

NEWS RELEASE

16 September 2015

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Letter to Shareholders

Attached are the following documents which are being sent to Mighty River Power shareholders:

- 1. Letter to Shareholders
- 2. Letter to Bondholders
- 3. Company Update Invite
- 4. Buying and Selling Shares
- 5. CONNECT Newsletter

The Notice of Meeting and Voting/Proxy Form have been disclosed separately.

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Mighty River Power is a company with a great New Zealand heritage, and a leader in this country's electricity industry with the flagship retail brand Mercury Energy and other specialty brands. Every year the hydro and geothermal power stations operated by Mighty River Power generate enough electricity for about 1 million New Zealand homes.

Mighty River Power was listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX: "MRP") and the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX: "MYT") in May 2013 and has New Zealand's largest shareholder base at more than 100,000, alongside the Crown as majority owner.













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SAMPLE ONLY

Annual/Interim Reports

(Notice under Section 209, Companies Act 1993)

Dear Shareholder,

Mighty River Power's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 is now available.

We have not mailed you a copy of the Annual Report as electronic communications help keep costs down and are better for the environment. You can read our Annual Report on our website (www.mightyriver.co.nz/investor-centre), including the Company's financial statements and notes, corporate governance report and remuneration report. Mighty River Power has not prepared a concise annual report for the 2015 financial year.

The enclosed CONNECT newsletter provides an update for you on some of the current business activity and how Mighty River Power is making a difference for our customers and our country.

We appreciate that some shareholders prefer to receive printed copies of the Annual and Interim Reports. If you would like to receive, free-of-charge, copies of Mighty River Power's Annual and Interim Reports each year, please tick the box below and return this letter within 15 business days of receiving it.

If you would like to elect to receive all communications from us electronically, please complete your email address and return the form below.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Shareholders' Meeting in Auckland on 5 November 2015. If you are unable to attend, we would encourage you to use your Voting/Proxy form for the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Tony Nagel Company Secretary

Keeping in touch online

I would like to receive all Mighty River Power investor communications electronically to my email address provided:

Email Address:

How to receive a hard copy of the Annual Report

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our Capital Bonds.

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Tony Nagel Company Secretary

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We are here.

You are invited to join us at one of the six business update briefings that we are hosting together with Craigs Investment Partners & Forsyth Barr, in regional centres. Our Chief Executive, Fraser Whineray, and CFO, William Meek, look forward to sharing achievements from the past year, and talking with you about your Company's business priorities and developments in the energy sector.

Please let us know if you would like to join us.



RSVP (spaces limited, first in first served)

If you're interested in attending one of the update events, please register at www.mightyriverupdate.co.nz by 16 October 2015. You will receive an email confirming your space. Please note, once capacity is reached we will be unable to accept further RSVPs.





Dear Shareholder,

One of the most frequently asked questions by our shareholders is about buying and selling shares.

We're proud to have nearly 100,000 shareholders, including many first-time investors who purchased shares directly through the Crown share offering without requiring a broker.

We want to take this opportunity to provide you with some information to help you with any questions around buying and selling shares. We have included contacts and links overleaf to help you find the right advice.

Tony Nagel Company Secretary





How to buy or sell shares.

> SEE OVERLEAF

How do I buy or sell shares?

STEP 1: Get financial advice and understand your decision

- Before making any investment decision you need to consider whether it's appropriate in light of
 your particular goals, financial circumstances and appetite for risk. An Authorised Financial Advisor
 can help you decide whether buying or selling shares is right for you. The Financial Markets
 Authority (FMA) provides a full list of Authorised Financial Advisors at www.fma.govt.nz
- After getting financial advice, you can also use educational on-line resources to help you understand share trading



ASB: www.asbsecurities.co.nz/section396.asp

ANZ: www.anzsecurities.co.nz/DirectTrade/static/educationalarticles.aspx

STEP 2: Pick a licensed sharebroker to arrange the transaction

• ASB Securities can help you set up an account and offer one-off trades. Call **0800 272 732** or visit them on-line at:



Set up an account: www.asbsecurities.co.nz/section84.asp

One-off trades: www.asbsecurities.co.nz/section404.asp

• ANZ Securities can help you set up an account. Call 0800 805 777 or visit them on-line at:



Set up an account: www.anzsecurities.co.nz/DirectTrade/static/downloadforms.aspx

 There are many other sharebrokers that you may choose from with a full list included on the NZX website at www.nzx.com/investing/find_a_participant

Nothing in this document constitutes financial advice. Before making any investment decision you need to consider, with or without the assistance of an adviser, whether the investment is appropriate in light of your particular investment needs, objectives and financial circumstances.



