

ASX Announcement: Chair's Address - Ms Natalie Mactier



28th November 2024

Financial Year 2024 has been another successful year for 5G Networks.

The year has been highlighted by strategic decisions aimed at strengthening our financial position and creating a solid foundation for future growth. This is more notably exemplified through the successful sale of the Webcentral business, which allowed us to sharpen our focus on our core business and invest in strategic opportunities.

In mid-2023 we received an offer for the Webcentral business that your directors considered highly attractive. The offer matured into a sale of the business with a cash payment to 5GN of \$107 million plus a 1/3 holding in the joint venture company that now owns the Webcentral business. The sale transaction completed in December 2023.

In January 2024 we acquired Security Shift, which provides cyber security consultancy, managed services and IT engineering and software development to a sophisticated client base including Government Departments and Agencies.

We received an offer early in 2024 to sell the remaining 1/3 share in Webcentral for \$20 million. We accepted the offer and the further sale was completed in June 2024. The sale of Webcentral assisted us in achieving a significant milestone: from a position on 30 June 2023 where we had debt of \$55 million as of 30 June 2024 5G Networks was debt-free with available cash of \$65 million.

In June this year we announced that companies associated with our managing director Mr Joe Demase had entered into conditional sale agreements to acquire the primary operating subsidiaries of the 5GN group. The company formed an independent board committee to consider the transaction and explore alternative possible transactions. After considering the alternatives, market conditions and other matters it was decided not to proceed with the transaction and the sale agreements have been terminated by mutual agreement. This was announced yesterday.

The company also announced yesterday that it has received advice that its tax liability provided for in its FY 2024 financial statements may be reduced from \$14.4m to \$4.2m. This should free up additional funds for both internal growth initiatives and strategic acquisitions.

The board will continue to evaluate investment and divestment of business assets, with continued focus on shareholder value creation and returns

I want to thank our team, shareholders, and customers for their ongoing support and commitment.

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About 5GN

5GN is an Australian owned digital services company who empower more than 2,500 corporate clients to grow and thrive online. Our portfolio of digital services is extensive, with market leading offers across Cloud, Data networks, Data centre, managed IT services and digital marketing.

5GN currently owns and operates its own Nationwide and Internationally highspeed Data Network with points of presence in all major Australian capital cities, Singapore, USA, Hong Kong and New Zealand. In addition, the Company offers managed cloud solutions through its Cloud and Data Centre capabilities as well as managed services to optimise customers' IT and network environments. Supporting this is the Company's combined rack capacity of over 1,200 racks through its owned and operated Data Centres across Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.

Our customer focussed heritage has been built on expertise, innovation and personalised service; critical attributes delivered through our culture and embraced by our people.

The 5GN mission is dedicated to leading online success for our customers. We achieve this by building trusted and valued client relationships which convert successful business outcomes at each milestone across the customers' digital journey.



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