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SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL COMPANY TAX

BSP Financial Group Limited (BSP) is pleased to announce that a settlement of the judicial review of the PNG Government's imposition of Additional Company Tax has been reached with the Commissioner General of the Internal Revenue Commission (IRC). As announced in December 2022, pending the outcome of that judicial review, the amount of PGK190 million was paid by BSP into an escrow account with the Bank of PNG. The terms of the settlement cover the whole of the amount in escrow as follows:

1. PGK95m will be refunded to BSP; and
2. the balance of PGK95m will be paid to the IRC in full and final settlement of the litigation concerning the imposition of the Additional Company Tax.

The settlement is conditional upon consent of the Attorney General of Papua New Guinea, the superannuation funds who formally supported the judicial review by BSP and, once those are provided, final consent of the Supreme Court of Justice of Papua New Guinea. A period of approximately a month is contemplated for these consents.

The expected financial outcome is that BSP will receive PGK95m in the first or second calendar quarter of 2024.

Group Chief Executive Officer, Mark Robinson, said:

"I am pleased that this matter is able to be settled, and thank our relevant superannuation fund shareholders for their unwavering support of BSP."

This announcement was authorized for release by Mark Robinson, Group Chief Executive Officer of BSP Financial Group Limited.

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