlements are non- renounceable, which means your Entitlements are non-transferrable and cannot be sold, traded on ASX or any other exchange, nor can they be privately transferred.</li> <li>You will not receive any payment or value for those Entitlements not taken up.</li> <li>Although you will continue to own the same number of Appen shares, your percentage holding in Appen will be diluted.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Actions required by you

## 2.1 Overview of the Entitlement Offer

Appen intends to raise approximately \$23.6 million under the Entitlement Offer. As part of the Entitlement Offer, Eligible Retail Shareholders (as defined in Section 5.1) are being offered the opportunity to subscribe for 1 New Share for every 3.65 Existing Shares held as at 7.00pm (Sydney time) on 24 November 2023 (**Record Date**), at the Offer Price of \$0.55 per New Share.

The Entitlement Offer is comprised of:

- Institutional Entitlement Offer Eligible Institutional Shareholders were given the opportunity to take up all or some of their Entitlements at the Offer Price of \$0.55 per New Share. Entitlements under the Institutional Entitlement Offer were non-renounceable. In total, approximately \$6.3 million was raised in the Institutional Entitlement Offer; and
- **Retail Entitlement Offer** Eligible Retail Shareholders are being offered Entitlements under the Retail Entitlement Offer which can be taken up in whole or in part. Entitlements are non-renounceable and are not tradeable or otherwise transferable.

The Entitlement Offer is fully underwritten. Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited (ACN 636 976 059) has been appointed by Appen as underwriter of the Entitlement Offer (**Underwriter**).

You have a number of decisions to make in respect of your Entitlement. These decisions may materially affect the value (if any) that may be received in respect of your Entitlement. You should read this Retail Offer Booklet carefully before making any decisions in relation to your Entitlement.

Further details on the Retail Entitlement Offer are set out below.

## 2.2 The Retail Entitlement Offer

The Retail Entitlement Offer opens on 29 November 2023 and will close at 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023.

The Retail Entitlement Offer is being made pursuant to section 708AA of the Corporations Act (as modified by *ASIC Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84*), which allows rights issues to be offered without a prospectus, provided certain conditions are satisfied. This Retail Offer Booklet does not contain all of the information which may be required in order to make an informed decision regarding an Application for New Shares offered under the Retail Entitlement Offer. As a result, it is important for you to read carefully and understand the information on Appen and the Retail Entitlement Offer made publicly available, including the information lodged by Appen with ASX as part of its continuous disclosure obligations, prior to deciding whether to take up all or some of your Entitlement or do nothing in respect of your Entitlement. In particular, please refer to this Retail Offer Booklet and other announcements made available at https://www.asx.com.au (including announcements which may be made by Appen after publication of this Retail Offer Booklet).

Please consult with your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser if you have any queries or are uncertain about any aspect of the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Eligible Retail Shareholders should be aware that an investment in Appen involves risks. The key risks identified by Appen are set out in the "Key risks" section of the Investor Presentation (enclosed in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet).

## 2.3 Your Entitlement

Your Entitlement is set out on your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form and have been calculated as 1 New Share for every 3.65 Existing Shares you held as at the Record Date. If the result is not a whole number, your Entitlement has been rounded up to the nearest whole number of New Shares.

If you have more than one registered holding of Shares, you will be sent more than one personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form and you will have a separate Entitlement for each separate holding.

New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer will be fully paid and from allotment rank equally in all respects with Existing Shares and will be entitled to dividends/distributions on the same basis as Existing Shares.

See Section 5.1 and the 'Important Notices' section (particularly under the heading 'No overseas offering') for information on restrictions on participation in the Retail Entitlement Offer.

The Entitlement stated on your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form may be in excess of the actual Entitlement you may be permitted to take up where, for example, you are holding Shares on behalf of a person in the United States.

## 2.4 Options available to you

If you are an Eligible Retail Shareholder, you may take any of the following actions. Each of these options may have a materially different outcome on any value you receive in respect of your Entitlement:

- (a) take up your Entitlement in full (see Section 2.4.1); or
- (b) take up part of your Entitlement, in which case the balance of your Entitlement would lapse (see Section 2.4.2); or
- (c) do nothing, in which case your Entitlement will lapse and you will receive no payment or value for your lapsed Entitlement (see Section 2.4.3).

The Entitlements are non-renounceable and will not be tradeable or otherwise transferable. Shareholders who do not take up their Entitlement in full will not receive any payment or value for any part of their Entitlement they do not take up. Their percentage holding in Appen will be diluted.

Appen reserves the right to reject any Application that is received after the Retail Entitlement Offer closes. The Retail Entitlement Offer closes at 5.00pm on 8 December 2023 (however, that date may be varied by Appen, subject to the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules and other applicable laws).

## 2.4.1 Taking up all of your Entitlement

If you wish to take up all of your Entitlement, please pay your Application Monies via BPAY® or EFT by following the instructions set out on the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form, by no later than 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023.

Application Monies received by Appen in excess of the amount in respect of your Entitlement will be refunded as soon as practicable after the close of the Retail Entitlement Offer. No interest will be paid to you on any Application Monies received or refunded.

If you take up and pay for all your Entitlement before the close of the Retail Entitlement Offer, it is expected that you will be issued New Shares on 15 December 2023.

#### 2.4.2 Take up part of your Entitlement and allow the balance to lapse

If you wish to take up some of your Entitlement, please pay your Application Monies via BPAY® or EFT by following the instructions set out on the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form by no later than 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023.

If Appen receives an amount that is less than the Offer Price multiplied by your Entitlement, your payment may be treated as an Application for as many New Shares as your Application Monies will pay for in full at the Offer Price and the excess amount will be refunded as soon as practicable after the close of the Retail Entitlement Offer. No interest will be paid to you on any Application Monies received or refunded.

If you take up and pay for some of your Entitlement before the close of the Retail Entitlement Offer, it is expected that you will be issued New Shares on 15 December 2023.

## 2.4.3 Allowing your Entitlement to lapse

If you take no action, you will not be allocated New Shares and your Entitlement will lapse.

## 2.5 Payment

Please follow the instructions on the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form. You can only make payment via BPAY® if you are the holder of an account with an Australian financial institution that supports BPAY® transactions.

Receipts for payment will not be issued. Appen will treat you as applying for as many New Shares as your payment will pay for in full at the Offer Price.

Any Application Monies received for more than your final allocation of New Shares will be refunded as soon as practicable after the close of the Retail Entitlement Offer. No interest will be paid to applicants on any Application Monies received or refunded.

Please make sure you use the specific Biller Code and your unique Customer Reference Number (**CRN**) on your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form. If you have multiple holdings and consequently receive more than one personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form, when taking up your Entitlement in respect of one of those holdings only, use the CRN specific to that holding. If you do not use the correct CRN specific to that holding your Application will not be recognised as valid.

By paying by BPAY®:

- you do not need to submit your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form but you are deemed to have made the declarations, representations and warranties on that personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form and in Section 2.7; and
- if you do not pay for your full Entitlement, you are deemed to have taken up your Entitlement in respect of such whole number of New Shares as is covered in full by your Application Monies.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your BPAY® payment is received by the Share Registry by no later than 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023. You should be aware that your financial institution may implement earlier cut-off times with regard to electronic payment, and you should take this into consideration in the timing of when you make payment.

## 2.6 Eligible Retail Shareholders in New Zealand

If you are an Eligible Retail Shareholder in New Zealand who does not have an Australian bank account or cannot pay via BPAY®, you can pay by EFT. For more information, you should contact the Appen Limited Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia) between 8:30am and 5:30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday.

## 2.7 Representations by acceptance

Making an Application (via payment made through BPAY® or otherwise) constitutes a binding offer to acquire New Shares on the terms and conditions set out in this Retail Offer Booklet and, once paid, cannot be withdrawn.

By making a payment by BPAY® or EFT or otherwise applying to participate, you will be deemed to have represented and warranted to Appen on behalf of yourself and each person on whose account you are acting that you are an Eligible Retail Shareholder and you:

- acknowledge that you have received, read and understand this Retail Offer Booklet and your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form in their entirety;
- agree to be bound by the terms of the Retail Entitlement Offer, the provisions of this Retail Offer Booklet, and Appen's constitution;
- authorise Appen to register you as the holder of New Shares allotted to you;

- declare you are over 18 years of age and have full legal capacity and power to perform all of your rights and obligations under the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form;
- acknowledge that there is no cooling off period under the Retail Entitlement Offer and that once Appen receives your payment of Application Monies, you may not withdraw your Application or funds provided except as allowed by law;
- agree to apply for and be issued up to the number of New Shares for which you have submitted payment of any Application Monies, at the Offer Price per New Share;
- authorise Appen, the Underwriter, the Share Registry and their respective officers or agents to do anything on your behalf reasonably necessary for New Shares to be issued to you, including to act on instructions of the Share Registry upon using the contact details set out in your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form;
- acknowledge and agree that:
  - determination of eligibility of investors for the purposes of the institutional or retail components of the Entitlement Offer is determined by reference to a number of matters, including legal and regulatory requirements, logistical and registry constraints and the discretion of Appen and/or the Underwriter; and
  - each of Appen and the Underwriter, and each of their respective affiliates, disclaim any duty or liability in respect of that determination and the exercise or otherwise of that discretion, to the maximum extent permitted by law;
- declare that you were the registered holder(s) at the Record Date of the Shares indicated on the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form as being held by you on the Record Date;
- acknowledge that the information contained in this Retail Offer Booklet and your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form is not investment advice nor a recommendation that New Shares are suitable for you given your investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs;
- acknowledge that this Retail Offer Booklet is not a prospectus, does not contain all of the information that you may require in order to assess an investment in Appen and is given in the context of Appen's past and ongoing continuous disclosure announcements to ASX;
- acknowledge the statement of risks in the "Key risks" section of the Investor Presentation contained in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet, and that investments in Appen are subject to risk;
- acknowledge that none of Appen, the Underwriter, or their respective related bodies corporate and affiliates and their respective directors, contractors, partners, officers, partners, employees, representatives, agents, consultants or advisers, guarantees the performance of the New Shares or the performance of Appen, nor do they guarantee the repayment of capital from Appen;
- agree to provide (and direct your nominee or custodian to provide) any requested substantiation of your eligibility to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer and of your holding of Shares on the Record Date;
- authorise Appen to correct any errors in your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form or other form provided by you;
- represent and warrant (for the benefit of Appen, the Underwriter, and their related bodies corporate and affiliates) that you did not participate in the Institutional Entitlement Offer either directly or through a nominee, are not an Ineligible Retail Shareholder and are otherwise eligible to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer;

- represent and warrant that the law of any place does not prohibit you from being given access to this Retail Offer Booklet and the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form, nor does it prohibit you from making an Application for New Shares and that you are otherwise eligible to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer;
- represent and warrant that you are not in the United States and you are not a person (including a nominee or custodian) acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States, and are not otherwise a person to whom it would be illegal to make an offer or issue of New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer;
- understand and acknowledge that the Entitlements and the New Shares have not been, and will
  not be, registered under the US Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other
  jurisdiction of the United States, and that accordingly the Entitlements may not be taken up or
  exercised by and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to persons in
  the United States or persons who are acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United
  States. You further acknowledge that New Shares offered and sold pursuant to the Retail
  Entitlement Offer may not only be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the United States,
  except in a transaction exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the US
  Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws;
- are subscribing for Entitlements or purchasing New Shares outside of the United States in an "offshore transaction" (as defined in Rule 902(h) under the US Securities Act) in reliance on Regulation S under the US Securities Act;
- you and each person on whose account you are acting have not and will not send this Retail Offer Booklet, the Entitlement and Acceptance Form or any other materials relating to the Retail Entitlement Offer to any person in the United States or any other country outside Australia and New Zealand;
- if you are acting as a nominee or custodian, each beneficial holder on whose behalf you are submitting the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form is resident in Australia or New Zealand, is not in the United States and is not acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States, and you have not sent this Retail Offer Booklet, the personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form or any information relating to the Retail Entitlement Offer to any such person; and
- make all other representations and warranties set out in this Retail Offer Booklet.

## 2.8 Enquiries

If you have not received or you have lost your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form, or have any questions regarding the Entitlement Offer, please contact the Appen Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia). The Appen Offer Information Line will be open from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can access information about the Retail Entitlement Offer online at https://events.miraqle.com/apx-offer. If you have any further questions, you should contact your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser.

## Section 3 Australian taxation considerations

## 3.1 General

Set out below is a general summary of the Australian income tax, goods and services tax (**GST**) and stamp duty implications associated with the subscription of New Shares for certain Eligible Retail Shareholders.

This summary is general in nature and does not take account of the individual circumstances, financial objectives, tax positions, or investment needs of particular Eligible Retail Shareholders and does not constitute tax advice. The tax implications associated with subscribing for New Shares will vary depending on your particular circumstances. Neither Appen nor any of its officers or employees, nor its taxation or other advisers, accepts any liability or responsibility in respect of any statement concerning taxation consequences, or in respect of the taxation consequences.

This taxation summary does not constitute financial product advice as defined in the Corporations Act . This summary is confined to taxation issues and is only one of the matters you need to consider when making a decision about your investments.

# You should consult your own professional tax adviser regarding the consequences of subscribing to New Shares to you in light of your particular circumstances.

The information provided below is not applicable to all Eligible Retail Shareholders. This tax summary deals only with the Australian taxation implications associated with subscribing for the New Shares if you:

- are a resident for Australian income tax purposes; and
- hold your Shares on capital account.

