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30 August 2018

All-Cash Offer

for

Phaunos Timber Fund Limited ("Phaunos")

by

**Mahogany Bidco Limited ("Stafford Bidco")
a company ultimately controlled by
Stafford Capital Partners Limited ("Stafford")**

Response to Rayonier Update Announcement

Stafford notes the announcement of 28 August 2018 by the Phaunos Board that Rayonier Canterbury LLC ("**Rayonier**") has issued proceedings in the Auckland High Court alleging a breach by Phaunos of confidentiality, notice and consultation obligations in the shareholders agreement between the parties in relation to their respective interests in the Matariki Forestry Group ("**Matariki**").

Rayonier has asserted that it is entitled to acquire Phaunos' interest in Matariki for the sum of NZD 225 million (c.US\$152 million), reflecting a discount to what Rayonier asserts is the fair market value of Phaunos' interest in Matariki.

Stafford believes that these developments raise serious concerns about the ability of the Phaunos Board to deliver the Asset Realisation Process.

In light of these developments, Stafford reminds Phaunos Shareholders that the Offer from Stafford Bidco is conditional upon, among other matters, the Matariki Interest not having been disposed of and acceptances having been received from Phaunos Shareholders representing at least 90 per cent. in value of the Phaunos Shares affected.

The next closing date of the Offer is 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 5 September 2018 at which point, if Stafford Bidco has not received acceptances from Phaunos Shareholders representing at least 90 per cent. in value of the Phaunos Shares affected, Stafford Bidco will be entitled either to lapse the Offer or to extend it to a new closing date. The decision of Stafford Bidco in this regard will be announced by 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 6 September 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, defined terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the offer document posted to Phaunos Shareholders on 31 July 2018.

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Cautionary notes regarding forward-looking statements

This announcement, oral statements made regarding the Offer, and other information published by Stafford contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections of the management of Stafford about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include, among others, statements relating to the potential exposure of Phaunos to market risks and statements expressing management's expectations, beliefs, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

Rule 26 disclosure

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The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

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Information relating to Phaunos Shareholders

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain information provided by Phaunos Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Phaunos may be provided to Stafford Bidco during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code as required to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Code.

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