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Update on Acquisition of Westpac PNG Draft Determination by PNG ICCC

Kina Securities Limited (Company No. 1-10989) (ARBN 606 168 594) (**ASX:KSL|PNGX:KSL**) (**Kina** or the **Company**), advises that it has received a copy of a draft Determination by the PNG Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (**ICCC**) on Kina's proposed acquisition of 89.91% of the shares in Westpac Bank - PNG - Limited (**Acquisition**) for the Westpac banking business in Papua New Guinea. This determination is limited only to the PNG market.

The ICCC's draft Determination requests comments and submissions from stakeholders before a final Determination is made, which is expected in mid-September. Nevertheless, the draft Determination states that the ICCC is not currently satisfied that the Acquisition will not, or will not likely, have the effect of substantially lessening competition in the relevant markets identified. The ICCC also determines that the Acquisition would not result in public benefits that outweigh detriments to the public.

It should be noted that the draft Determination contains statements and reasoning which Kina contests. Kina has been invited to make a presentation to, and participate in, a pre-decision conference to be held in Port Moresby on 11 August 2021 to outline the commercial and economic benefits to PNG arising from the Acquisition, and to allow Kina and other stakeholders to discuss and provide comments on the draft Determination. Final comments and submissions on the draft Determination are due by 20 August 2021.

Kina is committed to this transaction, as Kina believes that the transaction will actually improve competition in the relevant markets and will deliver a number of substantial public benefits.

Kina will update the market when further information comes to hand.

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