This summary will not apply to you if you:

- are not a resident for Australian income tax purposes;
- hold your Shares on 'revenue account' or as 'trading stock' (as defined in the *Income Tax* Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) (the **1997 Act**), such as share trading entities or entities who acquired their Shares for the purposes of resale at a profit);
- may be subject to special tax rules, such as partnerships, tax exempt organisations, insurance companies, dealers in securities or Shareholders who change their tax residency while holding their Shares;
- acquired the Shares in respect of which the Entitlements are issued under any employee share scheme or where the New Shares are acquired pursuant to any employee share scheme, and where those shares remain subject to deferred taxation under Division 83A of the 1997 Act (other than where those Shares are no longer subject to any relevant employee share scheme rules); and/or
- are subject to the taxation of financial arrangement rules in Division 230 of the 1997 Act in relation to gains and losses on your Shares, except as otherwise noted in section 3.7 below.

This summary is based on the provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth) and the 1997 Act as at the date of this Retail Offer Booklet. The summary does not take into account or anticipate changes in Australian tax law or future judicial interpretations of law after this time unless otherwise specified. The laws are complex and subject to change periodically, as is their interpretation by the courts and the tax authorities. The summary also does not take into account tax legislation of any country other than Australia.

## 3.2 Issue of Entitlements

The issue of the Entitlements should not, of itself, result in any amount being included in your assessable income.

## 3.3 Exercise of Entitlements

You should not derive any assessable income, or make any capital gain or loss, if you take up (i.e. exercise) all or some of your Entitlements and you acquire New Shares.

The cost base (and reduced cost base) for capital gains tax (*CGT*) purposes of each New Share should include the Offer Price for those New Shares plus certain non-deductible incidental costs you incur in acquiring them.

For CGT purposes, the date that the New Shares should be treated as having been acquired is the date of exercising the Entitlement.

#### 3.4 Entitlements not taken up

Any Entitlements not taken up under the Retail Entitlement Offer will lapse and the Eligible Retail Shareholder will not receive any consideration. In these circumstances, there should not be any tax implications for an Eligible Retail Shareholder from the lapse of all or some of their Entitlements.

#### 3.5 Dividends on New Shares

Generally speaking, future dividends paid or other distributions made in respect of New Shares should be subject to the same tax issues as dividends paid or other distributions made on Existing Shares held in the same circumstances.

#### 3.6 Disposal of New Shares

A disposal of a New Share will trigger a CGT event A1.

Broadly, you will:

- make a 'capital gain' if the capital proceeds received from the disposal exceed the cost base of the New Share;
- make a 'capital loss' if the capital proceeds from the disposal are less than the reduced cost base of the New Share.

The cost base of New Shares is described above in Section 3.3.

Generally, Eligible Retail Shareholders who are individuals, trustees or complying superannuation entities that have held the New Shares for at least 12 months at the time of disposal (not including the date of acquisition or disposal) should be entitled to apply the applicable CGT discount to reduce the capital gain (after offsetting any available capital losses and subject to certain integrity rules).

The applicable CGT discount is 50% for individuals and trusts, or 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% for Australian complying superannuation entities. The CGT discount is not available for companies.

Based on the acquisition date of the New Shares (as described in section 3.3 above), in order to be eligible for the CGT discount on the disposal of a New Share, the New Share must be held for at least 12 months after the date that you exercised your Entitlement.

As the rules relating to discount capital gains for trusts are complex, Appen recommends that trustees seek their own independent advice on how the CGT discount provisions will apply to them and the trusts' beneficiaries.

If you make a capital loss, you can only use that loss to offset capital gains from other sources; i.e. the capital loss cannot be used against assessable income on revenue account. However, if the capital loss cannot be used in a particular income year it can be carried forward to reduce capital gains you derive in

future income years. Specific capital loss recoupment rules apply to companies to restrict their ability to utilise capital losses in future years in some circumstances.

## 3.7 Taxation of Financial Arrangements

The 'Taxation of Financial Arrangements' rules under Division 230 of the 1997 Act (**TOFA Provisions**) operate to make assessable or deductible, gains or losses arising from certain 'financial arrangements'.

A right to receive a share is a 'financial arrangement'. However, depending on the circumstances of the particular Eligible Retail Shareholder, the TOFA Provisions may not apply. Further, certain taxpayers (including individuals) are generally excluded from the operation of the TOFA Provisions unless they have made a valid election for it to apply.

The application of the TOFA Provisions is complex, and dependent on the particular facts and circumstances of the Eligible Retail Shareholder. Each Eligible Retail Shareholder should obtain their own advice regarding the potential application of the TOFA Provisions to their particular facts and circumstances.

## 3.8 Provision of TFN and/or ABN

Appen is required to deduct withholding tax from payments of dividends that are not 100% franked, at the rate specified in the *Taxation Administration Regulations 2017* (Cth) (currently 47%), and remit such amounts to the ATO, unless you have quoted a TFN or an ABN, or a relevant exemption applies (and has been notified to Appen).

You are able to provide your TFN, ABN or relevant exemption online with the Share Registry at www.linkmarketservices.com.au. When providing your details online, you will be required to enter your SRN/HIN as shown on your Issuer Sponsored/CHESS statements and other personal details such as your postcode.

## 3.9 Other Australian Taxes

There should be no Australian GST payable by Eligible Retail Shareholders in respect of the issue or taking up of Entitlements or the acquisition of New Shares, pursuant to the Retail Entitlement Offer.

There should also be no stamp duty payable by Eligible Retail Shareholders on the acquisition of New Shares provided each Eligible Retail Shareholder, and any related persons, do not hold, as a result of such acquisition, 90% or more of the interests in Appen.

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## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

21 November 2023

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#### <u>Appen announces October trading update and fully underwritten A\$30m equity</u> <u>raising ("Equity Raising")</u>

- Appen provides FY23 trading update as at 31 October 2023
- Appen remains committed to return to profitability with additional \$14 million of cost reduction, bringing total run-rate cost reduction initiatives that have been or will be implemented over 2023 to \$60 million
- Equity Raising is comprised of a ~A\$23.6 million 1 for 3.65 pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer and a ~A\$6.4 million institutional placement
- Proceeds will be used to provide balance sheet flexibility and general working capital to support Appen's return to profitability, and transaction costs

Appen Limited (Appen) (ASX:APX) provides the following FY23 trading update as at 31 October 2023.

On 28 August 2023, Appen announced that it continued to face headwinds from the broader technology market slowdown and as customers evaluate their AI strategies.

Appen notes that the challenging external operating and macroeconomic conditions that were noted at the announcement of its 1H FY23 results have persisted into 2H FY23. As a result, Appen provides the following unaudited FY23 financial update for the ten months ending 31 October 2023<sup>1</sup>:

- Revenue October YTD of \$223.0 million (29.3% below pcp)
- Gross profit October YTD of \$80.4 million (32.8% below pcp)<sup>2</sup>
- Underlying EBITDA (excl FX) October YTD of (\$23.8) million (vs pcp of \$9.9 million)<sup>3</sup>
- Underlying cash EBITDA (excl FX) October YTD of (\$32.8) million (vs pcp of (\$4.8) million)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All amounts stated are in US\$ and all prior period comparisons are to the 10 months ended 31 October 2022. The financial figures as at 31 October 2023 are based on unaudited management accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gross profit refers to revenue less crowd expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Underlying results are a non-IFRS measure used by management to assess the performance of the business and are calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures are not subject to audit. Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, inventory losses and acquisition-related and one-time share-based payments expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Underlying cash EBITDA is underlying EBITDA less capitalised software development expenses plus non acquisition-related share-based payment expenses.



Further, Appen provides the following monthly unaudited revenue, underlying EBITDA (excluding FX) and underlying cash EBITDA (excluding FX) update for the months of July, August, September and October 2023<sup>5</sup>.

	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023
Revenue	\$20.8m	\$20.5m	\$20.8m	\$21.9m
Vs pcp	(34.3%)	(37.8%)	(36.2%)	(37.6%)
Underlying EBITDA (excl FX)	(\$2.3m)	(\$3.1m)	(\$2.1m)	(\$0.6m)
Pcp (FY22)	(\$3.0m)	(\$0.5m)	\$1.2m	\$2.6m
Underlying cash EBITDA (excl FX)	(\$2.7m)	(\$3.4m)	(\$2.5m)	(\$1.0m)
Pcp (FY22)	(\$4.0m)	(\$2.3m)	(\$0.6m)	\$1.3m

Appen notes that the cost initiatives implemented to date are starting to result in improvements to underlying EBITDA (excluding FX) and underlying cash EBITDA (excluding FX) as evidenced by the improvement in October 2023.

Appen's cash balance was \$20.5 million as at 31 October 2023<sup>6</sup>.

#### Continued focus on cost reduction and other initiatives

Appen remains focused on returning to profitability and its commitment to managing costs in line with the revenue opportunity. In keeping with this, Appen today announces that it has implemented measures to achieve a further \$14 million in annualised cost savings that are incremental to the \$46 million of cost reduction initiatives that were announced on 10 May 2023.

This will result in total annualised cost savings of \$60 million from initiatives that have been or will be executed over the course of FY23. The first full year benefit of these cost savings is expected to be realised in FY24.

Appen has completed 100% of the \$46 million of cost reduction initiatives announced on 10 May 2023. The majority of the further \$14 million of cost savings will be achieved by the end of November 2023.

Following implementation of these initiatives and those announced on 10 May 2023, Appen expects to exit FY23 with an annualised run-rate cash operating cost base of approximately \$99.0 million<sup>7</sup>. This includes capitalised software development costs of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> All amounts stated are in US\$ and monthly prior period comparisons are to the corresponding month in 2022. The financial figures for each month are based on unaudited management accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Based on unaudited management accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Based on annualisation of expected cost base in December 2023. Excludes impairment losses, crowd labelling services, share based payments, depreciation and amortisation, transaction, finance and restructure costs and the impact of foreign exchange losses. Includes STI at the current assumed level for FY23.



approximately \$7.9 million and excludes non-cash share-based payment expenses of approximately \$3.6 million<sup>8</sup>. Refer to Appendix A for further detail.

Appen's CEO Armughan Ahmad said: "We remain focused on our strategic refresh during this challenging external environment. We are taking action on the items that are within our control and, notably, we have taken steps to remove more cost than previously announced. We remain committed to returning to cashflow profitability notwithstanding the weaker revenue environment. The Equity Raising is necessary to support the company to achieve this in the current environment."

Further, and notwithstanding the highly challenging external operating environment it currently faces, Appen's Board is continuously assessing initiatives and opportunities to realise value for shareholders, including responding to third party interest in its businesses. This may include partnering, a strategic investment by a third party, or sale propositions for part or all of its business. While to date no proposals have emerged which the Board has determined to take forward, and there is no guarantee that such a proposal or proposals will emerge in the future, the Board will be prepared to engage with potential counterparties should a transaction be proposed which, if implemented, the Board considers would be in the best interests of shareholders.

#### Outlook

Notwithstanding the weaker revenue environment, Appen remains focused on returning to underlying EBITDA and underlying cash EBITDA profitability on an annualised, run-rate basis<sup>9,10,11</sup>. The additional cost out initiatives recently implemented and those announced are expected to enable Appen to return to underlying EBITDA and underlying cash EBITDA profitability at or around the end of FY23 on an annualised, run-rate basis, assuming an expected revenue improvement in November and December.

As previously stated in the 3 October 2023 ASX announcement, Appen expected the Quadrant earn-out liability to be no greater than \$5 million. Appen has agreed with the vendors of Quadrant to issue ordinary shares (~\$3.75m) and warrants (~\$1.25m) to meet this liability on or around 1 January 2024 (subject to any extension agreed between the parties).

Mike Davie, Appen's Chief Product Officer and Quadrant's founder and SVP, will in part receive ordinary shares (as for the other vendors). Separately, for greater alignment of interests, Mike Davie will in part also be issued warrants and the warrants will vest and are exercisable from 1 January 2025 (or earlier in certain circumstances).

Following completion of the Equity Raising, Appen intends to host an Extraordinary General Meeting in 1Q FY24 to amongst other things, seek shareholder approval to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> It is anticipated non-cash share-based payment expense will be higher in FY24 than FY23, these non-cash payments are at the discretion of the Board

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Underlying results are a non-IFRS measure used by management to assess the performance of the business and are calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures are not subject to audit. Underlying EBITDA excludes impairment losses, restructure costs, transaction costs, inventory losses and acquisition-related share-based payments expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Underlying cash EBITDA is underlying EBITDA less capitalised software development expenses plus non acquisition-related share-based payment expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Based on full year gross profit expectations for 2023 less the annualised run-rate cash cost base of approximately \$99.0 million on a cash basis and/or \$94.7 million on a P&L basis. See Appendix A for further detail.



facilitate awards under its Long Term Incentive Plan. Details of the plan, once determined, will be provided in a notice of meeting in due course.

#### Management changes

Appen notes there have been further changes to its executive team. Saty Bahadur, Appen's Chief Technology Officer has left the company. Mike Davie, Chief Product Officer and GM of Quadrant will oversee the technology and engineering functions on an interim basis. Appen has also appointed Alicia Hale as its new Chief Marketing Officer. She will report to Andrew Ettinger.

#### Equity raising

Appen today announces a A\$30 million equity raising to support the business in its effort to return to profitability. Revenue conditions have deteriorated further than what was expected at the time of the previous ~A\$60 million equity raising that was announced on 16 May 2023. The Equity Raising will provide Appen with headroom to return to profitability.

Appen has no current intention to draw or extend its A\$10 million working capital facility prior to its expiry on 3 January 2024.

The proceeds of the Equity Raising will be used to provide balance sheet flexibility and general working capital to support Appen's return to profitability, and transaction costs.

The Equity Raising will consist of an offer of fully paid ordinary shares ("**New Shares**") through:

- A 1 for 3.65 pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer ("Entitlement Offer") to existing eligible shareholders to raise ~A\$23.6 million; and
- An institutional placement ("**Placement**") to raise ~A\$6.4 million.

The Equity Raising price of A\$0.55 per share represents a:

- 35.1% discount to the theoretical ex-rights price of A\$0.85 ("TERP")<sup>12</sup>
- 42.1% discount to Appen's last closing price of A\$0.95 on 20 November 2023.

Approximately 54.5 million New Shares will be issued under the Equity Raising, representing ~34.8% of Appen's existing shares on issue.

The New Shares will rank equally with existing shares on issue. The Equity Raising is fully underwritten.

#### **Institutional Offer**

The Institutional Entitlement Offer and the Placement (together, the "**Institutional Offer**") will be undertaken on 21 November and 22 November 2023. The Institutional Entitlement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> TERP is the theoretical ex-rights price including the Placement shares. TERP is calculated by reference to Appen's closing price of A\$0.95 on 20 November 2023, being the last trading day prior to the announcement of the Equity Raising. TERP is a theoretical calculation only and the actual price at which Appen shares trade immediately after the ex-date of the Equity Raising will depend on many factors and may not be equal to TERP.

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Offer will be open to Appen's eligible institutional shareholders, while the Placement will be open to institutional investors.

Eligible institutional shareholders can choose to take up all, part or none of their entitlement as part of the Institutional Entitlement Offer. Institutional entitlements that eligible institutional shareholders do not take up by the close of the Institutional Entitlement Offer, as well as those entitlements of ineligible institutional shareholders, will be offered to eligible institutional shareholders who apply for New Shares in excess of their entitlement, as well as certain other institutional investors, through an institutional shortfall bookbuild to be conducted concurrently with the Institutional Entitlement Offer and Placement.

#### **Retail Offer**

The Retail Entitlement Offer will open on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 and close at 5:00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 8 December 2023. It consists of an offer to eligible retail shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand as at the Record Date. Retail shareholders can choose to take up all, part or none of their entitlement.

Further details about the Retail Entitlement Offer will be set out in a retail offer booklet ("**Retail Offer Booklet**") which Appen expects to lodge with the ASX on Wednesday, 29 November 2023. Eligible retail shareholders are encouraged to read the Retail Offer Booklet in its entirely, in particular, the risk factors, and should seek financial advice if they are uncertain of whether or not to participate.

All Directors residing in Australia who are existing shareholders on the Record Date have committed to take up their pro rata entitlements under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Event	Date
Announcement of the Equity Raising	Tuesday, 21 November 2023
Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer bookbuild	Tuesday, 21 November 2023 – Wednesday, 22 November 2023
Announcement of results of the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Appen shares recommence trading	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Entitlement Offer Record Date (7.00pm Sydney time)	Friday, 24 November 2023

#### Equity Raising timetable<sup>13</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> These dates are indicative only and are subject to change. Appen, reserves the right, subject to the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the ASX Listing Rules, to amend this indicative timetable. In particular, Appen reserves the right to extend the Equity Raising timetable and to withdraw or vary the Placement or Entitlement Offer without prior notice. Any extension of the Equity Raising timetable will have a consequential effect on the date for the allotment and issue of New Shares. Appen will consult with the underwriter in relation to any proposed change to this indicative timetable and any such change will require the consent of the underwriter.



Retail Entitlement Offer opens (Retail Offer Booklet made available to eligible retail shareholders)	Wednesday, 29 November 2023
Settlement of New Shares issued under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Friday, 1 December 2023
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Allotment of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Friday, 15 December 2023
Commencement of trading of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Monday, 18 December 2023

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## Appendix A

## Expected, annualised, run-rate cash operating cost base at the end of 2023

#### US\$m

Annualised, run-rate cash operating costs	99.0
Less: capitalised product development costs	(7.9)
Add: share-based payment expense	3.6
Annualised, run-rate P&L operating costs	94.7

Note: Excludes depreciation and amortisation expense. Totals may not sum due to rounding. As costs reductions initiatives are implemented in FY23, the full impact on an annualised basis is expected to be realised from the start of FY24. It is anticipated non-cash share-based payment expense will be higher in FY24 than FY23, these non-cash payments are at the discretion of the Board.

# **Appen Limited**

Equity raising presentation



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    - eligible retail shareholders of Appen (Retail Entitlement Offer),
- (together, the Entitlement Offer) under section 708AA of the Corporations Act 2001(Cth) as modified by ASIC Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84 and ASIC Corporations (Disregarding Technical Relief) Instrument 2016/73 (the Corporations Act); and

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## **Summary**

1	FY23 trading update	<ul> <li>Revenue conditions have deteriorated further than what was expected at the time of the previous equity raising announced on 16 May 2023</li> <li>The challenging external operating and macroeconomic conditions that were noted at the 1H FY23 results have persisted into 2H FY23</li> <li>We are beginning to see opportunities emerge from our generative AI strategy</li> </ul>
2	Additional cost reduction initiatives	<ul> <li>Appen remains committed to return to profitability. We are implementing an additional \$14 million of cost reduction, bringing total run-rate cost reduction initiatives that have been or will be implemented over 2023 to \$60 million</li> <li>We have implemented 100% of the previously announced \$46m of annualised cost savings and this is beginning to improve our underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> performance, with improvement seen in October 2023</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Appen expects to exit FY23 with an annualised run-rate cash operating cost base of approximately \$99.0 million<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
3	Focus on return to profitability	The additional cost out initiatives that we have recently implemented and those announced are expected to enable Appen to return to underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup> and underlying cash EBITDA <sup>3</sup> profitability at or around the end of FY23 on an annualised, run-rate basis assuming an expected revenue improvement in November and December <sup>4</sup>
4	Strategic considerations	<ul> <li>Appen has significant potential despite the highly challenging external operating environment it currently faces</li> <li>Continuously assessing opportunities to realise this value for shareholders</li> </ul>
5	Equity raising	<ul> <li>Fully underwritten A\$30 million equity raising ("Equity Raising") to support return to profitability in the current revenue environment (page 14)</li> <li>Proceeds will provide balance sheet flexibility and general working capital to support Appen's return to profitability, and fund transaction costs</li> </ul>

Note: 1. Underlying results are a non-IFRS measure used by management to assess the performance of the business and are calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures are not subject to audit. Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, inventory losses and acquisition-related and one-time share-based payments expenses; 2. Based on annualisation of expected cost base in December 2023. Excludes impairment losse, crowd labeling services, share based payments, depreciation and amortisation, transaction, finance and restructure costs and the impact of foreign exchange losses. Includes STI at the current assumed level for FY23; 3. Underlying cash EBITDA is underlying EBITDA less of approximately \$99.0 million on a cash basis and/or \$94.7 million on a P&L basis.



# Trading update – year to date performance

# Unaudited FY23 financial update for the ten months ending 31 October 2023<sup>1</sup>:

	October YTD	Vs pcp
Revenue	\$223.0m	down 29.3% on pcp
Gross Profit <sup>2</sup>	\$80.4m	down 32.8% on pcp
Underlying EBITDA <sup>3</sup> (excluding FX)	(\$23.8m)	\$9.9m in pcp
Underlying cash EBITDA <sup>4</sup> (excluding FX)	(\$32.8m)	(\$4.8m) in pcp

#### Appen's cash balance was \$20.5m as at 31 October 2023<sup>5</sup>

# Continued challenging external operating and macroeconomic conditions in Global Services

- Customers continue to value our work, however ongoing reduction in customer spend due to broader technology market slowdown
- Despite these challenging conditions we are continuing to win new projects in Global Services
- Generative AI data services is now approximately 1/3 of revenue from one of our Global customers

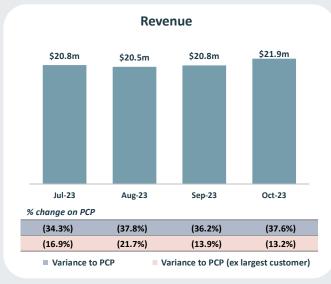
#### **Promising activity in New Markets**

- China Group recovering from COVID impacted conditions, with October the highest revenue month for FY23
- Expanded contracted revenue with LLM model builder by 5x in 2H 2023 to over \$1 million

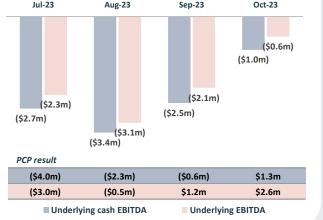
Note: 1. All amounts stated are in US\$ and all prior period comparisons are to the 10 months ended 31 October 2022 unless otherwise stated. The financial figures as at 31 October 2023 are based on unaudited management accounts; 2. Gross profit refers to revenue less crowd expenses; 3 Underlying results are a non-IFRS measure used by management to assess the performance of the business and are calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures are not subject to audit. Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, inventory losses and acquisition-related and onetime share-based payments expenses; 4. Underlying cash EBITDA is underlying EBITDA less capitalised software development expenses plus non acquisition-related share-based payment expenses; 5. Based on unaudited management accounts. **NOT FOR D** 

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# **Trading update** – monthly unaudited financial update<sup>1</sup>



#### Underlying EBITDA and underlying cash EBITDA (excluding FX)<sup>2</sup> Jul-23 Aug-23 Sep-23 Oct-23



Note: 1. All amounts stated are in US\$ and monthly prior period comparisons are to the corresponding month in 2022. The figures for each month are based on unaudited management accounts; 2. Underlying results are a non-IFRS measure used by management to assess the performance of the business and are calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures are not subject to audit. Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, inventory losses and acquisition-related and one-time share-based payments expenses. Underlying cash EBITDA is an acquisition-related share-based payment expenses. NOT FOR DISTRIBUT NOT FOR DISTRIBUT

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# **Continuing to see opportunities in generative Al**

## LLM model builder

Conversational AI evaluation to improve performance of globally used LLM

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## US tech firm

A large and longstanding project is now mostly focused on generative AI model training

## Asian tech firm

Assembled team of software engineers to support software coding LLM responses



# **Executing on our turnaround**

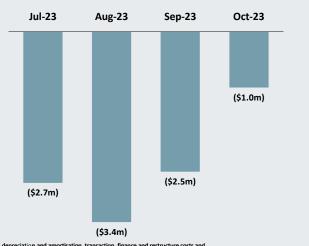
Focus area	Progress on 1H23 turnaround initiatives	Progress on 2H23 turnaround initiatives
Operational rigor	<ul> <li>Established business management systems</li> <li>Cost reallocation to growth vectors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Execute cost saving initiatives</li> <li>Target operating model deployed</li> <li>Streamlined crowd onboarding process</li> </ul>
Product velocity	<ul> <li>Launch products that capture new market growth</li> <li>Incorporate Generative AI labelling automation</li> <li>Drive internal productivity improvements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LLM benchmarking product launched</li> <li>Model monitoring solution launched</li> <li>Synthetic LLM datasets launched</li> </ul>
World class go-to-market	<ul> <li>Build consultative sales and go-to-market capabilities</li> <li>Elevate our brand with greater marketing awareness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New sales leaders and structure in place</li> <li>Sales ops function established</li> <li>New CMO in place to amplify brand value</li> </ul>
<b>Ecosystem partnership</b>	<ul> <li>Expand our partner ecosystem to reach more clients</li> <li>Focus on key industry verticals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expanding set of ecosystem partners</li> <li>Joint go-to-market approach in place</li> </ul>
#AlforGood	<ul> <li>Deliver trustworthy AI for our clients</li> <li>Responsibility by design</li> <li>Establish and chair AI for Good Committee</li> <li>One Appen</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focus on conversion to renewable energy</li> <li>Active recruitment of impact Sourced Crowd</li> </ul>
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# Further action to reduce cost base

#### Continuing to manage costs in line with the revenue opportunity and market conditions

- Appen has completed 100% of the initiatives announced on 10 May 2023
- Identified additional \$14 million of cost out, the majority of which will be achieved by the end of November 2023
- This brings total run-rate cost reduction initiatives that have been or will be implemented over 2023 to \$60 million, with the first full year benefit of these cost savings expected to be realised in FY24
- Appen expects to exit FY23 with an annualised run-rate cash operating cost base of ~\$99.0 million<sup>1</sup> (includes capitalised software development costs of ~\$7.9 million and excludes noncash share-based payment expenses of ~\$3.6 million<sup>2</sup>)
- We are taking action on the items that are within our control and we have taken steps to remove more cost than previously announced

#### Cost reduction is resulting in an improved underlying cash EBITDA<sup>3</sup> (excl. FX) position



Note: 1. Based on annualisation of expected cost base in December 2023. Excludes impairment losses, crowd labelling services, share based payments, depreciation and amortisation, transaction, finance and restructure costs and the impact of foreign exchange losses. Includes STI at the current assumed level for FY23; 2. It is anticipated non-cash share-based payment expense will be higher in FY24 than FY23; these non-cash payments are at the discretion of the Board; 3. Underlying results are a non-IFRS measures used by management to assess the performance of the business and are calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures are not subject to audit. Underlying of the Board; 3: Underlying results are a non-Iris measure used up management to assess one performance of the board; 3: Underlying cash EBITDA is underlying EBITDA less capitalised software development. EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, inventory losses and acquisition-related and one-time share-based payments expenses. Underlying cash EBITDA is underlying EBITDA less capitalised software development. NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES expenses plus non acquisition-related share-based payment expenses.

