

ASX Announcement (ASX: B4P)

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**Beforepay Group Q1 FY25 Quarterly Activities and Appendix 4C Cash Flow Report
(Unaudited)****Cash profit of \$2.5m achieved with record volumes, record margins, and accelerating growth**

Beforepay Group Limited (the Company) (ASX: B4P) has released its Appendix 4C for the quarter ended 30 September 2024 (Q1 FY25).

Beforepay Group CEO, Jamie Twiss said, "I'm extremely pleased to be delivering this strong result, showing faster growth, record margins, extremely strong credit performance, and our fifth consecutive quarter of profitability."

Q1 FY25 Business Update

- The Company achieved record net profit before tax (NPBT) of \$1.7m and EBITDA of \$3.0m, while cash NPBT¹ was \$2.5m. This was the Company's fifth consecutive quarterly unaudited net profit.
- Quarterly advances increased 7% from Q4 FY24 to \$191.0m.
- Net Transaction Margin expanded to \$7.0m in Q1 FY25 (Q1 FY24: \$5.6m), whilst net defaults improved to a record low of 0.5%, down from 0.9% in Q1 FY24, as a result of continued improvement in the Company's AI-powered credit models and limit calculations.
- The Company achieved record Active Users of 251,325 (Q1 FY24: 234,848), with customer acquisition cost (CAC) of \$39 (Q1 FY24: \$27). Following a period of reduced marketing spend while improving the efficiency of its performance marketing models, the Company has moved back to faster user growth.
- Operating expenses increased to \$5.3m from \$3.7m in the prior quarter. This was predominantly due to a \$1.5m non-cash one-off share-based payment revaluation adjustment (including lapsed and expired options) as well as continued investment in new products and in Carrington Labs.
- The Company obtained an Australian Credit Licence in Q1 FY25 and is set to launch a new loan product in Q2 FY25. The new product will allow customers to access greater sums for a longer period of time than the current pay advance product.

¹ Cash NPBT is a non-IFRS measure which refers to profit from operations before tax, adjusted to exclude depreciation and amortisation, expected credit losses expense and other non-cash expenses.

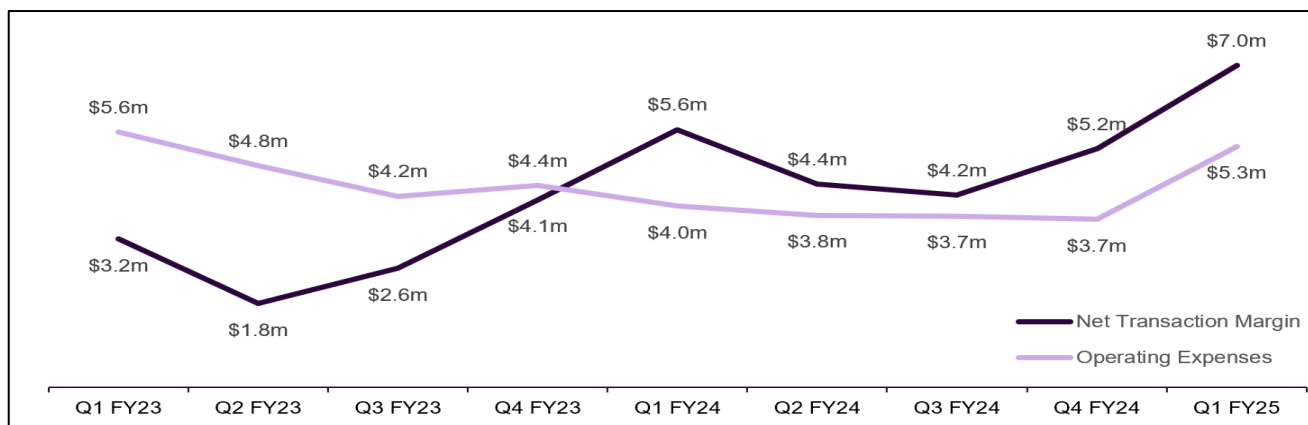
- Carrington Labs, the Company's new business set up to provide AI-powered risk models and lending solutions, announced a partnership with Kiva, a US-based not-for-profit operating in 62 countries.
- The Company's underlying reported cash on hand improved to \$20.6m as at Q1 FY25 from \$19.2m at Q4 FY24. As at Q1 FY25, the Company had drawn \$37.8m under its third-party debt facility (\$17.2m undrawn).
- Q2 FY25 trading to date has been in line with expectations and normal seasonal patterns. The Company expects that defaults will increase leading up to and through the holiday season, in line with normal seasonal patterns.