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Powering New Zealand's New Zealand's owers with home-grown energy.

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GOOD ENERGY FUND

\$100,000 of good energy

STARSHIP \$7 million of donations





WITH 20 YEAR PARTNERSHIP

Our fivi rowers won an impressive 9 medals at the recent 2015 World Rowing Championships in France. Pwi Cipio

Mighty River Power is proud to have cemented a 20 year relationship with Rowing New Zealand – extending our sponsorship commitment to 2018.

TONI LAMING, General Manager of Communications and Strategy, said rowing is a perfect fit for the Company, and our long-term support has already helped power New Zealand to 42 World Championship and Olympic gold medals and some of the country's most memorable sporting moments. "Rowing is a part of Mighty River Power's heritage and we are delighted to be backing Rowing NZ especially during this exciting time while Olympic qualification is underway."

Karapiro Hydro Lake – a world-class rowing facility, is the home of Rowing NZ and the training ground for its elite athletes and junior rowers.

In addition to the sponsorship, the Company has teamed up with fellow sponsor Bankstream to provide Olympic medallists Peter Taylor and Rebecca Scown with electric plug-in hybrid Audi A3 e-trons. "Peter and Rebecca will be running on home-grown renewable electricity driving to and from training. At the equivalent of 30cents/litre, this cuts running costs for the twice-daily drive to Lake Karapiro and makes a real difference to the environment through reduced carbon emissions," Toni said.

Rowing NZ Chief Executive, Simon Peterson, said he values the long-standing partnership. "We currently have our sights set on 2016 and beyond to the 2020 Olympics so it is wonderful to have our partnership with Mighty River Power confirmed for another three and a half years. Our younger generation of rowers are aspiring to be Olympians and a key part of their development pathway is the Mighty River Power Junior Regatta held every February – it's where our country's young talent get to compete and our future stars shine."





Photo credit: FISA/Igor Meijer

Inspired about future opportunities



Our electricity industry in New Zealand set a world-first when we lit up 500 street lamps in Reefton for the Christmas of 1888. Today, both the pace of technology change, and customer expectations, have never been greater – we see opportunity.

A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO, I wouldn't have imagined I would be driving to work every day in a car powered with electricity. The idea of plugging in at home to 'fill-up' a battery, and being able to check your fuel with an app on your mobile phone is even more futuristic – but the reality of my family's life today.

I can now log in to Mercury Energy's Good Energy Monitor (GEM) and check how much extra hot water our kids have used with long showers in the winter, or the cost of us using the clothes dryer in a wet spell. We can easily see the amount and cost of the electricity we use every day – right down to how this changes every half hour. It helps inform our choices at home and the value we get from electricity.

This is just the start of a more connected world, where consumers and digital trends are inspiring new thinking to make our customers' lives simpler.

Technology is opening up new possibilities for the way we connect better with customers – like GEM and our GLOBUG pre-pay that rely on the data from smart meters, which are now in more than 60% of all New Zealand homes.

At Mighty River Power, we are excited about the future. Delivering innovative solutions that will provide better value for customers, and grow your Company – this is a source of energy for us every day.

Fraser Whineray Chief Executive



What started as a vision shared by Mighty River Power and Tauhara North No.2 Trust more than a decade ago has turned into a successful joint venture that is helping support over 6000 Trust beneficiaries, and our 100,000 owners.

Mighty River Power's Geothermal Operations Manager, Paul Ware said the Company was very proud of its commercial partnership with the Tauhara North No.2 Trust on the Rotokawa field, where the Nga Awa Purua and Rotokawa stations are located.

"Our joint venture partnership is a great example of how aligned values and a strong commitment to living the meaning of kaitiakitanga (custodianship) is delivering benefits today and for future generations," he said.

Partners, Mighty River Power and the Trust, blessed the new turbine at Nga Awa Purua with mauri waiariki (geothermal energy) as part of a successful installation in July.

