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THE BETTER BAR COMPANY ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE CITIZEN PARK

Veritas Investments Limited (“**Veritas**”) announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Better Bar Company Limited, has entered into a conditional agreement to purchase the business and assets of Citizen Park from Kingsland Trading Co Limited as a going concern, for \$2.7 million plus stock (estimated to be \$30,000). Citizen Park is a popular gastro pub located in Kingsland, on the fringe of Auckland CBD, and is an established, profitable business with a good reputation in the community.

Veritas Chairman Tim Cook says, “Following refinance of the Veritas group earlier this year, the Board and the management have been investigating potential opportunities to grow the group. Citizen Park is in a highly desirable location and represents a complementary acquisition for The Better Bar Company on a number of levels, from which we could drive synergies through our existing hospitality outlets, procurement base and supplier relationships. This is an exciting opportunity for the Veritas group.”

The full purchase price will be debt-funded from the acquisition and capital expenditure facility provided by Pacific Dawn Limited, which has consented to the proposed transaction.

The acquisition remains conditional on Veritas shareholder approval by ordinary resolution, which will be sought at a special shareholder’s meeting in January 2019. It is also conditional on landlord and key supplier consents, relevant permits and licences being obtained to ensure the day-to-day operation of the business, as well as key staff transferring their employment to The Better Bar Company.

A deposit of \$270,000 will be payable when the transaction becomes unconditional (expected to be in late January 2019), with the balance of the purchase price to be paid at completion. Subject to satisfaction of all conditions, Veritas expects completion of the transaction to occur in early- to mid-February 2019.

About Veritas Investments Limited

Veritas Investments is an NZX-listed investment company focusing in the hospitality sector. The shell company was formed in December 2011 and acquired The Better Bar Company group business in November 2014.

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