NEW WIND FARM A FURTHER STEP TO LOW CARBON FUTURE

- > Mercury has committed to the construction of the first 33 of 60 consented wind turbines at Turitea
 - Mercury has contracted with Vestas to construct and maintain the wind farm
- > Turitea (and nearby consented site, Puketoi) are regarded as preeminent among existing opportunities for wind development in New Zealand
 - > Transmission infrastructure will be overbuilt to provide for further wind development at Turitea and Puketoi
- > Turitea complements Mercury's existing baseload geothermal and flexible hydro assets
 - > All North Island located, close to major load centres
 - > Ability to utilise flexibility of Waikato Hydro Scheme to 'firm' intermittency of wind

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Commissioning	Beginning late 2020
EPC Contractor	Vestas
O&M Contractor / Term	Vestas / 25 years
Turbines	33 x V112-3.6MW
Turbine Tip Height / Hub Height	125m / 69m
Rotor Diameter	112m
Total Capacity	119MW
Net Capacity Factor	~45%
P50 Yield	470GWh p.a.
Capital Cost ¹	\$256m
Total Operating Cost ²	~\$13/MWh
EBITDAF Impact ³	~\$30m p.a.

³ Stand-alone operation assuming \$75/MWh received for generation



¹ Excluding capitalised interest

² Assuming CPI increase of 2% p.a. over 25 year term of O&M contract

MILESTONE IN A LONG-TERM WIND JOURNEY

"Mercury must participate in wind to materially take part in renewable generation in the medium-term" – FY2018 Results Presentation (Aug 2018)

- > Wind is now the premier generation development technology in NZ
 - > High resource quality and technological improvement have driven improved economics
- > Mercury has confidence in the fundamentals of the market to invest
 - > NZ needs new renewable generation in the near-term to meet expected demand growth and/or to replace aging thermal fleet
 - > NZ's renewable electricity advantage can enable the shift to a low carbon economy over the medium-term
- Investment decision consistent with Mercury's signalled strategy to pursue economic growth
 - > Acquisition of stake in Tilt Renewables is complementary, with a significant portfolio of renewable options in Australia and NZ





