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Australian Bond Exchange Holdings Limited announces Agreement with ViewTrade Australia

Australian Bond Exchange Holdings Ltd ACN 629 543 193 (ASX:ABE) (**ABE Holdings** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that members of the ABE Group of Companies (**ABE Group**) have today entered into a 'Liquidity Provision Agreement' (**Agreement**) with ViewTrade International Australia Pty Ltd ACN 676 490 056 (**ViewTrade Australia**). This announcement is made in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.1.

ViewTrade Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of ViewTrade Holding Corp Inc. The ViewTrade Group of Companies (**ViewTrade Group**) are a U.S.-based provider of brokerage, technology, and financial solutions to financial institutions in over 30 countries located in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and North and South America as well as in Australia and New Zealand. The Group provides its services to over 300 financial services organizations, including banks, broker dealers, financial advisers, wealth managers and other financial institutions. In 2024, the ViewTrade Group supported 'trade flow' of circa USD \$500 billion and held assets under administration of USD \$25 billion.

The ABE Group are specialists in over the counter (OTC) debt and other OTC securities and deals with issuers and secondary market participants globally in order to provide both 'retail' and 'wholesale' clients with access to the global 'over-the-counter' financial markets.

Under the Agreement, ViewTrade's network will facilitate access to the ABE Group's bond, securities, and other products offering to a broader base of Australian and international wealth managers, broker-dealers, financial institutions, and ultimately private individual investors.

This development is aligned with ABE's strategic objective to enhance market reach and investor accessibility and marks a significant milestone in the growth strategy of the ABE Group to actively create more opportunities for investors to engage in the over-the-counter securities market, both in Australia and globally.

Key Details of the Agreement

The Agreement brings significant benefits to both parties:

- **International Expansion:** ABE will utilise ViewTrade's established presence in key financial centres across the globe to expand its distribution capability to a significantly wider investor base than what is available in Australia alone.
- **Market Access:** ViewTrade's clients will gain direct access to ABE's bond marketplace, allowing greater portfolio diversification through Australian and international fixed-income and other OTC traded products while enjoying the benefits of the investor protections of the ABE quotation admission criteria.
- **Technology Integration:** ViewTrade's platform will integrate with ABE's trading and settlement systems to streamline transaction processing. This will enable a broader range of investors with a viable alternative to invest in OTC products.

ABE's CEO, Bradley McCosker, stated: "We are extremely pleased to partner with ViewTrade, as we continue to expand our international footprint. This agreement supports ABE's long-term objective of broadening investor access to Australian fixed-income markets. Through ViewTrade's network, we look forward to increased engagement from global wealth managers and institutional investors."

ViewTrade Australia's CEO, Nigel Singh, commented: *"The partnership enhances access to Australian bond markets for our clients. By working together, we aim to facilitate seamless cross-border investment in fixed-income and other OTC securities."*

The Agreement is expected to be fully operational in the first four months of 2025, subject to completion of system integration and compliance requirements.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Australian Bond Exchange Holdings Limited.

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About Australian Bond Exchange Holdings

Australian Bond Exchange Holdings (ASX: ABE) is an Australian financial services company that uses its proprietary technology to provide Australian Investors with direct access to the best of the fixed income asset class in Australia and internationally.

ABE's access and proprietary technology allows "access for all" in a transparent and efficient way. Transparent trading allows investors, brokers and advisers to deliver highly demanded fixed income asset class product to end clients.

This is coupled with an advanced AI driven Product Governance model, which allows greater investor protections, providing a new over the counter venue for private investors, financial advisers, and investment professionals to access the global financial markets.

ABE is eliminating barriers to entry to the bond market, providing access, efficiency, lower cost and transparency.

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