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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Market Update

Since our announcement of 24 March 2020 both the United Kingdom and New Zealand have been placed in lockdown. Those lockdowns have resulted in disruption to our businesses in the United Kingdom and New Zealand. However, Australia, which accounts for 79 per cent of Group revenue, continues to perform to expectations with the trading trend remaining in line with our announcement of 24 March 2020.

Our focus remains on the health and safety of our employees as we continue our role as the essential supplier of products and services to the plumbing and construction sectors. Due to our diversified supply network, and as a result of the outstanding support of our suppliers, we have the necessary capacity to meet supply requirements through the COVID-19 period.

Remuneration

In acknowledgement of the standing down of employees in New Zealand and the United Kingdom due to conditions applying in those countries, a decision has been taken that the fixed remuneration of the Board and Group Executive will be reduced by 20 per cent with effect from 1 April 2020 through to 30 June 2020 when the position will be reviewed in light of the then prevailing environment.

Liquidity enhancement

Separately, the Group has secured an additional \$33 million in facilities through members of its current banking syndicate. The increase in facilities will provide further liquidity should it be required: importantly it will also provide the Group with the flexibility to take advantage of any opportunities that may arise.

That addition brings total Group facilities to \$283 million, comprising a multicurrency revolving facility of \$243 million which matures in October 2022 and a \$40 million revolving bilateral facility which is due to mature in October 2020.

As at 31 March 2020 our unaudited net debt was \$176 million following the payment of the interim dividend (\$21 million) in March 2020.

This announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by the GWA Board of Directors.

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