



## **FLASH RESULTS FROM MOSL BOARD MEETING 16 MARCH 2016**

The Board meeting was preceded by the Annual General Meeting at which all Directors were present. The Board was pleased to note that both class of members unanimously approved the appointment of Moore Stephens LLP as Auditors and the 2016/17 business plan.

A business update was shared by the CEO - please find attached a copy of the slides.

The Board would like to thank all members for their ongoing support and commitment,

### **Business Progress Reporting**

- The Board reviewed the current 'red' status of the MOSL programme.
- The Board noted that the recovery plan agreed with CGI has yet to result in the expected increase in testing success rates for the core CMOS engine being configured in the Netherlands; or the Settlement Engine being built by Bridgeall in Scotland.
- The Board acknowledged:
  - The deployment of the next version of the CMOS code over the weekend to fix critical defects and the increase in success rates that are expected as a result.
  - The increased confidence in the settlement engine from MOSL having deployed resources onsite with Bridgeall to support testing of the settlement engine.
  - The additional resources that have been deployed and the daily and weekly reporting regime that has been instigated
- With 2.5 weeks to go to the exit milestone, the Board decided to further escalate the current status to CGI Global, to increase management focus on the 4 April milestone.
- The Board noted that there has been an increase in interest and engagement from Trading parties around testing since the first Letter of Assurance submission and acknowledged the difficulty in MOSL providing each and every Trading Party with everything that they want whilst ensuring the requisite focus on the overall market opening programme.
- The Board noted that the Programme Management team has been restructured and strengthened in readiness for the challenges posed and the more complex scheduling that will be required in the testing and shadow market phases of the programme.
- The Board considered and rejected a request from members to publish MOSL's Letter of Assurance. The Board accepted that members are genuinely interested in MOSL's view of the current status of the programme and recommended that Members be directed to

look at the MOSL risk register and Dash that are updated and published each month on our website and noted these are in keeping with the Letter of Assurance that was submitted.

### **Finance**

- The Board approved a draw down on contingency of £150k, subject to the change control process for the provision of an additional environment in response to member feedback.
- The Board acknowledged that office and meeting space had become an issue and approved an additional drawdown of £75k contingency to provide up to 12 more desks. The Board further requested that an option be taken on additional space that is coming available on the same floor, should this be required.

### **Testing**

- The Board noted that MOSL has received notice from a member that they are unlikely to be ready to participate in UAT testing. Once confirmed MOSL will seek replacement nominations to fill this slot. If more than one party applies, then the Board acknowledged that MOSL will need to assess the applications to decide which applicant would add most diversity to the UAT testing process. The Board further acknowledged that MOSL is unable to widen out the number of companies that it is able to work with on User Acceptance Testing.
- In approving the drawdown on contingency to provide an additional testing environment in which members are able to load and clean down their own data in order to support their own testing, the Board recognised that MOSL was receiving multiple requests for additional environments and support from companies looking to undertake their own testing. The Board recognised that before agreeing to such requests, MOSL needs to ensure that it is able to assure the delivery of the overall programme, as it is currently designed, before taking on additional responsibilities. The Board understood that any proliferation of additional environments, or support requests, has the potential to dilute/divert the attention of key technical resource from ensuring that the market as a whole is ready to operate.

### **Membership**

The Board approved and welcomed Regent Water Limited as a New Entrant MOSL Member.

The Board rejected an application from Water 2 Business Limited given their associate retailer for Wessex and Bristol water as set out in Article 8.4 of our Articles of Association.

### **Assurance group**

John Reynold provided an update to the Board on the Open Water Assurance Group meeting which he attended on 9 March. The main focus of the agenda being measuring success.

### **RMOMG Update**

There is no update this month due to the meeting being held after the Board meeting. Going forwards these updates will generally not be included given the recent decision by RMOMG to start publishing the programme dash and risk register, along with a briefing note of the meeting.

### **AOB**

- After conclusion of the formal Board meeting the Board undertook a deep dive into the Target Operating Model for the enduring Market Operator; the Market Entry Assurance process; and the Organisation Structure.