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STATEMENT ON PANTHERA FINANCE PTY LTD COMMITTAL HEARING

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Francom Group CEO Georgina Antoun said: “When Francom acquired the assets of Panthera Finance Group in December 2024, we stated our commitment and intention to resolve the ongoing proceedings against Panthera Finance Pty Ltd as quickly as possible.

“Today, a Judge dismissed all charges brought against Panthera Finance by Consumer Affairs Victoria, prior to the matter going to trial. This decision confirms Panthera Finance was never a prohibited entity in the state of Victoria.

“While the Panthera Finance brand is no longer in existence, we are pleased with the certainty this outcome provides to our customers, clients and employees.

“Francom is determined to see through its desire to transform the perceptions of the debt collection industry. We are passionate about supporting customers with vulnerabilities, educating our team about how to best inform customers about the long-term impacts of debt, and helping unlock financial freedom for all.”

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About Francom Group

Founded in 2019 by legal professionals, Francom Group is a family-owned finance and legal solutions agency, offering a comprehensive suite of services, including franchising, legal, compliance, debt collection and finance. It operates in Australia and New Zealand.

Francom Group comprises Francom Legal, Francom Credit and Francom Finance. Francom Legal represents some of Australia's most well-known franchise brands, including AGL, Origin, Cheesecake Shop, and Soul Origin. Francom Credit is one of the third largest debt collection agencies in the country, following the acquisition of PF Group Holdings Pty Ltd and PF Management Holdings Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries (collectively Panthera Finance Group) in 2024. Francom Finance provides sustainable funding solutions designed to support personal and commercial growth ventures, across corporate finance, debt restructuring, capital raising, investment management, business loans and investor relations.

Francom Group employs 350 people and has a strong focus on its corporate social responsibility, which is underpinned by *Francommunity*, a program that aims to enhance awareness of the business's impact on economic, social, and environmental aspects of society.