# 2023 outlook

- Notwithstanding the weaker revenue environment, Appen remains focused on returning to underlying EBITDA and underlying cash EBITDA profitability on an annualised, run-rate basis<sup>1,2</sup>
- The additional cost out initiatives recently implemented and those announced are expected to be enable Appen to return to underlying EBITDA and underlying cash EBITDA profitability at or around the end of FY23 on an annualised, run-rate basis<sup>2</sup>, assuming an expected revenue improvement in November and December
- As previously stated in the 3 October 2023 ASX announcement, Appen expected the Quadrant earn-out liability to be no greater than \$5 million. Appen has agreed with the vendors of Quadrant to issue ordinary shares (~\$3.75m) and warrants (~\$1.25m) to meet this liability on or around 1 January 2024 (subject to any extension agreed between the parties). Mike Davie, Appen's Chief Product Officer and Quadrant's founder and SVP, will in part receive ordinary shares (as for the other vendors). Separately, for greater alignment of interests, Mike Davie will in part also be issued warrants and the warrants will vest and are exercisable from 1 January 2025 (or earlier in certain circumstances)

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# **Strategic considerations**

- Appen has significant potential despite the highly challenging external operating environment it currently faces
- Appen's Board is continuously assessing opportunities to realise this value for shareholders, including
  responding to third party interest in its businesses. This could include partnering, strategic investment, or
  sale propositions for part or all of its business
- While to date no proposals have emerged which the Board has determined to take forward, and there is no guarantee that such a proposal or proposals will emerge in the future, the Board will be prepared to engage with potential counterparties should a transaction be proposed which, if implemented, the Board considers would be in the best interests of shareholders



# **Equity raising details**

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<ul> <li>Fully underwritten ~A\$30 million Equity Raising comprised of:         <ul> <li>A 1 for 3.65 pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer ("Entitlement Offer") to existing eligible shareholders to raise ~A\$23.6 million</li> <li>An institutional placement ("Placement") to raise ~A\$6.4 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>54.5 million fully paid ordinary shares ("New Shares") to be issued, representing ~34.8% of the existing shares on issue</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A\$0.55 per new share ("Equity Raising Price"), represents:         <ul> <li>a 35.1% discount to the theoretical ex-rights price of A\$0.85 ("TERP")<sup>1</sup></li> <li>a 42.1% discount to Appen's last closing price of A\$0.95 on Monday, 20 November 2023</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The institutional component of the Entitlement Offer and Placement will be conducted on Tuesday, 21 November and Wednesday, 22 November 2023</li> <li>Entitlements not taken up and those of ineligible shareholders will be placed into an institutional shortfall bookbuild and sold at the Equity Raising Price</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The Retail Entitlement Offer is expected to open on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 and close on Friday, 8 December 2023</li> <li>Retail shareholders residing in Australia and New Zealand on the Record Date may participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer</li> </ul>
The New Shares will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue
<ul> <li>Settlement of New Shares issued under the Institutional Entitlement and Placement is expected to be on Friday, 1 December 2023</li> <li>Settlement of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer is expected to be on Thursday, 14 December 2023</li> </ul>
The Equity raising is fully underwritten by Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited
• All directors residing in Australia who are existing shareholders on the Record Date have committed to take up their pro-rata entitlement

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Note: 1. TERP is the theoretical ex-rights price including the Placement shares. TERP is calculated by reference to Appen's closing price of A\$0.95 on 20 November 2023, being the last trading day prior to the announcement of the Equity Raising. TERP is a theoretical calculation only and the actual price at which Appen's shares trade immediately after the ex-date of the Equity Raising will depend on many factors and may not be equal to TERP.

# **Equity raising timetable**

Events	Dates
Announcement of the Equity Raising	Tuesday, 21 November
Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer bookbuild	Tuesday, 21 November – Wednesday, 22 November
Announcement of results of the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 23 November
Appen shares recommence trading	Thursday, 23 November
Entitlement Offer Record Date (7.00pm Sydney time)	Friday, 24 November
Retail Entitlement Offer opens (Retail Offer Booklet made available to eligible retail shareholders)	Wednesday, 29 November
Settlement of New Shares issued under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Friday, 1 December
Allotment and trading of New Shares issued under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Monday, 4 December
Retail Entitlement Offer closes (5.00pm Sydney time)	Friday, 8 December
Settlement of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 14 December
Allotment of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Friday, 15 December
Commencement of trading of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Monday, 18 December



# **Key risks**

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This section discusses some of the key risks associated with an investment in shares in Appen. These risks may affect the future operating and financial performance of the Appen Group and the value of Appen shares.

The risks set out below are not necessarily listed in order of importance and do not necessarily constitute an exhaustive list of all risks involved with an investment in Appen.

Before investing in Appen, you should consider whether this investment is suitable for you. Potential investors should consider publicly available information on the Appen Group (such as that available on the websites of Appen and ASX), carefully consider their personal circumstances (including the possibility that they may lose all or a portion of their investment) and consult their professional advisers before making an investment decision. Additional risks and uncertainties that Appen is unaware of, or that it currently consider to be immaterial, may also become important factors that adversely affect the Appen Group's operating and financial performance. Nothing in this Presentation is financial product advice and this document has been prepared without taking into account your investment objectives or personal circumstances.

You should note that the occurrence or consequences of many of the risks described in this section are partially or completely outside the control of Appen, its directors and management. Further, you should note that this section focuses on the potentially key risks and does not purport to list every risk that the Appen Group may have now or in the future. It is also important to note that there can be no guarantee that the Appen Group will achieve its stated objectives or that any forward-looking statements or forecasts contained in this Presentation will be realised or otherwise eventuate. All potential investors should satisfy themselves that they have a sufficient understanding of these matters, including the risks described in this section, and have regard to their own investment objectives, financial circumstances and taxation position.

Cooling off rights do not apply to the acquisition of New Shares

Business risks Strategic direction of the business	The AI market is dynamic, with changes in client needs and end-user expectations. The strategic direction of the Appen Group's business can rapidly change. Demand for services, technological developments within market segments, geoeconomic confrontations (including global conflicts) and regulatory developments can all impact Appen Group's business model. Changes to these factors may result in downturns or extended periods of uncertainty or volatility which may influence spending by Appen Group clients and affect the Appen's Group's financial and operating performance, Appen's share price and Appen's ability to pay dividends.
Concentration of customers	Appen and its subsidiaries' existing customer base consists of, amongst others, a number of large global multi-national technology companies. Currently five large global technology companies are the major buyers of AI training data and relevance work. The projects awarded by these companies, or the ongoing services which Appen may provide to these companies, can generate large amounts of revenue from that one client. This revenue movel leads to a high concentration of revenues with one or more customers. Such customer concentration is not unusual in the industry in which Appen operates, though changes in the demands of these customers and the broader technology market, increases the risk that the Appen Group may lose one or more of these customers if it is unable to successfully predict and satisfy its customers' evolving needs.
Revenue model and customer contracts	A substantial part of the Appen Group's existing revenue is generated from individual case by case projects rather than long-term contracts. Appen cannot be assured that a customer will reengage the Appen Group on future projects or services once the project is completed or that the customer will not unliaterally reduce the scope of, or terminate, existing projects on short-term notice (generally 30 days, but sometimes) less). The absence of guaranteed long-term revenue makes it difficult to predict the future revenues of the Appen Group and will be, predominantly driven by project demands of customers and can be unpredictable throughout any financial year due to the timing of projects, length of sales cycles and the product-release cycles of the Appen Group's revenue model is, and will be, predominantly driven by project demands of customers and can be unpredictable throughout any financial year due to the timing of projects, length of sales cycles and the product-release cycles of the Appen Group's revenue model from quarter to quarter, and year to year, depending on the customer demand factors or on the completion rate of projects. If a customer, particularly a key customer, reduces its expenditure on either projects or services, it may adversely impact the frequence, earnings and cash flow of the Appen Group.



# Key risks (cont.)

Business risks	
Future funding	The funds raised under the Offer, together with Appen's existing cash reserves, and future operating cashflow are currently expected to be sufficient to fully meet Appen's business operations. However, no assurance can be given by Appen that its short term funding requirements will not change owing to events that unexpectedly inpact Appen's business. For example, if any of the risks identified in this 'key fisks' section were to occur and materially and adversely impact Appen's business, and featurely implement the business plane hay require additional funding in the short-medium term. Further, Appen's continued ability to operate its business and effectively implement its business plane hay require each flow, to raise funds for operations and growth activities and to service, repay and refinance debts as they fail due. To the extent that Appen does require funding for its future capital needs, the availability and terms of sub eless favourable to Appen than anticipated, which may negatively impactent future contrading terms may also place restrictions on the manner in which Appen conducts its business and may be less favourable to Appen's ability to execute its business plan and growth strategies.
Cost reduction program	Appen is undertaking a significant cost reduction program over FV23. Appen's earnings and cash flow may be adversely impacted if the cost reduction program took longer or was more costly to implement than expected, did not achieve the planned quantum of cost savings or if the associated reduction in roles impacted Appen's ability to generate revenue. Increased involuntary separations can impact employee engagement and also may result in increased claims and even liftgation.
Appen management personnel	Appen depends on the talent and experience of its existing management personnel. Recent cost reduction exercises have also increased the risk associated with key management personnel as role consolidation has resulted in an increased reliance on key individuals across the business. However, despite incentives offered to key personnel, there can be no assurance that Appen will be able to retain all of its key personnel, have there has been key management turnover at Appen in recent years. The loss of any key management to the personnel with specialist skills, or a significant number of personnel generally, may have an adverse impact on the Appen Group. It may be difficult to replace those personnel, or to do so in a timely manner, or at comparable expense. The loss of key management personnel could cause material disruption to the Appen Group's activities in the short to medium term.
Technology Market	Technology in the relevant market is changing rapidly and certain changes may impact the demand for Appen's services, change the market opportunity or business models of Appen customers and/or result in the disintermediation of Appen or its customers. Large language models, generalised artificial intelligence, quantum computing, VR/AR, blockchain / cryptocurrency and other developments may prove highly disruptive. Increased pressure to regulate artificial intelligence may also pose a risk to Appen and its customers. Al systems can have bias, hallucinate or otherwise produce harmful results. Implementing systems that are trustworthy and embrace AI for Good principles is not well defined currently and the failure to do so may impact societal trust and limit the deployment of new technologies. Technology shifts may diminish the need to humans to train and refine artificial intelligence. The Appen Group's customer base is spread across numerous industry sectors including automobile, information technology, and government. Further, demand for services in the AI market can rapidly change depending on technological developments within market segments. Any adverse developments which impact these fudury sectors have the optential to in turn impact the demand for the Appen Group's customer base is spread across numerous industry sectors including automobile, information technology, and government. Further, demand for services in the AI market can rapidly change depending on technological developments within market segments. Any adverse developments which impact these fudures sectors have the optential to in turn impact the demand for the Appen Group's customer base is spread across numerous industry sectors have the optential to in turn impact the demand for the Appen Group's customer base is services, which could adversely impact the future financial
Recruitment and crowdsourcing	performance of the Appen Group. The Appen Group's operating model requires an ability to mobilise a large number of independent contractors on a project-by-project basis to fulfil customer needs and project requirements. If the Appen Group fails to find independent contractors of a suitable quality, and/or suitable number, and/or jurisdictions restrict flexible independent contractor relationships, this may lead to project delays or lower revenues being generated in relation to the project. These difficulties may be more prevalent during times when national economies are strong or getting stronger due to the reduced number of persons looking for work. Most of the Appen Group's search relevance and data analytics services are crowdsourced to, and often performed by, independent contractors performing these services are retained pursuant to written agreements with a member of the Appen Group's that commonly specify the individual's status as an independent contractor, confirm the individuals are not employing company, and require the individuals to indemnify the employing company in the event the individual incorrectly represented their status to the employing company.
	Notwithstanding the foregoing express contractual language, from time to time, individuals retained by a member of the Appen Group as independent contractors may file claims for unemployment with the applicable state unemployment agencies claiming employee status with a member of the Appen Group and seeking unemployment benefits. Unemployment benefits are, from time to time, awarded by state unemployment agencies, which may result in nominal charges or increases to the employer's unemployment tax accounts with the various states in which these individuals perform services and in which the member of the Appen Group does not have existing employees. The Appen Group is also subject to the usual risks posed to businesses that employ consdourcing, including claims relating to employee classification, classif

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If the actions of competitors or potential competitors of the Appen Group become more effective, Appen may be unable to compete successfully. For example, competitors of the Appen Group might adopt more aggressive strategies to capture market share, or alternatively, customers may choose to do some data automation tasks in house, change the profile of their projects or use their scale to seek better terms on pricing. Such occurrences may negatively affect the Appen Group's future profilebility, planned growth and market share.

The sectors in which the members of the Appen Group operate are subject to vigorous competition, based on factors including price, service, innovation and the ability to provide the customer with the appropriate services in a timely manner. In some parts of Appen's business there is also competition from niche or low-cost providers. A member of the Appen Group's competitive position may deteriorate as a result of factors including actions by existing competitors, the entry of new competitors, or a failure by a member of the Appen Group to continue to position itself successfully to meet changing market conditions, customer demands and technology. Any changes in a member of the Appen Group's competitive position or the competitive landscape may result in a decline in sales revenue and margins, which may have a material adverse effect on its future financial performance and position.

