



MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH MATTER: REMAINING AMENDED ASSESSMENTS ISSUED BY ATO

SYDNEY, 2 May 2018 – HT&E Limited (ASX: HT1) advises that, as anticipated in HT&E's announcement of 23 January 2018, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has issued to HT&E the remaining amended income tax assessments relating to the previously disclosed New Zealand Branch Matter.

There is no new information in this announcement other than the assessments have been received with interest of \$4m applied. This is consistent with expectations and previous disclosures (including the 2017 Annual Report), with the total tax in dispute across all years being \$102m, plus interest of approximately \$36m. The table below summarises all tax adjustments and interest in relation to this matter:

Years ended	Tax adjustments (\$m)	Interest (\$m)	Comment
31 December 2009 – 31 December 2012	72	32	<i>Previously issued as per announcement on 23 January 2018</i>
31 December 2013 – 31 December 2015	27	4	<i>Now issued</i>
31 December 2016	3	-	<i>Refer below</i>
Total	102	36	

HT&E has been advised the ATO intends to expand its position to the year ended 31 December 2016. It is intended that once that year's tax return is submitted, an objection will be lodged concurrently rather than waiting for an amended assessment.

The ATO is yet to determine whether any penalties will be applied.

While these dispute processes are being completed, a taxpayer is typically required to deposit with the ATO 50% of the tax in dispute. The first deposit of \$36m was paid by HT&E on 15 February 2018, while the remaining \$15m deposit will be paid by 25 May 2018.

HT&E has lodged objections with the ATO for the years ended 31 December 2009 to 2012 and intends to also lodge objections for years ended 31 December 2013 to 2016. If necessary, HT&E will contest the matter through litigation proceedings.

HT&E remains satisfied that its treatment of this matter is consistent with relevant taxation legislation. HT&E looks forward to resolving this matter and will continue to update the market as required.

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