THORN

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

30 November 2022

Thorn announced audited results for 1HY23

Thorn Group Limited (ASX:TGA) (**Thorn**) and its controlled entities today released their audited results for the half year ended 30 September 2022.

Thorn achieved Net Profit After Tax of \$0.6 million, compared with a net profit of \$13.3 million in the previous corresponding period.

- Net Profit After Tax of \$0.6m
- Free Cash of \$73m at half year-end (balance prior to capital return of \$41.7m)
- Asset Finance originations of \$65.6m for six months ended 30 September 2022
- Invoice Finance drawdowns of \$14.7m over the period

On 3 August 2022, Thorn's securitised and rated warehouse facility, Thorn ABS Warehouse Trust No. 1 was restructured and recommenced utilisation. Thorn successfully negotiated a funding facility of \$200 million.

On 19 August 2022, the directors declared a fully franked special dividend of \$0.03 cash per ordinary share, totalling approximately \$10.4 million. The capital return to shareholders of \$0.12 cash per ordinary share (totalling \$41.7 million) and the consolidation of Thorn shares were both implemented on 14 October 2022.

Commenting on the half year results, Thorn's Chief Executive Officer, Pete Lirantzis said:

"We have delivered our first half year results in challenging times and achieved an important milestone with the re-opening of our warehouse facility. This ensures our business is well positioned to support our SME customers as we enter a difficult period with inflationary pressures and rising interest rates. Looking ahead, we remain excited about the growth opportunities in SME lending."

Current Financial Year

Thorn, including the rebranded business finance division, Thornmoney is continuing to implement Thorn's business finance strategy as a diversified small business focussed financial services organisation.

The Board believes that there may be attractive investment opportunities in the fintech market segment in the present market conditions. Thorn will consider potential investment opportunities that are judged as being in the best interest of shareholders, including making lower-risk loans (typically secured against quality assets) and occasionally taking equity positions in fintech companies.

Thorn maintains its previously announced position of not providing profit guidance. This release has been authorised by the Board of Directors.

End of Release.

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ABOUT THORN GROUP LIMITED (ASX: TGA, www.thorn.com.au)

Thorn is a diversified financial services company providing funding solutions for small to medium businesses. Thornmoney is a provider of working capital and business asset lending solutions, working in partnership with Australian brokers and accountants. Thorn has been listed on ASX since 2006.

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