

Rubicon Extends Financing Arrangements



18 May 2015 – Today Rubicon announced that it had agreed an extension of its existing financing arrangements with ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited (“ANZ”). The Company’s existing US\$20 million debt facility (“Facility”), which was to have expired on 1 July this year, has now been extended through to 1 July 2016 on essentially the same terms.

In addition, the Facility now also permits the issuance by Rubicon of up to US\$10 million of unsecured debt notes¹ (“Notes”), which will be fully subordinated to the ANZ Facility. Rubicon’s major shareholder, David Knott, has agreed to subscribe for US\$5 million of these Notes, and members of Rubicon’s Board and management have agreed to subscribe for another US\$2 million. At this stage the Company does not envisage the need to issue the remaining US\$3 million of Notes allowable under the Facility, however the flexibility remains for it to do so should that be required in the future. The Notes have a maturity date of 2 January 2017.

Rubicon’s Chairman, Steve Kasnet, said “We are very pleased that we have secured Rubicon’s funding through fiscal 2016, and we believe that this announcement today should remove any ‘overhang’ in our share price in that regard. Our focus remains solely on bringing value to our remaining Tenon and ArborGen investments. With this refinancing behind us, we can now move to do just that.”

1 The terms of the Notes were established in accordance with the independence governance requirements outlined in the NZX Listing Rules, by a sub-committee of the Rubicon Board comprising only the non-participating Directors. It is envisaged that the Notes will be drawn down in tranches as required. The Notes will accrue interest at an all-encompassing rate of 12% per annum (i.e. the rate takes account of the fact that the funds are fully committed but may not be fully utilised / drawn-down by Rubicon), with the interest not being paid until the Notes are redeemed.

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