The Appen Group relies on a variety of IT systems in order to manage and deliver services and communicate with its customers. Any failure of an IT system could cause disruption to a member of the Appen Group's ability to offer services and lead to a loss of customers or revenue, reputational damage and a weakening of the Appen Group's competitive position and financial performance. Due to the increase in cyber attacks, this risk has increased.

The Appen Group relies on its ability to develop and commercialise its products and services and keep pace with advances in the fast growing Al market. A failure to develop and commercialise its intellectual property successfully would lead to a loss of opportunities and may adversely impact on the operating results and financial position of the Appen Group. The investment required to develop and commercialise intellectual property is expensive and may involve an extended timeframe to achieve returns. There are no assumces that the Appen Group will be able to achieve the necessary development and commercialisation of its intellectual property or have the financial resources available to underpin that development. The allocation of resources to development and commercialisation of its intellectual property that the financial performance and reputation. The Appen Group's success depends, in part, on its ability to maintain trade secret protection and operate without infringing the rights of third parties. The protective measures a member of the Appen Group's intellectual property to take market share from the Appen Group. This could allow competitors to commercialise products and services and were protected adequately or cannot be protected, acknow the Appen Group's products and services. Although Appen implements reasonable endeavours to protect the Appen Group's intellectual property, these measures may not always be sufficient. The Appen Group relies on various methods, including copyright and trademark have, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements to protect the intellectual property, it is possible that these efforts may be inadequate, and a third party may use or appropriate Appen's intellectual property, damaging the business and leading to increased expenses and/or lost revenues.

No member of the Appen Group believes that it is currently infringing any third party's intellectual property rights. To date, no third party has asserted to a member of the Appen Group that this is the case. However, in the future a member of the Appen Group proceedings initiated by third parties, the United and the Appen Group that this is the case. However, in the States Patent and perding applications or patents involving competitors, or additional proceedings initiated by third parties, the United States Patent and Trademark Office or other intellectual property rights lawsuits, proceedings, and tealed legal and administrative proceedings are costly and time-consuming to pursue, and their outcome is uncertain. If a member of the Appen Group infringes the Appen Group party equal to be prevented from selling its products and be forced to defended litigation and pay damages. Further, there is always a risk to third parties haves parties of their davies and the source or other intellectual property rights lawsuits, proceedings, and their outcome is uncertain. If a member of the Appen Group infringes the rights of third parties calcular davies can consider its and the forcet to defend litigation and pay damages. Further, there is always a risk to third parties taiming involvement in, or membership of, technological advances contained in a member of the Appen Group append Group particulars and right as used by large language models and generative AI has been the subject of scrutiny as has the ownership of the output produced by such

models. The reputation and brand of the Appen Group and its businesses and individual products are important in attracting customers. Given the nature of the Appen Group's customer base, each member of the Appen Group's customer relationships, general businesses or products could adversely impact on the Appen Group's customer relationships, general businesse and ultimately its financial performance. The actions of the Appen Group's explores and software base, each member of the Appen Group's customer relationships, general businesse and ultimately its financial performance. The actions of the Appen Group's explores and a falure to meet those commitments may result in financial liability and damage Appen's brand. There is risk that governments and regulators may seek to legislate or create regulations which reduce the utilisation or penetration of technologies that the Appen Group helps service in society. Public perception of machine learning, large language models and artificial intelligence may change and reduce the use, or the willingeness of use, of such technologies by corporations and the general public. Compliance and ethical expectations in relation to artificial intelligence from a stakeholders and broader community are increasing. These interventions could limit the scope of services offered by Appen Group or may result in additional licensing or approval requirements. In some cases, the Appen Group with any such new requirements, and regulators approval requirements. In some cases, the Appen Group with any such new requirements, and on the bapen Group to be able to meet such new requirements, modify existing products, or may not be able to meet such new requirements, and on the Appen Group itself continue to evolve. Larger platform companies are facing increased scrutiny from an antitut's (competition allowed as associated with modern slavery which could impact Appen Group customers and on the group itself continue to evolve. Larger platform companies are facing increased scrutiny from an antitu



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rotection of onfidential ustomer nformation	Through the ordinary course of business, members of the Appen Group collect a range of data from customers and crowd workers. Appen Group is subject to, and must comply with a range of strict data protection and privacy laws in jurisdictions where it operates. The Group has in place various compliance systems and procedures to meet its obligations under these laws and asfeguard personal customer data. It is possible that the measures taken by a member of the Appen Group to protect customer data. It is possible that the measures taken by a member of the Appen Group to protect customer data will not be sufficient to detect or prevent unauthonised access to, or a disclosure of, confidential information. Any successful cyber-attack or other breach of security could result in the loss of information integrity, or breaches of a member of the Appen Group's obligations under applicable laws or customer agreements, each of which could adversely impact the Appen Group's reputation, retention of customers, ability to a ttract new customers. If privacy laws and/ or data protection laws were contravened, Appen Group could be exposed to liability, penalties, regulatory enforcement action, or litigation from adversely affected customers.	
Breach of privacy aws	Privacy laws around the world continue to develop and impose greater burdens on businesses when dealing with personally identifiable information. The laws are designed to give greater protections to data owners, improve transparency and require businesses develop better privacy processes and security practices. Failure to do so can result in pecuniary penalities, negative publicity, damage to brand and a requirement to improve processes and socurity. Failure to do so can result in pecuniary penalities, negative publicity, damage to brand and a requirement to improve processes and controls. Appent manages sensitive customer and crowd worker information, increasing its exposure and susceptibility to cyber attacks. Cyber threats could lead to a loss of data or service interruption impacting customers and Appent's reputation.	
Acts of terrorism or sabotage	The Appen Group currently operates in certain jurisdictions in the world that may from time to time be the subject of heightened terrorism or sabotage threat. Appen believes that the Appen Group's operations are not immune from being the target of terrorism or sabotage. Any such attack could have a detrimental effect on the Appen Group's businesses from an employee, reputational and financial point of view.	
Geopolitical risks	Geopolitical tensions may impact global trade and have wide-ranging impacts to the global economy and markets. The world is currently experiencing a number of conflicts, including the war between Russia and the Ukraine and the conflict in Israel and the Gaza territory, and the duration and path of those conflicts remains uncertain, and could continue to fuel, or exacerbate global tensions, energy and other commodity shortages, supply chain disruptions, inflationary pressures, weakening sentiment and growth prospects, market volatility, cyberattacks, and the proliferation of sanctions and trade measures. Tensions remain elevated between China and the U.S. over a number of issues, including trade, technology, human rights. Tensions continue between China and Taiwan. Other geopolitical tensions could also add to economic and market uncertainties. Global trade may be impacted.	
Foreign exchange risk	The Appen Group's financial reports are prepared in United States dollars and a substantial proportion of the Appen Group's sales revenue, expenditures and cash flows are generated in, and assets and liabilities are denominated in, US dollars. However, the Appen Group is exposed to foreign exchange rates could also impact the cost competitiveness of both the Appen Group is exposed to foreign exchange rates could also impact the cost competitiveness of both the Appen Group and its competitors. Any adverse movement in foreign exchange rates against the Appen Group but to the benefit of its competitors could affect its ability to obtain business which could adversely impact the future financial performance of the Appen Group. Movements in the exchange rate may also affect the decision of potential clients to enter certain markets.	
Litigation and disputes	A member of the Appen Group may be involved from time to time in disputes or claims and litigation with current or former customers, employees or independent contractors, including in relation to workplace relation matters. These disputes may lead to legal and other proceedings and/or settlements, and may cause the member of the Appen Group to suffer additional costs. If future litigation, or threatened litigation, against a member if our power to result in damages being awarded against that member, it could have an adverse inpact on the financial performance, position and future prospects of Appen (and, therefore, its share price or liquidity of its share). On behalf of the members of the Appen Group, Appen maintains professional indemnity and public liability insurance in respect of a range of events within coverage ranges determined in accordance with the Board's review and decision. However, no assurance can be given that such insurance will be available in the future on commercially reasonable terms or that any cover will be adequate and available to cover any or all claims. As far as Appen is aware, there are no current material claims or material litigation in which a member of the Appen Group is involved.	
Sell-down by existing shareholders	There is a risk that existing substantial shareholders may seek to sell-down their shareholding in Appen. A significant sale of shares, or a perception that a selldown may occur, could adversely affect the price of Appen shares.	
Risk of dividends not being paid	The payment of dividends is announced at the time of release of the Appen Group's half year and full year results as determined by the Board from time to time at its discretion, dependent on the profitability and cash flow of the Appen Group's businesses and requires compliance with Credit Facility terms and conditions. Historically, Appen Group nad a stated dividend policy. The current financial performance of the company resulted in Appen Group not paying a dividend in 2022. Circumstances may continue where Appen is required to reduce or case paying dividends for a period of time. Appen's focus to invest for growth may also impact its ballity to app future dividends.	
Investments by Appen may not be successful	A member of the Appen Group may acquire businesses from time to time. While Appen will take every effort to ensure that any acquisition is successfully integrated and benefits realised, there can be no assurance that Appen will be successful in realising the anticipated benefits and synergies of any businesses that a quarters. The ability to realise these benefits will depend in part on whether Appen can efficiently integrate acquired businesses with its acquires. The ability to realise these benefits will depend in part on whether Appen can efficiently integrate adbusinesses that it acquires that its acquires businesses that provide services outside the Appen Group's current geographic offering particulariy if it is unable to retain the acquired company's management. In addition, there is a risk that Appen will overestimate the value of acquired businesses and therefore overpay. These factors may adversely impact the Appen Group's financial performance may be adversely to addite still defers different market dynamics, the Appen Group's cours's operational and financial and financial performance. They be adversely unable to adapt to address different market dynamics, the Appen Group's cours's operational and financial and financial performance. They be adversely unable to adapt to address different market dynamics, the Appen Group's cours's operational and financial and financial performance.	

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Business risks		
Climate risks	Climate-related risks may impact Appen and/or its customers. There are risks related to the transition to a lower-carbon economy and risks related to the physical impacts of climate change. Transition risks arise when transitioning to a lower-carbon economy and may entail extensive policy, legal, technology and market changes to address mitigation and adaption requirements related to climate change. Physical risks may arise from climate change and can be acute or chronic, both may be a risk to Appen and/or its customers. Acute physical risks are those that are event-driven, including increased severity of extreme weather events, such as cyclones or floods. Chronic physical risks are longer term changes to climate batterns that may cause natural disasters or other weather related impacts	
Modern slavery risk	The nature of business operations, locations and highly technical nature of the business lends itself to a relatively low risk of modern slavery across the supply chain. However, due to the highly distributed nature of the independent contractors there remains a risk of unidentified instances of forced labour across this network. Appen contracts with each of these contractors directly and not through agencies or other organisations in order to reduce this risk.	
Taxation	Changes to the rate of taxes imposed on a member of the Appen Group (including overseas jurisdictions in which a member of the Appen Group operates now or in the future), or tax legislation generally, may affect the Appen Group and its shareholders. In addition, an interpretation of Australian taxation laws by the Australian Taxation Office that differs from Appen's interpretation may lead to an increase in Appen's (or a member of the Appen Group's) taxation liabilities and a reduction in shareholder returns.	
Accounting standards may change	Australian Accounting Standards are set by the AASB and are outside the control of either Appen or its Directors and management. There is a risk that interpretations of existing Australian Accounting Standards, including those relating to the measurement and recognition of key statement of profit and loss and balance sheet items, including revenue and receivables, may differ. Changes to Australian Accounting Standards issued by the AASB, or changes to the commonly held views on the application of those standards, could materially adversely affect the financial performance and position reported in the Appen Group's consolidated financial statements.	
Other risks	The above risks should not be taken as a complete list of the risks associated with an investment in the Appen Group or Appen shares. The risks outlined above, and other risks not specifically referred to may in the future materially adversely affect the value of Appen shares and their performance. Accordingly, no assurance or guarantee of future performance or profitability is given by Appen in respect of Appen shares.	



# Key risks (cont.)

Offer risks	
Jnderwriting risk	Appen has entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriter pursuant to which the underwriter has agreed to fully underwrite the Entitlement Offer and the Placement ( <b>Underwriting Agreement</b> ), subject to those terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement. The entrain conditions are not satisfied or if certain termination events occur, the underwriters may terminate the Underwriting Agreement. Those termination events are summarised in the "Summary of Underwriting Agreement" section of this Presentation. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement would have an adverse impact on the amount of proceeds raised under the Offer. Termination of the Underwriting Agreement adverse impact adverse impac
isks associated ith an investment Appen Group	There are general risks associated with investments in equity capital, such as Appen shares. The trading price of Appen shares may fluctuate with movements in equity capital markets in Australia and internationally. This may result in the market price for the New Shares being less or more than the Equity Raising Price. Generally applicable factors which may affect the market price of shares include: general movements in Australian and international economic conditions and outlook; changes in international economic conditions and outlook; changes in interest rates and the rate of inflation; changes in interest rates and the rate of inflation; changes in goverment in legislation and policies, including taxation laws; announcement of new technologies; geopolitical instability, including international conflicts, and acts of terrorism (including in Ukraine, Israel and the Gaza territory); epidemics and pandemics such as COVID-19; demand for and supply of Appen shares; analyst reports. No assurances can be given that the New Shares will trade at or above the Equity Raising Price. None of Appen Group, its directors or any other person guarantees the market performance of the New Shares. The financial position, performance or prospects of Appen Group and Appen's share price may be adversely affected by the worsening of general economic conditions in the United States or any other market in which Appen Group operates, as well as international market conditions and related factors. It is also possible new risks might emerge as a result of global markets experiencing extreme stress, or existing risks may manifest themselves in ways that are not currently foreseeable.
quidity risk	There can be no guarantee of an active market in Appen shares or that the price of Appen shares will increase. There may be relatively few potential buyers or sellers of Appen shares on the ASX at any time. This may increase the volatility of the market price of Appen shares. It may also affect the prevailing market price at which shareholders are able to sell their shares in Appen.
Dilution risk	Eligible shareholders who take up their entitlements under the Entitlement Offer in full are likely to have their percentage shareholding in Appen diluted as a result of the Placement. Eligible shareholders who do not participate in the Entitlement Offer in full, will have their percentage shareholding in Appen further diluted and they will not be exposed to future increases or decreases in Appen's share price in respect of those New Shares which would have been issued to them had they taken up all of their entitlement.
	As the Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable, investors who do not take up all or part of their entitlement will not receive any value for the part not taken up.

