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#### Australian Securities and Investments Commission Notice ceasing the application of specified constitutional rules

#### Written notice

1. This is a notice by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) of the kind described in subclause A6-1(3) of Appendix 6 to the constitution of Intech Credit Union Limited ACN 087 650 191 (the Company).

#### Commencement

2. This notice takes effect when ASIC has published it and given a copy of it to the Company.

#### Background

- 3. The Company has requested that ASIC publish a notice that Appendix 6 (other than subclause A6-1(4)) to the Company's constitution ceases to have effect in relation to a proposed resolution to be put to members on 22 November 2016 and give a copy of the notice to the Company.
- The Company has sought to have Appendix 6 disapplied in relation to a resolution 4. regarding a proposed transfer of business to mecu Limited ACN 087 651 607 (Bank Australia). The rules in Appendix 6 to the Company's constitution are triggered by a corporate restructure where the successor to the Company's business is not entitled to use the words 'credit union', 'credit society' or 'credit co-operative' in its name. This includes situations in which the Company proposes to voluntarily transfer its business to a former credit union that is now a mutual bank no longer permitted to use the term credit union.
- Bank Australia was, until September 2011, permitted by the Australian Prudential 5. Regulation Authority (APRA) under the Banking Act 1959 to call itself a credit union. From that date, Bank Australia became authorised as a mutual bank and was no longer permitted to call itself a credit union.
- ASIC Report 369 Response to submissions on CP 210 Demutualisation approval 6. procedure rules: Minimum member participation requirement outlines the two situations in which ASIC will issue a written notice disapplying rules such as those in Appendix 6 to the Company's constitution. These two situations are:
  - (a) where an entity's circumstances raise potential prudential concerns and APRA considers it necessary for a particular proposed transaction to occur expeditiously; and

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- (b) where the only trigger for the application of the rules is the adoption of 'mutual bank' status and branding by an entity.
- ASIC considers that the Company's request is consistent with the policy referred to in paragraph 6(b) and publishes and gives this notice on that basis.

#### Cessation

 Appendix 6 (other than subclause A6-1(4)) to the Company's constitution ceases to have effect in relation to the Company, subject to paragraphs 9 to 12 of this notice.

#### **Demutualisation resolution**

Paragraph 8 of this notice applies only in relation to a resolution (*Transfer of Business Resolution*), to be considered at a meeting of members to be held on 22 November 2016, the effect of which would be to obtain approval of the Company's members to a transfer of the Company's business to Bank Australia.

#### Conditions

- The Company must convene and conduct its meeting of members in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the terms of its constitution other than Appendix 6 (including, but not limited to, considering the Transfer of Business Resolution as a special resolution).
- The Company must ensure that the notice of meeting for the Company's meeting of members clearly states that ASIC has issued this notice to cease the effect of Appendix 6 (other than subclause A6-1(4)) to the Company's constitution in relation to the Transfer of Business Resolution, and either:
  - (a) include a copy of this notice; or
  - (b) include the web address of the page on ASIC's website where this notice is published.
- If the Company does not comply with any of the conditions in paragraphs 10 and 11, this notice ceases to have effect in relation to the Transfer of Business Resolution.

#### Interpretation

13. In this notice:

member has the meaning given by the constitution of the Company as at the date of this notice.

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notice of meeting has the meaning given by section 249J of the Corporations Act 2001.

special resolution has the meaning given by section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.

Dated this 10th day of October 2016

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Signed by Richard McMahon as a delegate of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission