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## MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

## Net Tangible Asset Backing – 28 February 2014

| Month Ending:                          | % Change | 28 February 2014<br>Consolidated | 31 January 2014<br>Consolidated |
|--|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Net tangible assets (NTA) (before tax) |          | \$8.248m                         | \$8.861m                        |
| Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share          | - 2.54%  | \$0.515                          | \$0.528                         |
| Net tangible assets (after tax)        |          | \$8.248m                         | \$8.861m                        |
| Post-Tax NTA Backing per share         | - 2.54%  | \$0.515                          | \$0.528                         |
| Based on total issued share capital    |          | 16,021,144                       | 16,771,144                      |

During February 2014, 750,000 shares were bought back at an average price of \$0.2730 per share (and at a total cost of \$204,727) pursuant to the on-market share buy-backs<sup>1,2</sup>.

The NTA position comprises the following items:

|  | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Net Tangible Assets  | \$'millions   | \$' millions   |
| Investment in listed Associated Entity:<br>(a) Shares in Bentley Capital Limited ( <b>BEL</b> )  | 4.120         | 4.184          |
| Investments in other listed securities:<br>(a) Shares in Strike Resources Limited ( <b>SRK</b> ) | 0.534         | 0.835          |
| Investment in property (held for development/resale)   | 1.490         | 1.490          |
| Agribusiness assets (including inventories)  | 1.245         | 1.261          |
| Net cash/receivables/payables/other assets/provisions  | 0.859         | 1.092          |
| Pre-Tax NTA  | \$8.248       | \$8.862        |
| Tax Provisions:  |               |                |
| <ul><li>(a) Prior year tax</li><li>(b) Current year tax</li></ul>                                | -             | -              |
| (c) Net deferred tax asset / (liability)   | -             | -              |
| Post-Tax NTA   | \$8.248       | \$8.862        |

<sup>2</sup> Refer to ASX <u>Appendix 3C Announcement of Additional Buy-Back</u> dated 24 February 2014 www.orionequities.com.au



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to ASX <u>Appendix 3C - Announcement of Buy-Back</u> dated 5 August 2013 and <u>Appendix 3F Final Share Buy-Back Notice</u> dated 28 February 2014

## Notes:

- (1) The Company's investment in BEL, an Associated Entity (i.e. in which the Company has a greater than 20% interest), is accounted for under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.
- (2) Under the equity method, the carrying amount of such investment is cost plus a share of the Associate Entity's net profit or loss (after tax) for the financial year to month end as provided to the Company by such Associated Entity (refer note 1.3 (Summary of Accounting Policies Investments in Associates) at page 23 of the Company's 2013 Annual Report).

Accordingly, as at 28 February 2014, the Company's 20,513,783 shares (27.97% interest) (31 January 2014: 20,513,783 shares and 27.97%) in BEL have a carrying value of \$0.201 per share (\$4.120m); this compares with BEL's last bid price on ASX of \$0.155 per share (\$3.180m) and BEL's after-tax NTA backing of \$0.236 per share (\$4.837m) at month end.

- (3) The fair value of investments in ASX-listed Strike Resources Limited (SRK) comprise 16,690,802 shares (31 January 2014: 16,690,802 shares) with a value of \$0.032 per share (based on the closing bid price on 28 February 2014) (31 January 2014: \$0.050). The Company notes that SRK's closing bid price on 11 March 2014 was \$0.040 per share.
- (4) The fair value of investments in other listed securities is based on each security's last bid price on market at month end.
- (5) Investment in property (held for resale) is carried at net realisable value (refer note 1.13 (Summary of Accounting Policies Property held for Resale) at page 25 of the Company's 2013 Annual Report.
- (6) Agribusiness assets comprise a 143 hectare property comprising olive grove land and trees, depreciable plant and equipment, grove-related infrastructure and olive oil inventories. The olive grove land and trees are carried at net realisable value (refer note 1.14 (Summary of Accounting Policies Property, Plant and Equipment) at page 26 of the Company's 2013 Annual Report).
- (7) Tax Provision Item (c) includes where applicable, a provision for income tax on net unrealised gains on the Company's investments in securities and its share of Associated Entities' after-tax net profit for the month (deferred tax liability) and the recognition of future income tax benefits on net unrealised losses on the Company's investments in securities and its share of Associated Entities' after-tax net loss for the month (deferred tax asset).

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