Tauhara North No.2 Trust Chief Executive, Aroha Campbell, said the station was extremely important to the Trust – providing income that is delivering tangible, long-term benefits for beneficiaries of the Trust – so it was important to mark the installation of the new turbine with a karakia (prayer).

The partnership has created economic return for the Trust from its land and resources, allowing it to invest the profits back into the health and well-being of its people, and at the same time increasing optimism for the future. Over the past seven years the Trust's annual health grants have increased 15-fold to \$642,248 in the 2014 financial year, and educational grants have increased 10-fold to \$269,832. Community grants, ranging from dental treatments and eye tests through to school tuition and tertiary scholarships, are expected to total \$1.6 million this year. Last year there were 1,751 grants to Trust beneficiaries, which included subsidised tuition for 140 children, and youth camps for 10 – 18 year olds to support educational goals.

Paul said the 62 tonne, 8.7m turbine at Nga Awa Purua was made in Japan by Fuji Electric and customised to the plant. A decision was made in late 2013 to replace the turbine to ensure reliability and increase production, after damage was found on the rotor blades during a routine maintenance inspection. The plant was shut down while the turbine was being installed, and was up and running again ahead of schedule.

"Geothermal is a dynamic resource that requires a high level of expertise to harness effectively. We are constantly monitoring our plants and the geothermal resources deep underground to ensure optimal production and maintenance. Operations at Nga Awa Purua have been fine-tuned now that we have the new turbine installed to ensure the best performance of the plant." - This Nga Awa Purua geothermal turbine produces about 3% of New Zealand's electricity to power about 140,000 homes.

ABOUT NGA AWA PURUA

- plant commissioned in 2010 as a joint venture between Mighty River Power and Tauhara North No.2 Trust. Operated by Mighty River Power
- Iocated on the Rotokawa geothermal field, 14km northeast of Taupo
- the largest output single-shaft geothermal turbine in the world
- produces 1,200GWh per year, about 3% of New Zealand's electricity – renewable energy to power around 140,000 homes
- typically runs 24/7. Geothermal is the only renewable energy source not dependant on the weather.

Helping Starship helping kids

Starship is a name with very special meaning for a lot of Kiwi families – and our flagship retail brand Mercury Energy has supported Starship for more than fifteen years.

ESTELLE KAUFUSI, one of our contact centre team leaders, has an especially strong tie with Starship Childrens Hospital after her son Asisi was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease and admitted to Starship in 2013.

"Our whole world went crashing down that day," says Estelle.

"As a parent you'll do anything to protect your child but we felt helpless."

Because of their experience, the Kaufusi family are big supporters of Starship.

OUR SUPPORT HAS DELIVERED:

- incubators to keep newborn babies warm
- vital equipment for the heart unit
- fold-down beds for parents to stay with their children
- an internationally-recognised training simulation programme
- a new outpatient area

"I come to work every day knowing that, with our customers, we're supporting an important cause."

In addition to the donations Mercury Energy makes, there are more than 30,000 customers also donating through their monthly bills through the Star Supporters Club.

"Customers tell me it's worth every cent. I completely agree."

Thanks to their generosity more than \$7 million has been raised to support key projects including the recently refurbished pre-op area, which Estelle and her husband Sione are very familiar with.

"We spent an age waiting in a corridor for Asisi to wake up from his operation with a lot of other parents. I'm sure we were all feeling exactly the same way."

"Having a dedicated room puts waiting parents in a better state of mind to look after their children at a critical time."

Asisi's cancer is now in remission. He's back at school and has regained a lot of energy.

"I'm so proud of my boy and the way he's got through this. I'm grateful to the staff at Starship and our customers – their donations make a real difference every day."



Estelle is grateful to our 30,000 Mercuny customers who donate to Starship every month, supporting an important part of many Kiwis lives.

Helping customers save money

We love hearing stories from our Mercury customers about how our free online Good Energy Monitor (GEM) is saving them money.

A recent story from one our customers really highlighted the true value of GEM, says Daniel Green, Customer Service Manager. "This customer is a regular user of GEM so he can track his electricity use – and was very surprised to log on and see that his vacant holiday home had high electricity use. He jumped in the car and drove to the house only to find that he had forgotten to turn a heater off when the family had been there a few days earlier.