## **Summary of Underwriting Agreement**

Appen entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriter in respect of the Offer on 21 November 2023 (**Underwriting Agreement**). The Underwriter's obligations under the Underwriting Agreement, including to underwrite the Placement and the Entitlement Offer of approximately A\$30 million and to manage the Offer, are conditional on certain matters, including the timely delivery of certain due diligence materials or the delivery of certain certificates or other documents. If certain conditions are not satisfied, or certain events occur, the Underwriter may terminate its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement. The events which may trigger termination of the Underwriting Agreement include the following:

- a statement contained in the offer materials and public materials does not comply with the Corporations Act (including if a statement in any of the offer materials or public materials is or becomes misleading or deceptive or is likely to mislead or deceive,
- including by omission), or a matter required to be included under the Corporations Act or the ASX Listing Rules is omited from those materials; a cleansing notice is or becomes defective or Appen gives or is required to give a corrective statement under the Corporations Act and, in each case, that defective cleansing notice or corrective statement is adverse from the point of view of an investor; the existing debt facilities or any other debt facility or other financial accommodation is or is reasonably likely to be breached, terminated (or become terminable, void or voidable), rescinded or altered or amended without the prior written consent of the Underwriter (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or a condition precedent to which it is subject becomes unlikely or impossible to be satisfied or any event occurs which gives a lender or financier under the existing debt facilities or any other debt
- facility or other financial accommodation the right to accelerate or require repayment of the debt or financing thereunder; an application is made by ASIC for an order under Part 9.5 of the Corporations Act in relation to the Offer or the Offer anterials, or ASIC commences any investigation or hearing under Part 3 of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (Cth) in relation to the Offer or the Offer materials and any such application, investigation or hearing, order or determination either becomes public or is not withdrawn within 2 business days after it is made or commenced (or prior to each settlement date, as the case may be);
- ASIC or any other governmental agency commences an investigation or hearing or announces or notifies of its intention to do so, or makes an order or determination which prevents or is likely to prevent Appen from proceeding with the Offer in accordance with Offer timetable:
- any material Appen Group member becomes insolvent, or there is an act or omission which is likely to result in a material Appen Group member becoming insolvent;
- Appen ceases to be admitted to the official list of ASX or the shares cease trading or are suspended from official quotation or cease to be quoted on ASX (other than where requested by Appen to facilitate the Offer):
- ASX makes any official statement to any person, or indicates to Appen or the Uniderwriter that it will not grant permission for the official quotation of Offer shares, or if permission for the official quotation of Offer shares is granted before the date of allotment and issue of those Offer shares, the approval is subsequently withdrawn, qualified (other than by way of customary conditions) or withheld;
- Appen withdraws the Offer or any of the Offer materials;
- Appen is or will be prevented from conducting or completing the Offer by or in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, ASIC, ASX, any applicable laws or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental agency; The S&P/ASX 200 Index falls to or below a level that is 87.5% or less of the level of the index as at the close of trading on the day before the date of the Underwriting Agreement at any time on or before the institutional settlement date;
- any of the following occur:

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- a director of Appen or any member of senior management is charged with an indictable offence; any governmental agency commences any public action against a Appen Group member or any of its respective directors or Appen senior management, in each case in their capacity as such, or announces that it intends to take action; or subject to specified exceptions, any director of Appendix or pper of senior management is disqualified from managing a corporation under Part 2D.6 of the Corporations Act;
   Appen does not provide a certificate as and when required by the Underwriting Agreement;
   the trading halt for the Offer ends early without the prior written consent of the Underwriter; or

- any event specified in the Offer timetable is delayed
  - in respect of events up to and including the institutional allotment date, for more than 1 business day; or in respect of events up to and including the retail allotment date, for more than 2 business days,

  - without the prior written consent of the Underwriter



## Summary of Underwriting Agreement (cont.)

- any adverse change occurs, or there is a development involving a prospective adverse change, in the assets, liabilities, financial position or performance, profits, losses or prospects of the Appen Group from those respectively fully and fairly disclosed in any Offer materials or public materials or from those respectively disclosed to ASX by Appen prior to the date of the Underwriting Agreement;
- a change in the board or senior management of Appen is announced or occurs:
- a representation, warranty, undertaking or obligation contained in the Underwriting Agreement on the part of Appen is breached, becomes not true or correct or is not performed;
- Appen fails to perform or observe any of its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement; a statement in any certificate to be given under the Underwriting Agreement is misleading, inaccurate or untrue or incorrect; Appen alters its constitution without the prior written consent of the Underwriter;
- Appen reduces, reorganises or otherwise alters or restructures its capital structure, or agree to do any of those things, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter;
- the due diligence report or any other information supplied by or on behalf of Appen to the Underwriter in relation to the Appen Group or the Offer is, or becomes, misleading or deceptive, including by way of omission; there is introduced, or there is a public announcement of a proposal to introduce, into the Parliament of Australia or any State or Territory of Australia a new law, or the Reserve Bank of Australia, or any Commonwealth or State authority adopts or announces a
- proposal to adopt a new policy (other than a law or policy which has been announced before the date of the Underwriting agreement);
- Abstillities not existing at the date of the Underwriting Agreement commence (whether war has been declared or not) or a major excatation in existing hostilities occurs (whether war has been declared or not) or a significant terrorist act is perpetrated, in each case involving any of Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, any member of the European Union, Russia, Ukraine, Hong Kong or the People's Republic of China or a national emergency or a major escalation of a national emergency is declared by either of those countries: or
- any of the following occurs: of a more contained, or any of the following occurs: o a general moratorium on commercial banking activities in Australia, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China, the United States of America, Singapore or any member of the European Union is declared by the relevant central banking authority in those countries, or there is a disruption in commercial banking or security settlement or clearance services in any of those countries
  - trading in all securities quoted or listed on ASX, New York Stock Exchange, London Stock Exchange or Hong Kong Stock Exchange is suspended or limited for at least one day on which that exchange is open for trading; or
  - any other adverse change or disruption to the political or economic conditions or financial markets of Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States of America or Hong Kong.

The Underwriter may only terminate the Underwriting Agreement in respect of certain events only if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the event (a) could be reasonably expected to have a materially adverse effect on (i) the success, settlement or marketing of the Offer or on the ability of the Underwriter to market or promote or settle the Offer; or (ii) will, or is likely to, give rise to a liability of the Underwriter under, or a contravention by the Underwriter or its affiliates of, or the Underwriter or its affiliates being involved in a contravention of, any applicable law.

Termination by the Underwriter will discharge Appen's obligation to pay the Underwriter any fees, costs, charges or expenses which have not accrued as at termination.

For details of the fees payable to the Underwriter, see the Appendix 3B released to ASX on 21 November 2023.

Appen also gives certain representations, warranties and undertakings to the Underwriter and an indemnity to the Underwriter and its affiliates subject to certain carve-outs.



## **International selling restrictions**

#### International Offer Restrictions

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This document does not constitute an offer of new ordinary shares ("New Shares") of the Company in any jurisdiction in which it would be unlawful. In particular, this document may not be distributed to any person, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, in any country outside Australia except to the extent permitted below

#### Hong Kong

WARNING: This document has not been, and will not be, registered as a prospectus under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong, nor has it been authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong the "SFO"). Accordingly, this document may not be distributed, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, in Hong Kong other than to "professional investors" (as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that ordinance).

No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the New Shares has been or will be issued, or has been or will be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue, in Hong Kong or elsewhere that is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to New Shares that are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to profe person allotted New Shares may sell, or offer to sell, such securities in circumstances that amount to an offer to the public in Hong Kong within six months following the date of issue of such securities. estors No

The contents of this document have not been reviewed by any Hong Kong regulatory authority. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. If you are in doubt about any contents of this document, you should obtain independent professional advice

#### New Zealand

This document has not been registered, filed with or approved by any New Zealand regulatory authority under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (the "FMC Act").

The New Shares are not being offered to the public within New Zealand other than to existing shareholders of the Company with registered addresses in New Zealand to whom the offer of these securities is being made in reliance on the Financial Markets Conduct (Incidental Offers) Exemption Notice 2021.

- Other than in the entitlement offer, the New Shares may only be offered or sold in New Zealand (or allotted with a view to being offered for sale in New Zealand) to a person who:
- is an investment business within the meaning of clause 37 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act;
- meets the investment activity criteria specified in clause 38 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act:
- is large within the meaning of clause 39 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act;
- is a government agency within the meaning of clause 40 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act; or
- is an eligible investor within the meaning of clause 41 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act





# **International selling restrictions (cont.)**

#### Singapore

This document and any other materials relating to the New Shares have not been, and will not be, lodged or registered as a prospectus in Singapore with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this document and any other document or materials in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of New Shares, may not be issued, circulated or distributed, nor may the New Shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore except pursuant to and in accordance with exemptions in Subdivision (4) Division 1, Part 13 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore (the "SFA") or another exemption under the SFA.

This document has been given to you on the basis that you are an "institutional investor" or an "accredited investor" (as such terms are defined in the SFA). If you are not such an investor, please return this document immediately. You may not forward or circulate this document to any other person in Singapore.

Any offer is not made to you with a view to the New Shares being subsequently offered for sale to any other party in Singapore. On-sale restrictions in Singapore may be applicable to investors who acquire New Shares. As such, investors are advised to acquaint themselves with the SFA provisions relating to resale restrictions in Singapore and comply accordingly.

#### United Kingdom

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Neither this document nor any other document relating to the offer has been delivered for approval to the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom and no prospectus (within the meaning of section 85 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended ("FSMA")) has been published or is intended to be published in respect of the New Shares.

The New Shares may not be offered or sold in the United Kingdom by means of this document or any other document, except in circumstances that do not require the publication of a prospectus under section 86(1) of the FSMA. This document is issued on a confidential basis in the United Kingdom to "qualified investors" within the meaning of Article 2(e) of the UK Prospectus Regulation. This document may not be distributed or reproduced, in whole or in part, nor may its contents be disclosed by recipients, to any other person in the United Kingdom.

Any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received in connection with the issue or sale of the New Shares has only been communicated or caused to be communicated and will only be communicated or caused to be communicated in the United Kingdom in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Company.

In the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed at, persons (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) (investment professionals) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotions) Order 2005 ("FPO"), (ii) who fall within the categories of persons referred to in Article 49(2)(a) to (d) (high net worth companies, unincorporated associations, etc.) of the FPO or (iii) to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated ("relevant persons"). The investment to which this document relates is available only to relevant person should not act or rely on this document.





## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

23 November 2023

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## Appen successfully completes the institutional component of its A\$30m equity raising (Equity Raising)

Appen Limited (**Appen**) (ASX: APX), is pleased to announce the successful completion of its fully underwritten institutional placement (**Placement**) and the institutional component (**Institutional Entitlement Offer**) of its 1 for 3.65 accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer (**Entitlement Offer**) of new fully paid ordinary shares (**New Shares**), announced on 21 November 2023 (the Placement and Entitlement Offer collectively, the **Equity Raising**).

## **Completion of the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer**

The Placement raised approximately A\$6 million at the offer price of A\$0.55 per share (**Offer Price**) with demand received from both existing and new shareholders, resulting in approximately 11.6 million New Shares being issued.

Under the Institutional Entitlement Offer Appen has agreed to issue approximately 11.5 million New Shares to raise approximately A\$6 million at the Offer Price. The Institutional Entitlement Offer received strong support from Appen's eligible institutional shareholders, with a take up rate of approximately 60%.

Entitlements not taken up by eligible institutional shareholders and entitlements of ineligible institutional shareholders were sold at the Offer Price to institutional investors.

Settlement of the New Shares issued as part of the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer is expected to occur on 1 December 2023, with the issue of those New Shares to occur and ordinary trading to commence on 4 December 2023.

## **Retail Offer**

The retail component of the Entitlement Offer (**Retail Entitlement Offer**) will open on 29 November 2023 and close at 5:00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023. It consists of an offer to eligible retail shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand as at the Record Date of 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 24 November 2023. Retail shareholders can choose to take up all, part or none of their entitlement. Eligible retail shareholders will be invited to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer at the same Offer Price and offer ratio as the Institutional Entitlement Offer.

For eligible retail shareholders who wish to take up all or part of their entitlement, payment must be made via BPAY® or by following the instructions set out on their personalised



Entitlement and Acceptance Form. Payment is due by no later than 5:00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023.

Further details about the Retail Entitlement Offer will be set out in a Retail Offer Booklet which Appen expects to lodge with the ASX on 29 November 2023. Eligible retail shareholders are encouraged to read the Retail Offer Booklet in its entirely, in particular, the risk factors, and should seek financial advice if they are uncertain of whether or not to participate.

