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## Appointment of Chief Executive Enterprise & Wholesale

Following an internal and external recruitment process, Vocus Group Limited (ASX: VOC, 'Vocus') is pleased to announce the appointment of Executive Director Michael Simmons to the permanent role of Chief Executive Enterprise & Wholesale<sup>1</sup> Australia. As a result of this appointment, Michael will step down from his role as a Director on the Vocus Board effective immediately.

Chairman of Vocus David Spence said, "We would like to thank Mick for his contribution to the Vocus Board following the merger with M2 last year and his previous years of service on the M2 Board. Mick's extensive experience in the telecommunications industry makes him ideally suited to lead the Enterprise & Wholesale activities in Australia through this period of transition as we seek to leverage the significantly expanded business platform and opportunity set that Vocus has available to it following the Amcom and Nextgen acquisitions and the M2 merger.

"We will expand our current Non Executive Director search following the departure of Mick and expect to make further appointments over the next few months."

Vocus Group CEO Geoff Horth said, "I would like to welcome Mick to the Vocus executive team. In the short time that he has been acting in this role he has moved decisively to improve the business performance following the very rapid period of growth over the last two years. Mick's focus will be to ensure that the Enterprise & Wholesale platform and systems are scaled to optimise the customer experience and support the ongoing growth as the business seeks to capitalise on its increased scale."

Vocus also announces today that following an in-depth review of the Company's technology and transformation programs, led by Vocus Board Non-Executive Director Rhoda Phillippo and Group CEO Geoff Horth, that it has moved to establish a Group Transformation Office. A new Board Sub Committee, chaired by Rhoda Phillippo, will have oversight of the creation

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<sup>1</sup> Corporate & Wholesale Australia has been renamed Enterprise & Wholesale Australia to reflect that the enlarged Vocus business and product set presents opportunities for the Group in the large enterprise and government sectors

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and activities of the Office. The Transformation Office will centralise all program and project management work streams, prioritising and coordinating these processes to ensure that all capital and opex allocation is appropriately matched against Group wide priorities and that resources are managed effectively to ensure that we deliver on Vocus' commitment to our customers and on the strategic and financial outcomes expected by shareholders.

The Office will be headed by a new role reporting directly to the Group CEO. The Company will go through an internal and external recruitment process for the role and expects to have made the appointment by the end of the financial year.

Further detail on the programs being undertaken by the Transformation Office will be outlined at the Vocus Investor Day to be held on 14 June 2017. The strategy day will be webcast and available to access through the Company's website [www.vocusgroup.com.au](http://www.vocusgroup.com.au).

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**About Vocus:** Vocus Group (ASX: VOC) is a vertically integrated telecommunications provider, operating in the Australian and New Zealand markets. The Company owns an extensive national infrastructure network of metro and back haul fibre connecting all capital cities and most regional centres across Australia and New Zealand. Vocus infrastructure now connects directly to more than 5,500 buildings. Vocus owns a portfolio of brands catering to corporate, small business, government and residential customers across Australia and New Zealand. Vocus also operates in the wholesale market providing high performance, high availability and highly scalable communications solutions which allow service providers to quickly and easily deploy new services for their own customer base.

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