# **Company Announcement ASX Limited**

19 March 2010

# Second Return of Capital - Notice of Extraordinary General **Meeting Issued**

Customers Limited (Customers) today issued shareholders with notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) for 21 April 2010 to seek shareholder approval of a proposed second return of capital of 8 cents per fully paid ordinary share, equating to approximately \$11 million.

## Background on the second capital return

Customers announced the proposed second capital return along with the Company's 2010 halfyear results, released on 25 February 2010. The proposed return follows the Company's inaugural return of capital to shareholders, distributed on 26 February 2010.

Chairman Greg Monaghan said the proposed return largely comprises capital no longer required from the exercise of options towards the end of 2009.

"The Board assessed various alternatives to distribute funds to shareholders and determined that the proposed return of capital is the most appropriate method, having regard to the interests of the Company and shareholders alike," Mr Monaghan said.

Subject to shareholder approval, the proposed return will be paid to holders of Shares on the record date. It is intended that the record date for the payment be 14 May 2010 and the payment date be 28 May 2010.

#### **EGM** details

The EGM will be held in Melbourne at 3pm on Wednesday 21 April 2010. Please refer to the Notice of EGM and Explanatory Notes for meeting and voting details. No other matters of business will be considered at the meeting.

# Company update

Customers' Board and Management are very pleased with the Company's continued performance, including a maiden net profit after tax of \$6.24 million for FY2009 followed by a net profit after tax of \$11.4 million for the first half of FY2010.

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Strong cash-flow generation will continue as the Company progresses its five-year growth strategy to 2014. A significant part of the strategy – internalising processing operations – is expected to be completed in the upcoming June quarter, generating operating efficiencies and reduced costs.

Managing Director Tim Wildash said expansion of the Company's 5600-strong ATM network is progressing well both incrementally and via strategic partnerships.

"To this end, Customers is pleased to announce that it has agreed to form a strategic alliance with the Australian Newsagents' Federation (ANF)," Mr Wildash said.

The ANF is the peak industry body representing Australian newsagencies – an industry of about 5000 individually owned newsagencies turning over around \$6.5 billion a year. The agreement will make Customers the preferred provider of ATMs to the federation's members for the next three years.

Overall, the Company's strong position and focus on sustainable growth point to ongoing returns to shareholders, with its first dividend expected later this year.

Investors can keep up-to-date with the Company's latest announcements by registering their email address online at the new Customers' website: <a href="www.customersatm.com.au/investors/email-alerts/">www.customersatm.com.au/investors/email-alerts/</a>

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