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Market Announcements Office
ASX Ltd
39 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Plato Income Maximiser (ASX: PL8) announces monthly dividends for March 2026 quarter of \$0.0055 per share

The Board of Plato Income Maximiser Limited (**ASX: PL8**) has resolved to pay three fully-franked dividends of \$0.0055 per share payable in January, February and March 2026. This continues the level of dividends paid in the December 2025 quarter.

After declining for 2 years, the dollar value of dividends paid by ASX companies rose in calendar 2025, albeit modestly and with a continued lower level of franking. Although franked dividend yields on Australian shares continue to modestly decline due to higher share prices, the manager of PL8, Plato Investment Management Limited, was able to increase the dividends it collected during the quarter. As such, the Board has decided to hold dividends steady at the current level for the time being.

Dr Don Hamson, Director of PL8 and Managing Director of Plato Investment Management Limited , said:

"Notwithstanding continued falls in dividends from large miners, Australian companies paid marginally more dividends in 2025 than in 2024 (though as noted above, at a continued lower level of franking). Interest rates were cut three times in 2025, helping support share prices., However, the outlook for interest rates looks far more mixed in 2026 with recent inflation numbers moving back above the RBA's target range. Despite the uncertainty in the global economy, we expect to continue to receive solid dividends from a diversified portfolio of Australian companies in FY26. One of the benefits of a closed-end listed investment company focused on income, such as PL8, is the ability to manage capital amidst uncertainty so as to provide regular dividend distributions over time. In the ongoing environment of economic uncertainty, liquidity and diversification are very important. By design, PL8's underlying portfolio is well diversified and very liquid. PL8's investment portfolio is well positioned to capture dividends from Australian companies."

The announcement of the dividends is in line with the Board's stated policy to pay regular monthly dividends from available profits, provided it has sufficient reserves and it is permitted by law and within prudent business practices to do so.

Details of each dividend are as follows:

	January	February	March
Amount:	\$0.0055 per share	\$0.0055 per share	\$0.0055 per share
Ex – Dividend Date:	22 January 2026	13 February 2026	16 March 2026
Dividend Record Date:	23 January 2026	16 February 2026	17 March 2026
Dividend Payment Date:	30 January 2026	27 February 2026	31 March 2026

At 31 December 2025, the value of the Company's franking account was \$8.4m (\$0.011 per share). This is equivalent to \$0.026 (2.6 cents) per share in fully-franked dividends at the Company tax rate of 30% and the Company presently maintains sufficient profit reserves for this value of dividends.

The Board will re-assess financial conditions in three months' time when considering the monthly dividends for the June 2026 quarter.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Directors.