"If it wasn't for GEM he would not have been alerted to the issue and would have received a very high power bill."

Nearly 150,000 families actively use GEM, which shows electricity consumption at half hour intervals. It provides comparisons with other similar homes, and how weather patterns change your use.

Other great features of GEM include the tailored tips to help our customers reduce their energy use, as well as weekly emails comparing electricity use to the previous week. "The online tool is really helping people look at their electricity use so they're getting the best value from every dollar they spend," Daniel says.

Customers using GEM have now saved a combined total of \$3.5 million over the past two years, compared with people who don't use the tool.

Weekly GEM emails compare electricity use to the previous week.



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serious harm for 2 years running across all geothermal sites

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saved by Mercury customers using GEM (Good Energy Monitor) over the past 2 years



relationship with Rowing NZ through extension of sponsorship to 2018

RESILIENT

CASH FLOWS from reliable baseload geothermal and astute portfolio management in a year of record low hydro generation



of Mighty River Power total generation in FY15 from geothermal



raised for Starship Foundation by Mercury and our customers over 14 years



reduction in annual operating costs since listing in 2013

customers receive their bill electronically, more than half pay online



NEW DIRECTOR JOINS MIGHTY RIVER POWER BOARD

Leading advisor on Māori economic development, Mike Taitoko, has joined Mighty River Power's Board.

MIGHTY RIVER POWER Chair, Joan Withers, said Mike will complement the existing Board with strong commercial skills, along with connectivity and established networks in Māoridom. "We are fortunate in Mike to have a director, who is also truly passionate about the role and opportunities for Māori in driving economic growth and sustainable, positive outcomes for New Zealand."

Mr Taitoko, of Ngati Maniapoto descent, is the co-founder and Managing Director of Waiora Pacific Ltd, a technology company commercialising geospatial internet-based analytics services. Prior to establishing Waiora Pacific, he was the founder and Executive Director of Tuia Consulting, a professional advisory firm focusing on the commercial growth and economic development of the Māori economy.

Mike's appointment follows the departure of long-serving director Tania Simpson, who retired from the Board in June this year after a tenure of more than 13 years. Mrs Withers said Tania was vital in installing a deep understanding of kaitiakitanga (custodianship) in the Company's governance, and played a key role as Chair of the Human Resource Committee.



Driving success through positive partnerships

Every day our Community Relations Manager Helen Amituana'i is out in our community talking with social agencies, community leaders and our customers.

THIS MADE HELEN THE PERFECT CANDIDATE for a plug-in electric vehicle when Mighty River Power committed to shifting 70% of its fleet to plug-in electric vehicles.

"The car attracts a lot of interest and I tell people I'll never go back. Driving on our own clean, renewable electricity feels great. We're also saving about \$400 every month on running costs which is outstanding at about 30cents/litre compared with petrol."

Mighty River Power has formed partnerships with a number of organisations to introduce more electric vehicle charging stations, making it simple and easy to fuel-up with 'homegrown' renewable energy.

Auckland Transport (AT) is one such partnership, and Auckland CBD now has its first-ever charging stations – with Auckland having the highest rate of plug-in electric vehicle ownership in New Zealand. The chargers in AT's Downtown Carpark are free-of-charge to anyone who parks in the building.

More charging stations will follow, both from Mighty River Power and other organisations looking to support plug-in vehicles. We expect most charging to eventually occur at the home or business, given New Zealand's very high level of off-street parking. All you need is a normal 3-pin plug.



GLOWING REPORT FOR WAIKATO HYDRO OPERATIONS

Mighty River Power has a strong commitment to having a sustainable approach to the precious natural environment that we harness to produce renewable electricity. We are entrusted with a great deal of responsibility to look after these resources for future generations.



FOR THAT REASON, we were very pleased to receive full compliance with the Waikato Regional Council for our hydro operations on the Waikato River for the second year running. It is the Council's role to monitor the Company's operations to ensure we are meeting our consent requirements – including river flows, erosion, lake levels and ecological health of the river.

Mark Henry, Environmental Resources Manager, said the regional council congratulated Mighty River Power on its full compliance.

