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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 December 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 October, November and December 2026. This continues the level of dividends paid in the September 2026 quarter.

After declining for two years, the dollar value of dividends paid by ASX companies rose in calendar 2025 and increased again in the August 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 uncertainty in the domestic Australian economy, particularly in the property market and sectors exposed to that downturn, we still see resilience in the dividends coming out of the Australian market, particularly in the resources sector. Company dividends were relatively strong in the August reporting season. The total value of dividends announced by companies increased 13% to more than \$38 billion, led by strong increases from BHP, which lifted its dividend by 49% in Australian dollar terms, and Rio Tinto, which increased its payout by 31%. Gold, copper and lithium producers also increased their dividends, in contrast to the pure iron ore player Fortescue, which cut its dividend by 23%. Despite equity markets largely rebounding, the continued conflict in the Middle East does not augur well for 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:

	October	November	December
Amount:	\$0.0055 per share	\$0.0055 per share	\$0.0055 per share
Ex – Dividend Date:	22 October 2026	16 November 2026	16 December 2026
Dividend Record Date:	23 October 2026	17 November 2026	17 December 2026
Dividend Payment Date:	30 October 2026	30 November 2026	31 December 2026

At 30 September 2026, the value of the Company's franking account was \$7.4m (\$0.010 per share). This is equivalent to \$0.023 (2.3 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 March 2027 quarter.

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