



4 August 2015

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 20(1)(a) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE FINANCIAL  
MARKETS CONDUCT REGULATIONS 2014

1. Further to the announcements released by Contact Energy Limited (**Contact**) prior to this notice, Origin Energy Limited (**Origin**) intends to undertake a sale of 389,314,921 ordinary shares (**Ordinary Shares**) that it's New Zealand wholly owned subsidiaries control in Contact (**Offer**).
2. Pursuant to the Offer, an offer for sale is being made to investors in reliance upon the exclusion in clause 19 of schedule 1 to the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (**FMCA**).
3. This notice is provided under sub-clause 20(1)(a) of schedule 8 to the Financial Markets Conduct Regulations 2014 (**Regulations**).
4. As at the date of this notice, Contact is in compliance with the continuous disclosure obligations that apply to it in relation to the Ordinary Shares in Contact.
5. As at the date of this notice, Contact is in compliance with its financial reporting obligations (as defined in sub-clause 20(5) of schedule 8 to the Regulations).
6. As at the date of this notice, there is no information that is "excluded information" as defined in sub-clause 20(5) of schedule 8 to the Regulations.
7. The potential effect that the Offer and acquisition of Ordinary Shares will have on the "control" (within the meaning of clause 48 of schedule 1 to the FMCA) of Contact and the consequences of those effects are as follows:
  - a. Contact will cease to have a shareholder that "controls" (within the meaning of clause 48 of schedule 1 to the FMCA) Contact.
  - b. Contact will cease to have a shareholder that holds or controls, together with its associates (within the meaning of Rule 4 of the Takeovers Code Approval Order 2000), more than 20% of the voting rights in Contact, other than in the circumstance whereby the underwriter holds more than 20% of the Ordinary Shares pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the underwriting agreement entered into with Origin and in reliance on the Takeovers Code (Professional Underwriters) Exemption Notice 2004.

- c. Contact will cease to have a shareholder that has the ability to appoint any directors to the Board of Directors of Contact.

On behalf of  
Contact Energy Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Barnes'.

Dennis Barnes  
Chief Executive Officer

**ENDS**

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