### Equity Raising timetable<sup>1</sup>

Event	Date
Announcement of the Equity Raising	Tuesday, 21 November 2023
Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer bookbuild	Tuesday, 21 November 2023 – Wednesday, 22 November 2023
Announcement of results of the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Appen shares recommence trading	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Entitlement Offer Record Date (7.00pm Sydney time)	Friday, 24 November 2023
Retail Entitlement Offer opens (Retail Offer Booklet made available to eligible retail shareholders)	Wednesday, 29 November 2023
Settlement of New Shares issued under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Friday, 1 December 2023
Allotment and trading of New Shares issued under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer	Monday, 4 December 2023
Retail Entitlement Offer closes (5.00pm Sydney time)	Friday, 8 December 2023
Settlement of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 14 December 2023
Allotment of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Friday, 15 December 2023
Commencement of trading of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer	Monday, 18 December 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These dates are indicative only and are subject to change. Appen, reserves the right, subject to the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the ASX Listing Rules, to amend this indicative timetable. In particular, Appen reserves the right to extend the Equity Raising timetable and to withdraw or vary the Placement or Entitlement Offer without prior notice. Any extension of the Equity Raising timetable will have a consequential effect on the date for the allotment and issue of New Shares. Appen will consult with the underwriter in relation to any proposed change to this indicative timetable and any such change will require the consent of the underwriter.



### **Further information**

Further details of the Equity Raising are set out in the investor presentation lodged with the ASX on 21 November 2023. The investor presentation also contains important information including key risks and foreign selling restrictions with respect to the Equity Raising.

The Offer Information Line is open from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday until 8 December 2023 when the Retail Entitlement Offer closes.

## Authorised by the duly authorised sub-committee of the Board of Appen Limited.

### For more information, please contact:

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#### Important Information

This announcement does not constitute financial product advice and does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any particular investor. Investors are encouraged to seek independent financial advice before making any investment decision.

#### Not for Release or Distribution in the United States

This announcement has been prepared for publication in Australia and may not be released or distributed in the United States. This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, securities in the United States. Any securities described in this announcement have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("U.S. Securities Act"), or under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the entitlements may not be taken up or exercised by, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to persons in the United States, except in transactions exempt from, or not subject to, the registration of the U.S. Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States.

## Section 5 Additional information

### 5.1 Eligible Retail Shareholders

This Retail Offer Booklet is being offered to Eligible Retail Shareholders only.

Eligible Retail Shareholders are persons at 7.00pm on the Record Date who:

- are registered as a holder of Shares;
- have a registered address on the Appen share register in Australia or New Zealand;
- are not in the United States and are not acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States to the extent such persons hold Appen ordinary shares for the account or benefit of persons in the United States;
- did not participate (other than as nominee, in respect of other underlying holdings) under the Institutional Entitlement Offer, and were not treated as Ineligible Institutional Shareholders under the Institutional Entitlement Offer; and
- are eligible under all applicable securities laws to receive an offer under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

If a Shareholder (including a nominee or custodian) is acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States, it may not participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer on behalf of such person.

Retail Shareholders who are not Eligible Retail Shareholders are Ineligible Retail Shareholders. (**Ineligible Retail Shareholders**). Appen reserves the right to determine whether a retail Shareholder is an Eligible Retail Shareholder or an Ineligible Retail Shareholder.

By making a payment by BPAY® (or otherwise), you will be taken to have represented and warranted that you satisfy each of the criteria listed above to be an Eligible Retail Shareholder. Nominees, trustees or custodians are therefore advised to seek independent professional advice as to how to proceed.

Appen may (in its absolute discretion) extend the Retail Entitlement Offer to any Institutional Shareholder that was eligible to participate in the Institutional Entitlement Offer but was not invited to participate in the Institutional Entitlement Offer (subject to compliance with relevant laws).

Appen has decided that it is unreasonable to make offers under the Retail Entitlement Offer to retail Shareholders who have registered addresses outside Australia and New Zealand, having regard to the number of such holders in those places and the number and value of the New Shares that they would be offered, and the relevant legal and regulatory requirements in those places, including the cost of complying with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Appen may (in its absolute discretion) extend the Retail Entitlement Offer to Shareholders who have registered addresses outside Australia and New Zealand (except for Shareholders in the United States) in accordance with applicable law.

## 5.2 Ranking of New Shares

New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer will be fully paid and from allotment rank equally in all respects with Existing Shares and will be entitled to dividends/distributions on the same basis as Existing Shares. The rights and liabilities attaching to the New Shares are set out in Appen's constitution, a copy of which is available at <a href="https://appen.com/investors/corporate-governance/">https://appen.com/investors/corporate-governance/</a>.

### 5.3 Reconciliation

The Entitlement Offer is a complex process and in some instances investors may believe that they owned more Shares than they ultimately were recorded as holding as at the Record Date or are otherwise entitled to more New Shares than initially offered to them. This may result in a need for reconciliation to ensure all Eligible Retail Shareholders have the opportunity to receive their full Entitlement.

Appen may need to issue a small quantity of additional New Shares to ensure all Eligible Retail Shareholders have the opportunity to receive their appropriate allocation of New Shares. The price at which these New Shares would be issued, if required, is the same as the Offer Price.

Appen also reserves the right to reduce the size of Entitlements or the number of New Shares allocated to Eligible Retail Shareholders, or persons claiming to be Eligible Retail Shareholders or other applicable investors, if Appen believes in its absolute discretion that their claims are overstated or if they or their nominees fail to provide information requested to substantiate their claims, or if they are not Eligible Retail Shareholders.

### 5.4 Allowing your Retail Entitlement to lapse

Retail Entitlements which are not taken up by the Retail Closing Date, being 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 8 December 2023 will lapse.

### 5.5 Rounding of Entitlements

Where fractions arise in the calculation of Entitlements, they have been rounded up to the nearest whole number of New Shares.

### 5.6 Notice to nominees and custodians

The Retail Entitlement Offer is being made to all Eligible Retail Shareholders. Nominees with registered addresses in Eligible Jurisdictions, irrespective of whether they participate under the Institutional Entitlement Offer, may be able to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer in respect of some or all of the beneficiaries on whose behalf they hold Existing Shares, provided that the applicable beneficiary would satisfy the criteria for an Eligible Retail Shareholder.

If Appen believes you hold Shares as a nominee or custodian you will have received, or will shortly receive, a letter in respect of the Entitlement Offer. Nominees and custodians should consider carefully the contents of that letter and note in particular that the Retail Entitlement Offer is not available to, and they must not purport to accept the Retail Entitlement Offer in respect of:

- beneficiaries on whose behalf they hold Existing Shares who would not satisfy the criteria for being an Eligible Retail Shareholder;
- Eligible Institutional Shareholders who participated in the Institutional Entitlement Offer (whether they accepted their Entitlements or not) and Institutional Shareholders who were treated as Ineligible Institutional Shareholders under the Institutional Entitlement Offer; or
- Shareholders who are not eligible under all applicable securities laws to receive an offer under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

In particular, persons acting as nominees or custodians for other persons must not take up any Entitlements on behalf of, or send any part of this Retail Offer Booklet or any documents related to the Retail Entitlement Offer to, any person in the United States or any person that is acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States. Persons in the United States and persons acting for the account or benefit of persons in the United States will not be able to exercise any Entitlements and may receive no payment or value for them.

Appen is not required to determine whether or not any registered holder or investor is acting as a nominee or custodian or the identity or residence of any beneficial owners of Existing Shares or Entitlements. Where any person is acting as a nominee or custodian for a foreign person, that person, in dealing with its beneficiary, will need to assess whether indirect participation in the Entitlement Offer by the beneficiary complies with applicable foreign laws. Appen is not able to advise on foreign laws.

## 5.7 Allotment, quotation and trading

Appen will apply to ASX for official quotation of the New Shares, in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules requirements. If ASX does not grant such quotation, Appen will repay all Application Monies (without interest).

It is expected that allotment of the New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer will take place on 15 December 2023. Subject to approval being granted, it is expected that normal trading of New Shares allotted under the Retail Entitlement Offer will commence at 10.00am (Sydney time) on 18 December 2023. Application Monies will be held by Appen on trust for applicants until the New Shares are allotted. No interest will be paid on Application Monies.

It is the responsibility of applicants to determine the number of New Shares allotted and issued to them prior to trading in such shares. The sale by an applicant of New Shares prior to receiving their holding statement is at the applicant's own risk.

### 5.8 Continuous disclosure

Appen is a 'disclosing entity' under the Corporations Act and is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations under the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules, including the preparation of annual reports and half yearly reports. Appen is required to notify the ASX of information about specific events and matters as they arise for the purposes of the ASX making that information available to the stock markets conducted by the ASX. In particular, Appen has an obligation under the ASX Listing Rules (subject to certain exceptions) to notify the ASX immediately of any information of which it is or becomes aware which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of its securities. That information is available to the public from the ASX and can be accessed at https://www.asx.com.au.

Some documents are required to be lodged with ASIC in relation to Appen. These documents may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office.

### 5.9 Underwriting arrangements

### 5.9.1 Underwriter

Appen has entered into an underwriting agreement with the Underwriter (**Underwriting Agreement**) under which the Underwriter has agreed to fully underwrite the Offer, subject to the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement. The obligation on the Underwriter to underwrite the Offer is conditional on certain customary matters, including Appen delivering certain certificates, sign-offs and opinions to the Underwriter. The Underwriting Agreement is subject to certain terms and conditions which are customary for an Underwriting Agreement of this type, including conditions precedent, representations, warranties, indemnities and undertakings in favour of the Underwriter.

Additionally, the Underwriter may (in certain circumstances having regard to the materiality of the relevant event) terminate the Underwriting Agreement and be released from its obligations under it on the occurrence of certain events, which are set out in the 'Summary of Underwriting Agreement' section of the Investor Presentation (see Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet).

Please see the ASX Announcement and Investor Presentation (in particular, the 'Summary of Underwriting Agreement' section of the Investor Presentation) for further details about the Underwriting Agreement.

### 5.10 Withdrawal of the Entitlement Offer

Appen reserves the right to withdraw or vary all or part of the Entitlement Offer and this Retail Offer Booklet at any time, subject to applicable laws, in which case Appen will refund Application Monies in relation to Entitlements and New Shares not already issued in accordance with the Corporations Act and without payment of interest. In circumstances where allotment under the Institutional Entitlement Offer has occurred, Appen may only be able to withdraw the Entitlement Offer with respect to New Shares to be issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, you agree that any Application Monies paid by you to Appen will not entitle you to receive any interest and that any interest earned in respect of Application Monies will belong to Appen.

## 5.11 Privacy

As a Shareholder, Appen and the Share Registry have already collected certain personal information (which includes your name, mailing address, details of your shareholding, number of Entitlements grants, and bank account details) from you. If you apply for New Shares, Appen and the Share Registry may update that personal information or collect additional personal information for the purposes of:

- processing your Application and assessing your acceptance of the New Shares;
- servicing your needs as a Shareholder and providing facilities and services that you request; and
- carrying out appropriate administration.

This Retail Entitlement Offer is a rights issue in accordance with the Corporations Act, and Appen is required to collect personal information about you under the Corporations Act and Australian taxation laws as part of this offer. If you do not provide your personal information, Appen may be hindered in, or prevented from, processing your Application. Appen and the Share Registry may disclose this personal information for these purposes, or as required or authorised by law, to its subsidiaries and relevant organisations involved in providing, managing or administering your product or service such as third party suppliers, other organisations, loyalty and affinity partners, printers, posting services, call centres, and Appen's advisers.

Some of the personal information that Appen receives about you may be collected by Appen from the Share Registry or from a broker or third party if you have listed such a party as your contact. The personal information you provide will ordinarily be held and used within Australia and disclosed to third parties who are located in Australia. Appen may disclose information to recipients which are located outside Australia. You can find details about the location of some of these recipients in Appen's Privacy Policy. Where personal information is disclosed, Appen will seek to ensure that the information is held, used or disclosed consistently with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and any other applicable privacy laws and codes. Appen's Privacy Policy is available on its website at appen.com/legal-policies/ and provides more information on:

- how Appen stores and uses, and how you may access and correct, your personal information;
- how you can lodge a complaint regarding Appen's handling of your personal information; and
- how Appen will handle any complaint.

If you would like any further information about Appen's privacy practices or access to the personal information collected by Appen in relation to your shareholding, you may contact Appen through the Appen Offer Information Line by calling 1300 728 779 from within Australia or +61 1300 728 779 from outside Australia. The Appen Offer Information Line operates from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) during the Retail Entitlement Offer Period.

## Section 6 Glossary

\$ or A\$ or dollars means Australian dollars.

1997 Act means the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth).

ABN means Australian Business Number.

Appen means Appen Limited (ACN 138 878 298).

*Announcements* means the ASX Announcement, the Investor Presentation and the Institutional Offer Results.

**Application** means an application to subscribe for New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer in accordance with the instructions set out in this Retail Offer Booklet and your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form.

Application Monies means monies received from applicants in respect of their Applications.

**Appen Offer Information Line** means the shareholder information line with the following details: 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia) available at any time from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday during the Retail Entitlement Offer Period.

ASIC means Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691) or the financial products market operated by that entity known as the Australian Securities Exchange.

**ASX** Announcement means the announcement released to ASX on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 in connection with the Offer, a copy of which is included in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet.

