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# SGX-Listed Grand Banks Yachts Receives Shareholders' Approval To Acquire Palm Beach Motor Yachts – Its First-Ever Acquisition

**SINGAPORE, 15 July, 2014** – **Grand Banks Yachts Limited** ("Grand Banks") announced today that its shareholders have approved the acquisition of Palm Beach Motor Yacht Co Pty Ltd ("Palm Beach") at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") held today.

As part of Grand Banks' first acquisition in its history, Mr. Mark Richards ("Mr. Richards"), the founder and sole shareholder of Palm Beach, will be appointed as Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the enlarged group.

Under the terms of the acquisition, Grand Banks will purchase all of Palm Beach's shares for up to A\$10.0 million (S\$11.7 million), of which up to A\$8.0 million (S\$9.4 million) will be in cash and A\$2.0 million (S\$2.3 million) in new Grand Banks shares to be issued to Mr. Richards. This will give Mr. Richards a 6.0% stake in the enlarged share capital of Grand Banks which will increase from its current 173.01 million shares to 184.03 million shares.

The appointment of Mr. Richards as CEO will take effect on the completion date of the acquisition, and will see Mr. Peter Poli relinquish his role as Acting CEO and continue with his role as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director of the enlarged Group. Mr. Richards will also join the Board as Executive Director.

The acquisition of Palm Beach allows Grand Banks to acquire a profitable business, provides opportunity to expand beyond its three existing yacht series and leverage on synergies in supplier networks of the two brands. Grand Banks will also tap onto Palm Beach's manufacturing techniques to streamline operational efficiency at its Pasir Gudang yard.

Mr Heine Askaer-Jensen, Chairman of Grand Banks, said: "We strongly believe that Mark will be a great asset to Grand Banks. His extensive experience as a boatbuilder and entrepreneur, combined with champion yachtsman, will be best fit for the critical CEO position and is a significant step in establishing the Grand Banks' group as a leading boat-building company with two world-renowned brands."

Mr. Richards said: "I am honoured to be part of the Grand Banks family, a brand that I have deep respect for. The collective strengths of the Grand Banks and Palm Beach brands will further position the enlarged Group as a leader in the industry."

As at 20 June 2014, Palm Beach had secured nine new yacht orders for FY2015, bringing its net order book to approximately A\$16.0 million (S\$18.8 million), of which only seven

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to eight are expected to be completed in FY2015 at the Australian facility. The acquisition provides an opportunity for Palm Beach to scale up production by taking advantage of Grand Banks' manufacturing facility in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia.

Upon completion of the transaction, the financial results of Palm Beach will be consolidated with Grand Banks', and will contribute to Grand Banks' financial performance.

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#### **About Grand Banks Yachts Limited**

With a renowned legacy that dates back to 1956, Singapore-based Grand Banks Yachts Limited is a global brand well known for its vast experience in manufacturing and selling luxury motor yachts. The Grand Banks brand is recognized across the globe for superior quality and craftsmanship which created one of the most acclaimed and highly sought-after yachts in the market today. The Group's manufacturing facility is located in Pasir Gudang in Malaysia. Grand Banks was listed on the SGX in 1987 and upgraded to the Main Board in 1993.

For more information, visit: www.grandbanks.com

#### About Palm Beach Motor Yacht Co Pty Ltd

Founded in 1995 by world-renowned sailor and seven-time Sydney to Hobart race winner Mr. Mark Richards, Palm Beach Motor Yachts is known for its modern technology and impeccable craftsmanship. All yachts are meticulously designed and constructed with cutting edge materials and allows for a full suite of customizable options. The company's headquarters and manufacturing facility operate out of Berkeley Vale, Australia.

For more information, visit: www.pbmotoryachts.com

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