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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

**APA Group (ASX: APA)**

## **APA NOTES AUSNET SCHEME IMPLEMENTATION DEED**

Leading Australian energy infrastructure business, APA Group (ASX: APA), notes today's announcement by AusNet Services ("**AusNet**") (ASX: AST) that it has agreed the terms of a binding proposal and has entered into a Scheme Implementation Deed, under which Brookfield is to acquire all the shares in AusNet.

APA submitted a non-binding indicative offer for AusNet on 21 September 2021 and was granted due diligence last week, following a decision by the Takeovers Panel that a "no talk" exclusivity arrangement with Brookfield agreed between AusNet and Brookfield be made subject to a "fiduciary out".

APA still considers the AusNet business to be highly attractive. While APA has received strong support from investors in both AusNet and APA Group for its proposed acquisition, APA will continue to remain financially disciplined. APA notes that AusNet has advised that access to due diligence will be terminated as result of this morning's announcement.

### **Authorised for release by the Company Secretary**

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