Overview

	Q1 FY25	Q1 FY24	Q4 FY24	YoY Change %	QoQ Change %
Platform metrics					
Advances	\$191.0m	\$177.3m	\$178.7m	8%	7%
Average advance	\$387	\$386	\$374	-	3%
Active users (no. users) ²	251,325	234,848	240,254	7%	5%
Financial metrics					
Revenue	\$9.5m	\$8.5m	\$9.0m	11%	5%
Net defaults % (of advances plus fees)	0.5%	0.9%	1.2%	(46%)	(63%)
Net transaction margin	\$7.0m	\$5.6m	\$5.2m	25%	35%
Net transaction margin % (of advances)	3.7%	3.2%	2.9%	16%	26%
Operating expenses	(\$5.3m)	(\$4.0m)	(\$3.7m)	33%	44%
EBITDA	\$3.0m	\$2.6m	\$2.7m	14%	10%
NPBT	\$1.7m	\$1.6m	\$1.4m	4%	24%

² Customers of Beforepay who have taken out a pay advance in the 12 months prior from the relevant date. This includes customers who have not yet repaid their most recent cash out and are not eligible to re-borrow until they have done so.

Net Transaction Margin and Operating Expenses (\$m) By Quarter



Cash and Equity Position

	Q1 FY25	Q4 FY24	Change
Balance sheet			
Cash position	\$20,551,852 ³	\$19,227,764	\$1,324,088
Equity position	\$34,603,746 ⁴	\$30,531,790	\$4,071,956

In accordance with Listing Rule 4.7C, payments made to related parties and their associates included in item 6.1 of the Appendix 4C was \$190,276 that comprised of payments made to Non-Executive Directors relating to salary and wages (inclusive of superannuation and applicable taxes withheld) and Director fees on standard terms.

Investor Webinar

The Company invites investors and shareholders to the accompanying webinar to be held today at 9.30am AEDT. To register please use this [link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

³ Cash position as at 30 September 2024 represents statutory cash and cash equivalents (excludes \$4.3m in cash held by third parties to fund customer advances).

⁴ Equity position as at 30 September 2024 comprises issued capital, reserves and accumulated losses.

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About Beforepay Group

Beforepay was founded in 2019 to support working Australians who have not been well-served by the traditional financial-services industry. Beforepay Group operates two business lines: Beforepay, the Company's direct-to-consumer lending business and Carrington Labs, which builds and deploys explainable AI-powered loan portfolio recommendations and lending solutions. The company has won several awards in 2024 including APAC Insider Australia Enterprise Awards 2024: Best Ethical-Lending FinTech 2024 and Most Innovative Ethical Lender of the Year 2024. For more information visit www.beforepay.com.au.

