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“GLOBAL” SETTLEMENT FOR LUSPONTE

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MACQUARIE INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP (MIG)

Macquarie Infrastructure Investment Management Limited (MIIML), the Manager of MIG, today announced that an in principle “global” settlement has been reached between Lusoponte Concessionaria para a Travessia do Tejo S.A. (“Lusoponte”) and the Portuguese Government. MIG owns 24.8% of the equity in Lusoponte, which has a concession to operate two toll bridges in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal.

Under the settlement: -

- An extensive list of claims and counter claims relating to the construction of the Vasco da Gama bridge and various post completion issues has now be resolved.
- The toll charged on the 25 April bridge will, in the medium term, remain at a level below that specified in the Concession Agreement to enable the Government of Portugal to fulfil public policy objectives.
- Recognising the two points above, compensation payments are now largely agreed whereby the Government of Portugal will receive 5.6m Euros from Lusoponte upon signing of the formal agreement and the Government of Portugal has agreed to pay 319m Euros to Lusoponte over 19 years.
- The term of the Concession will now run for a fixed period, expiring in 2030, and will no longer be referenced to the traffic volumes.
- The Government of Portugal will provide its consent to Lusoponte completing a refinancing of its term debt facilities. The terms and conditions of a refinancing are now largely agreed with the European Investment Bank and a syndicate of commercial banks. The refinancing will release 120m Euros which will largely be applied to settling claims that Lusoponte has outstanding with the construction consortium that built the Vasco da Gama bridge.

MIIML welcomes this settlement. It removes a number of significant points of uncertainty and provides Lusoponte with greater management flexibility. The removal of the link between the term of the Concession and traffic volumes provides equity with the opportunity to receive higher returns if traffic volumes continue to exceed the forecasts made at the time the concession agreement was signed. We expect that this will, over time, have a positive impact on the value of this investment.

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