"This is a fantastic result, which demonstrates the priority that we place on the environment. The performance of our business is intrinsically linked to our care for the environment, and we are committed to understanding, managing and minimising any impacts as a result of our activities."

Mr Henry said the Company carries out a wide range of activities to achieve compliance.

"We recently completed a five yearly ecological monitoring project that looked at the life in the river including the health of wetlands. This involved regular monitoring, and we were able to see the positive impacts of the wetland restoration work on river quality that we have been involved in."

SHARING OUR 'GOOD ENERGY'



Mighty River Power has strong connections in the community – it's one of the things that sets us apart.

THE GOOD ENERGY FUND is a recently introduced initiative where our staff choose great projects to support. It now helps a wide range of community groups, with an annual commitment of \$100,000.

It is one way that we are making a positive difference in our communities – with 35 community groups benefiting from funding in the first six months.

"We are proud to be sharing our good energy with our communities," says Chief Executive Fraser Whineray.

"What's unique about the Good Energy Fund is that our staff identify projects from the communities they live in, where we can make a clear positive impact from a small targeted donation – it's a fantastic way for our staff to give back, and connect.

"The range of community groups that have benefited from the fund over the last six months reflects the diversity of our communities, including schools, sports clubs, and groups supporting families and people with healthcare needs."

Purua School, located 30 minutes from Whangarei, is one of this year's recipients. The small country school, with a role of just 26, wanted to live up to its motto 'Creative and Ready for the Future!' It applied for funding to replace its very out-dated school signs to project a sense of renewed vitality to the community.

Principal Autumn Ede said the school really appreciated the \$1500 it received to upgrade the signage, and kick-start a clean-up project.

"We are very grateful for the funding as it means we can get moving on a plan for upgrading the look of our school and community which has been in the pipeline for a quite a while now. Our old signs were wonky, dated, and moss covered and definitely due for a make-over.

"We never had the funds to go ahead with this plan. As you can imagine, small rural communities and tiny schools have minimal budgets and it takes a lot just to keep the lights on, let alone some beautiful new signs. However, now we can move on this great little community project."

Other groups that have benefited from the Good Energy Fund include: Auckland Counties Manukau U15 basketball team for uniforms and bags, Putaruru Lions Club to fund cooking classes for low-income families, Tiaki Early Learning Centre (Rotorua) to upgrade a fence, and Kids with Arthritis New Zealand to subsidise families attending an annual seminar.

A welcome visit from the NZSA

We always look forward to visits from the New Zealand Shareholders Association (NZSA), and the chance for the NZSA to meet our people and talk candidly about our Company.

IN MAY we showed NZSA members some of our recent customer innovations and shared more about the work we're doing in our communities.

The day included a tour of our GLOBUG hub, a closer look at Mercury Energy's contact centre and viewing the full range of plug-in electric vehicles in our fleet.

Our Chief Executive, Fraser Whineray, Chief Financial Officer, William Meek and General Manager Customer, James Munro all presented to the group.

The NZSA said they found the day really informative with great insights into the Company's customer operations. NZSA member Fiona Gray praised the team for their efforts.

"It was an excellent day and great to meet their people. We came out of the day with a lot of fresh perspectives on the sector and where things are heading."

ANNUAL **RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS**

Strengthening our STOMER CUSTOMER EBITDAF •Y•}'/' reflecting 170GWh less hydro generation 2991 **1**()) and lower commercial volumes

total declared dividends including ordinary dividends of 14cps and special dividends of 7.5cps

with decisions on international geothermal and planned closure of gas-fired plant



Net Profit, reflecting non-cash impairments relating to our exit from international geothermal and closure of Southdown plant

Are you a Mercury customer

BY BECOMING A MERCURY CUSTOMER you will be able to support your Company, as well as benefit from the additional 2% Prompt Payment Discount (PPD) on your residential electricity (or dual fuel) bill every month on top of our standard 10% PPD... just by receiving your bill online and paying by direct debit.

Additional 2% Prompt **Payment Discount with Mercury Energy**

All you have to do is phone 0800 677 789 and quote ME190210. You can take advantage of this offer if you are an existing Mercury customer, or by switching to us if you have your account with another retailer. Switching to Mercury is simple, our team will be happy to help you.



We would really like to hear what you think of this newsletter. Please email us on investor@mightyriver.co.nz

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