**ASX Listing Rules** means the official listing rules of ASX, as amended or replaced from time to time except to the extent of any waiver granted by ASX.

CGT means capital gains tax.

Commissioner means Commissioner of Taxation.

Corporations Act means Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

CRN means customer reference number.

Eligible Institutional Shareholder means an Institutional Shareholder:

- (a) to whom ASX Listing Rule 7.7.1(a) does not apply; and
- (b) who is not an Ineligible Institutional Shareholder, is eligible to receive an Institutional Entitlement Offer and has successfully received an offer under the Institutional Entitlement Offer (as the Underwriter determines in its absolute discretion),

provided that if they are a nominee, they will only be an Eligible Institutional Shareholder to the extent they hold Shares for beneficiaries who would have been Institutional Shareholders had they held the Shares themselves.

Eligible Jurisdictions means Australia and New Zealand.

Eligible Retail Shareholder has the meaning in Section 5.1.

*Eligible Shareholder* means a person who is an Eligible Institutional Shareholder or an Eligible Retail Shareholder.

*Entitlement* means the entitlement to 1 New Share for every 3.65 Existing Shares held on the Record Date (being 7.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 24 November 2023) by Eligible Shareholders.

*Entitlement and Acceptance Form* means the entitlement and acceptance form, which can be accessed and downloaded at the Entitlement Offer website: https://events.miraqle.com/apx-offer.

**Entitlement Offer** means the pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer to Eligible Shareholders in the proportion of 1 New Share for every 3.65 Existing Shares held on the Record Date (being 7.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 24 November 2023) at the Offer Price, and comprised of the Institutional Entitlement Offer and the Retail Entitlement Offer.

*Existing Share* means a Share on issue on the Record Date (being 7.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 24 November 2023).

**GST** means goods and services tax.

HIN means Holder Identification Number, which can have up to 10 digits and will start with the letter 'X'.

Ineligible Institutional Shareholder means an Institutional Shareholder:

- (a) who has a registered address outside the Eligible Jurisdictions and any other jurisdictions as Appen and the Underwriter agree;
- (b) to whom ASX Listing Rule 7.7.1(a) applies; and
- (c) who, in the absence of the application of ASX Listing Rule 7.7.1(a), would have been an Eligible Institutional Shareholder.

*Ineligible Retail Shareholder* means a retail Shareholder who is not an Eligible Retail Shareholder as defined in Section 5.1.

*Institutional Entitlement Offer* means the pro rata entitlement offer of New Shares to Eligible Institutional Shareholders under the Entitlement Offer.

Institutional Investor means a person:

- (a) to whom an offer of New Shares may be made in Australia without a disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act) on the basis that such a person is an "exempt investor" as defined in ASIC Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84; or
- (b) who is an institutional or professional investor to whom an offer of New Shares may be made outside Australia without registration, lodgement of a formal disclosure document or other formal filing in accordance with the laws of a foreign jurisdiction listed in, and to the extent permitted under, the 'International selling restrictions' section of the Investor Presentation,

and in each case who has been approached by the Underwriter in their absolute discretion as part of the Institutional Entitlement Offer and provided that if such person is in the United States, the person meets certain eligibility criteria determined by Appen and the Underwriter.

*Institutional Offer Results* means the announcement released to ASX on Thursday, 23 November 2023 containing the results of the Institutional Entitlement Offer and the Placement, a copy of which is included in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet.

*Institutional Shareholder* means a Shareholder on the Record Date (being 7.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 24 November 2023) who is an Institutional Investor.

*Investor Presentation* means the investor presentation in connection with the Offer dated Tuesday, 21 November 2023, a copy of which is included in Section 4 of this Retail Offer Booklet.

New Share means a Share issued under the Entitlement Offer.

Offer means the Entitlement Offer and the Placement.

Offer Price means \$0.55 per New Share.

Placement means the institutional placement, as announced by Appen on Tuesday, 21 November 2023.

Record Date means 7.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 24 November 2023.

**Regulation S** means Regulation S under the US Securities Act.

Retail Closing Date means 5.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 8 December 2023.

**Retail Entitlement Offer** means the pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer to Eligible Retail Shareholders under the Entitlement Offer.

**Retail Entitlement Offer Period** means the period from Wednesday, 29 November 2023 to 5.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 8 December 2023.

Retail Offer Booklet means this booklet dated 29 November 2023.

Share means each ordinary share in Appen.

Share Registry means Link Market Services Limited (ABN 54 083 214 537).

Shareholder means the registered holder of a Share.

SRN means Security Reference Number, which can have up to 10 digits and will start with the letter 'l'.

Sydney time means the time in Sydney, Australia.

TFN means Tax File Number.

**TOFA Provisions** means the 'Taxation of Financial Arrangements' rules under Division 230 of the 1997 Act.

*Underwriter* means the underwriter of the Entitlement Offer and Placement, being Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited (ACN 636 976 059).

**Underwriter Parties** means the Underwriter, any of its affiliates, related bodies corporate (as that term is defined in the Corporations Act), its directors, employees, officers, representatives, agents, partners, consultants and advisers.

**Underwriting Agreement** means the underwriting agreement between Appen and the Underwriter, as described in Section 5.9.

US Securities Act means the US Securities Act of 1933.

## **Corporate Directory**

#### Company

Appen Limited Level 6, 9 Help Street Chatswood NSW 2067

#### **Appen Offer Information Line**

Within Australia: 1300 728 779 Outside of Australia: +61 1300 728 779 Open between 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday

#### Legal Adviser

Allens Deutsche Bank Place Corner Hunter and Phillip Streets Sydney NSW 2000 Australia

#### Underwriter

Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited ACN 636 976 059 Quay Quarter Tower Level 19, 50 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000

#### Share Registry

Link Market Services Limited Level 12, 680 George Street Sydney NSW 2000



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29 November 2023

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Dear Shareholder,

#### APPEN LIMITED

#### ACCELERATED NON-RENOUNCEABLE ENTITLEMENT OFFER - NOTIFICATION TO INELIGIBLE RETAIL SHAREHOLDERS

On Tuesday, 21 November 2023, Appen Limited (**Appen**) announced that it was conducting a capital raising by way of a pro-rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer to eligible shareholders to subscribe for 1 new fully paid ordinary share (**New Share**) for every 3.65 existing fully paid ordinary shares in Appen (**Shares**) held at 7.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 24 November 2023 (**Record Date**) at a price of A0.55 (**Offer Price**) for each New Share to raise approximately A\$23.6 million (**Entitlement Offer**).

Appen also announced a placement of New Shares to institutional investors at the Offer Price to raise approximately A\$6.4 million (**Placement**, and together with the Entitlement Offer, the **Offer**), which occurred concurrently with the institutional component of the Entitlement Offer. The Offer is expected to raise a combined amount of approximately A\$30 million. The net proceeds from the Offer will be used to provide balance sheet flexibility and general working capital requirements to support Appen's return to profitability and transaction costs.

#### PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER

This is a letter to inform you about the Retail Entitlement Offer (defined below) and to explain why you will not be able to subscribe for New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer. This letter is not an offer to issue entitlements or New Shares to you, nor an invitation for you to apply for entitlements or New Shares. You are not required to do anything in response to this letter but there may be implications for you as a result of the Offer that you should be aware of.

#### DETAILS OF THE ENTITLEMENT OFFER

The Entitlement Offer is being made by Appen without a prospectus or other disclosure document in accordance with section 708AA of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Corporations Act) as modified by ASIC Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84 and ASIC Corporations (Disregarding Technical Relief) Instrument 2016/73.

The Entitlement Offer comprises an institutional entitlement offer (**Institutional Entitlement Offer**) and an offer to Eligible Retail Shareholders (defined below) to invest in New Shares at the same Offer Price as the institutional investors who participated in the Institutional Entitlement Offer (**Retail Entitlement Offer**).

The Institutional Entitlement Offer and the Placement have already closed and the results were announced to the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) on Thursday, 24 November 2023. Appen has today lodged a retail offer booklet with ASX, which sets out further details in respect of the Retail Entitlement Offer (**Retail Offer Booklet**).

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Appen has determined, pursuant to section 9A(3)(a) of the Corporations Act and Listing Rule 7.7.1(a) of the ASX Listing Rules, that it would be unreasonable to make offers to Appen's shareholders in certain countries in connection with the Retail Entitlement Offer. This decision was made after taking into account the legal and regulatory requirements in certain countries, the relatively small number of Appen shareholders in certain countries, the number and value of New Shares those Appen shareholders would otherwise be entitled to and the cost of complying with the applicable laws and the requirements of any regulatory authority in jurisdictions outside Australia and New Zealand.

Accordingly, in compliance with section 9A(3)(b) of the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rule 7.7.1(b), Appen wishes to inform you that it will not be extending the Retail Entitlement Offer to you and you will not be able to subscribe for New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Shareholders who are eligible to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer (Eligible Retail Shareholders) are shareholders of Appen who:

- a) are registered as a holder of existing Shares on the Record Date, being 7.00pm (Sydney time) Friday, 24 November 2023;
- b) have a registered address in Australia or New Zealand on the Record Date as noted on Appen's share register or are persons that Appen has determined in its discretion are Eligible Retail Shareholders;
- c) are not in the United States and are not acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States (to the extent that such shareholders hold Shares for the account or benefit of such person in the United States);
- d) did not receive an invitation to participate in, or were otherwise ineligible to participate in, the Institutional Entitlement Offer and were not treated as "Ineligible Institutional Shareholders" under the Institutional Entitlement Offer (other than as a nominee, trustee or custodian, in each case in respect of other underlying holdings) as determined by Appen in its absolute discretion; and
- e) are eligible under all applicable securities laws to receive an offer under the Retail Entitlement Offer without a prospectus or other disclosure document or any lodgement, filing, registration or qualification,

provided (for the avoidance of doubt) that if a shareholder of Appen (including a nominee, trustee or custodian) is acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States, it may not participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer on behalf of such a person.

Shareholders who are not Eligible Retail Shareholders or eligible or ineligible institutional shareholders are ineligible retail shareholders and are consequently unable to participate in the Retail Entitlement Offer. Appen, in its absolute discretion, may extend the Entitlement Offer to any shareholder of Appen if it is satisfied that the Entitlement Offer may be made to that shareholder in compliance with all applicable laws.

#### NON-RENOUNCEABLE OFFER

As with the Institutional Entitlement Offer, the Retail Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable. This means that a number of New Shares equal to the number that you would otherwise be entitled to subscribe for under the Retail Entitlement Offer will be subscribed for by the underwriter (being Barrenjoey Markets Pty Ltd (the **Underwriter**)) and/or the sub-underwriters at the Offer Price. As a result, no amount will be payable by you and you will not otherwise receive any payment or value for entitlements in respect of any New Shares that would have been offered to you if you were an Eligible Retail Shareholder. Your proportionate interest in Appen will also be diluted as a result of the Offer.

Further details in respect of the Entitlement Offer (including details of eligibility) can be found on the announcements platform of ASX (<u>www.asx.com.au</u>).

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions in relation to any of the above matters, please contact Appen Offer Information Line on 1300 728 779 (within Australia) or +61 1300 728 779 (outside Australia) from 8.30am to 5.30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday during the offer period for the Retail Entitlement Offer. For other questions, you should consult your stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other independent professional adviser.

On behalf of Appen, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Carl Middlehurst Company Secretary

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER

#### DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Determination of eligibility of investors for the purposes of the institutional or retail components of the Entitlement Offer is determined by reference to a number of matters, including legal and regulatory requirements, logistical and registry constraints and the discretion of Appen and the Underwriter. Each of Appen, the Underwriter and each of their respective affiliates and related bodies corporate and each of their respective directors, officers, partners, employees, contractors, consultants, advisers and agents expressly disclaim any duty or liability (including, without limitation, any liability arising from fault, negligence or negligent misstatement) in respect of that determination and the exercise or otherwise of that discretion, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

#### GENERAL

This letter is not a prospectus or offering document under Australian or New Zealand law or any other law.

This letter is for information purposes only and does not constitute or form part of an offer, invitation, solicitation, advice or recommendation with respect to the issue, purchase or sale of any entitlements or New Shares in Appen.

The provision of this letter is not, and should not be considered as, financial product advice. The information in this document is general information only and does not take into account your individual objectives, taxation position, financial situation or needs. If you are unsure of your position, please contact your accountant, tax advisor, stockbroker or other independent professional adviser.

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This letter may not be released or distributed in the United States or in any other jurisdiction in which such an offer would be illegal. This letter does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities in the United States. No action has been or will be taken to register, qualify or otherwise permit a public offering of the New Shares in any jurisdiction outside Australia or New Zealand. In particular, neither the entitlements nor the New Shares have been, or will be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **U.S. Securities Act**) or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the entitlements under the Retail Entitlement Offer may not be taken up or exercised by, and the New Shares in the Retail Entitlement Offer may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to persons in the United States or any person that is acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States, except in transactions that are exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and any applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the Betail Entitlement Offer may only be offered and sold to persons that are not in the United States. The New Shares to be offered and sold in the Retail Entitlement Offer may only be offered and sold to persons that are not in the United States and are not acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States, in each case in "offshore transactions" (as defined in Rule 902(h) under the U.S. Securities Act.)

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO NOMINEES

Because of legal restrictions, you must not send copies of this letter nor any material relating to the Offer to any of your clients (or any other person) in the United States or any other person acting for the account or benefit of persons in the United States or to any person in any other jurisdiction outside of Australia and New Zealand. Failure to comply with these restrictions may result in violations of applicable securities laws.