



## MARLBOROUGH WINE ESTATES GROUP LIMITED (NXT: MWE) – INTERIM UPDATE

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### **Further Spread Waiver Granted**

NZX Regulation has granted MWE a waiver from Clause 2, Schedule 1A of the NXT Market Rules (**Rules**) to allow MWE to have at least 50 shareholders who are members of the public with at least a minimum holding that together represent at least 17% of the total shares on issue, rather than 25% as ordinarily required by the Rules.

MWE's public spread is currently 17.38%.

The spread waiver is a continuation of the spread waiver granted to MWE on listing. It expires on 28 September 2018, and MWE will take steps to meet its spread requirements during this period.

The waiver is subject to usual conditions requiring MWE to disclose the waiver in its annual and half-year report, and to monitor and report to NZX on the number and percentage of shares held by members of the public.

The implications of the waiver are that MWE may have less liquidity in trading in its shares than other companies listed on the NXT Market. A liquid market is important to ensure efficient price setting and to enable shareholders to trade. However, in granting the waiver, NZX Regulation considered, amongst other things, that:

- MWE has at least 50 shareholders that are Members of the Public, which meets the required number under Clause 2, Schedule 1A; and
- the NXT Market Maker arrangements provide an additional mechanism for liquidity in MWE's shares, which provides additional comfort that MWE shareholders will not be disadvantaged.

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