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Appendix 4C

Quarterly cash flow report for entities subject to Listing Rule 4.7B

Name of entity

Beforepay Group Limited

ABN

63 633 925 505

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 September 2024

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
1. Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1 Receipts from customers ¹	198,427	198,427
1.2 Payments for		
(a) research and development		
(b) product manufacturing and operating costs	(381)	(381)
(c) advertising and marketing	(1,192)	(1,192)
(d) leased assets		
(e) staff costs	(2,100)	(2,100)
(f) administration and corporate costs	(734)	(734)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)		
1.4 Interest received		
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid ²	(1,188)	(1,188)
1.6 Income taxes paid		
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives		
1.8 Other (provide details if material) ³	(191,042)	(191,042)
1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	1,790	1,790
2. Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1 Payments to acquire or for:		
(g) entities		
(h) businesses		
(i) property, plant and equipment	(17)	(17)
(j) investments		

¹ Receipts from customers comprises repayment of customer pay advances, inclusive of Beforepay fee income

² Interest associated with the debt facility which funds customer pay advances

³ Payments to customers comprises cash outs (pay advances) to customers

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
(k) intellectual property		
(l) other non-current assets	(932)	(932)
2.2 Proceeds from disposal of:		
(a) entities		
(b) businesses		
(c) property, plant and equipment		
(d) investments		
(e) intellectual property		
(f) other non-current assets		
2.3 Cash flows from loans to other entities		
2.4 Dividends received (see note 3)		
2.5 Other (provide details if material)		
2.6 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(949)	(949)
3. Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1 Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	41	41
3.2 Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities		
3.3 Proceeds from exercise of options		
3.4 Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities		
3.5 Proceeds from borrowings ⁴	494	494
3.6 Repayment of borrowings		
3.7 Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings		
3.8 Dividends paid		
3.9 Other (provide details if material) ⁵	(52)	(52)
3.10 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	483	483
4. Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	19,228	19,228
4.2 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	1,790	1,790

⁴ Borrowings from the debt facility to fund customers cash outs (pay advances)

⁵ Repayment of lease

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(949)	(949)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	483	483
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held		
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	20,552	20,552

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	20,552	19,228
5.2	Call deposits		
5.3	Bank overdrafts		
5.4	Other (provide details)		
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	20,552	19,228

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	190
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	
<i>The company made payments to Non-Executive Directors relating to Salaries & Wages (inclusive of superannuation and applicable taxes withheld).</i>		

7.	Financing facilities <i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	55,000	(37,755)
7.2	Credit standby arrangements		
7.3	Other (please specify)		
7.4	Total financing facilities	55,000	(37,755)
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		17,245
7.6	<p>Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.</p> <p>On 18 October 2023, Beforepay Finance Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Beforepay Group Ltd, signed a secured debt facility agreement for A\$55 million with Australian Commercial Mortgage Corporation Pty Ltd as trustee for the Australian AB Finance Trust (Balmain Group) and AMAL Trustees Pty Ltd as trustee for the Longreach Direct Lending Fund (Longreach Credit Investors).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new debt facility was used to refinance the old debt facility with Longreach Credit Investors and to support continued growth in Beforepay's loan book. • The key terms of the facility agreement include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A\$55 million facility (A\$35 million from Longreach Credit Investors and A\$20 million from Balmain Group) for 3 years to 15 October 2026 with the potential to extend the total facility size in a future period. ○ The maximum commitment increases in non-linear increments over time to \$55 million by 14 June 2025. ○ Borrowing base broadly equal to 80% of the value of eligible receivables. ○ Interest rate - 12.25% to 13.25%, depending on a fixed charge coverage ratio (FCCR) linked to an EBITDA financial performance measure. ○ Upfront fees and costs of c.1.7% on the A\$55 million balance. • Financing facilities available at quarter end are subject to meeting the borrowing base test under the facility agreement. 		
8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities		\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)		1,790
8.2	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)		20,552
8.3	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)		17,245
8.4	Total available funding (item 8.2 + item 8.3)		37,797
8.5	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.4 divided by item 8.1)		N/A
	<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive net operating cash flows in item 1.9, answer item 8.5 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.5.</i>		
8.6	If item 8.5 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:		
8.6.1	Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?		
	Answer: N/A		

8.6.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer: N/A

8.6.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: N/A

Note: where item 8.5 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.6.1, 8.6.2 and 8.6.3 above must be answered.

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date:22 October 2024.....

Authorised by:By the Board.....
(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standard applies to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
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