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Market Announcements Office
ASX Ltd
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Plato Income Maximiser (ASX: PL8) announces monthly dividends for September 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 July, August and September 2026. This continues the level of dividends paid in the June 2026 quarter.

After declining for 2 years, the dollar value of dividends paid by ASX companies rose in calendar 2025 and increased again in the February 2026 reporting season. 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:

"Despite continued uncertainty on a number of fronts we still see resilience in the Australian economy. Company dividends were relatively strong in the February reporting season, with BHP leading the way, increasing dividends by 30% in $AUD terms. On the other hand, there is continuing uncertainty in the Middle East with the open again/closed again Straits of Hormuz situation impacting energy prices, inflation not yet tamed in Australia with the threat of potential further interest rate rises and significant tax changes announced in the Australian budget leading to more uncertainty around the future direction of house prices. Despite equity markets largely rebounding, the continued closure of the Hormuz does not augur well for energy prices and further inflationary pressures.

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 extreme economic uncertainty, liquidity and diversification have never been more important. By design, PL8's underlying portfolio is well diversified and very liquid. We believe PL8's investment portfolio is well positioned to continue 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:

	July	August	September
Amount:	$0.0055 per share	$0.0055 per share	$0.0055 per share
Ex – Dividend Date:	23 July 2026	14 August 2026	15 September 2026
Dividend Record Date:	24 July 2026	17 August 2026	16 September 2026
Dividend Payment Date:	31 July 2026	31 August 2026	30 September 2026

At 30 June 2026, the value of the Company's franking account was $5.1m ($0.007 per share). This is equivalent to $0.016 (1.6 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 December 2026 quarter.

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