



## ASX Announcement

11 April 2018

### APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR GEOFF WILSON AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT OF WILSON ASSET MANAGEMENT

8IP Emerging Companies Limited (**8EC**) is pleased to announce the strategic support of Wilson Asset Management and the appointment of experienced director Geoff Wilson AO to the Board.

Wilson Asset Management and its associates are shareholders in 8EC and will provide strategic support to the investment manager.

Chairman Jonathan Sweeney said: "We are delighted to welcome Geoff Wilson as a director. Geoff will significantly strengthen the board's funds management, strategy and marketing expertise".

Mr Wilson has over 37 years' of direct experience in Australian and international investment markets. Mr Wilson is Chairman and founder of Wilson Asset Management, WAM Capital, WAM Leaders, WAM Research, WAM Active and WAM Microcap. He holds a number of additional directorships with investment companies and non-profit organisations.

### APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBIN BURNS

The Company is also pleased to welcome Robin Burns to the Board. Mr Burns is an experienced independent director with almost 30 years of leadership experience in the financial services sector. His senior executive roles have included Managing Director and CEO of Equity Trustees, CEO of Equisuper and CEO Risk at AXA Australia. Mr Burns currently serves as a non-executive director and audit committee Chairman for Indue and is a member of the PIMCO Australia compliance committee.

Mr Sweeney said: "We are excited to welcome Robin Burns to the board and look forward to working with him to the benefit of 8EC shareholders".

Shareholders will be invited to vote on the appointment of Mr Wilson and Mr Burns at the Company's annual general meeting in November 2018.

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