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IMPORTANT NOTICE “SPRINGWOOD BUSHFIRE” CLASS ACTION

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

This notice relates to a class action that has been commenced in the Supreme Court of New South Wales as a result of the Springwood/Winmalee/Yellow Rock Bushfire which started in Linksvie Road, Springwood on 17 October 2013. The Supreme Court has ordered that this notice be published to inform people that a settlement of the class action on behalf of victims of the fire against Endeavour Energy has now been approved by the Court.

You are receiving this notice because you have registered with Maddens Lawyers, the plaintiff’s solicitors, as a group member in the class action. This notice is provided to you further to the ‘Notice of Proposed Settlement’ distributed in July 2016.

You should **read this notice carefully** as the matters set out below may affect your legal rights.

Any questions that you have concerning the matters contained in this notice should not be directed to the Court.

Settlement of the class action against Endeavour Energy

Mr Johnston and Endeavour Energy have reached an agreement upon terms for the settlement of the class action. The terms of the settlement of the proceeding are set out in a Deed of Settlement that has been signed on behalf of Mr Johnston and Endeavour Energy (**Deed**).

In summary, the Deed sets out that Endeavour Energy has agreed to pay \$18,000,000 inclusive of interest and costs to settle Mr Johnston’s claim and the claims of all group members in the class action. Endeavour Energy does not admit any responsibility for the events leading to the Springwood/Winmalee/Yellow Rock bushfire.

On 26 September 2016 the Supreme Court approved the settlement. The Court approval means that the Deed becomes binding on you and all other persons who fit the definition of ‘group member’ in the proceeding (whether registered with Maddens Lawyers or not).

How will the Settlement Sum be distributed?

The plaintiff’s solicitors have prepared a Settlement Distribution Scheme (**Scheme**) which details the process for assessing group members’ individual claims and sharing the compensation sum between them.

A copy of the Scheme can be obtained on the website of Maddens Lawyers at the following web address <http://maddenslawyers.com.au/class-actions/2013-springwood-winmalee-fire/legal-documents/>. Because it is confidential, access to this document is password protected. To obtain the password you will need to contact Bridgid Madden of Maddens Lawyers on (03) 5560 2000.

Group members who have registered claims with Maddens Lawyers will shortly have their claims assessed pursuant to the Scheme to determine their compensation entitlements.

You will be contacted by Maddens Lawyers in relation to your compensation entitlements under the Scheme.

Addresses for questions

If you have any questions about the settlement or this notice, you can contact Maddens Lawyers at any time, or seek your own independent legal advice.

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