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## Update on investigation into apparent misappropriation of funds

Frontier Digital Ventures Limited (ASX: FDV or "the Company") provides the following information in relation to the Company's investigation into the apparent misappropriation of funds relating to its Colombian business (trading as Fincaraiz).

On the weekend of 16 and 17 August 2025, the Board became aware that payments totalling approximately USD330,000 that were supposed to have been made to the Colombian taxation authority in instalments over the period 15 January 2025 to 14 August 2025, had not been made and apparently had been transferred with the involvement of a Fincaraiz employee out of Fincaraiz accounts without the Company's approval. As a result of the unpaid tax liability, certain of Fincaraiz's Colombian bank accounts were frozen by the Colombian taxation authority in August. Upon becoming aware of the apparent misappropriation of funds, the Company immediately began an investigation into the matter, discussed further below.

In addition to the apparent misappropriation of the tax payment, the Company has identified approximately USD100,000 of allegedly fraudulent corporate credit card expenses that were incurred by a small number of Fincaraiz employees across 2023, 2024 and 2025. Those funds appear to have been used for personal expenses unrelated to the operations of Fincaraiz and the payments were not authorised by the Company or its subsidiaries. This credit card debt has been paid by the group over the relevant periods in the ordinary course of its business operations and has therefore resulted in an overstatement of the Company's consolidated expenses for the 2023 and 2024 financial years, as well as for the half year ended 30 June 2025. The Company's half year 2025 accounts will record the credit card expense with a note disclosing the apparent misappropriation of funds.

Below is a summary of the Company's investigation and actions to date:

- A small number of Fincaraiz employees are currently under investigation.
- The relevant employees, along with others from their department (as a
  precautionary measure only) have been put on compulsory paid leave without
  access to Fincaraiz systems, pending the outcome of further investigations. All
  payments are required to be approved by the Financial Controller of 360Latam
  (who was not involved in the matters described above and who was formerly the
  Chief Financial Officer of Fincaraiz).
- The Company is establishing alternative operating systems and funding arrangements with the objective of achieving business continuity. To date, the business of Fincaraiz continues to operate.
- The debt to the Colombian tax authority is intended to be fully paid prior to Friday, 29 August 2025 from existing cash reserves in the group. It is expected that the receipt of funds by the Colombian tax authority will result in Fincaraiz's Colombian bank accounts being unfrozen within approximately 30-45 days of the debt being paid.
- The Company is in the process of appointing a forensic accountant and tax and criminal counsel to conduct a review of the relevant events and identify any other exposures and risks, in order to determine the details and extent of the apparent

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misappropriation of funds and seek to recover the funds. The group will continue to co-operate with Colombian authorities in relation to the matter.

 As a priority, the Company is reviewing the internal controls and governance processes across its businesses and will implement improvements as soon as possible, including improvements identified through the review mentioned above.

The total quantum of apparently misappropriated funds identified to date is approximately USD430,000. In addition, the Company also expects to pay interest on the overdue payments to the Colombian tax authority. The investigation is ongoing and the Company will provide further updates on any material developments in this matter.

**ENDS** 

This announcement is authorised for release by the Board of Directors of Frontier Digital Ventures Limited.

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