

## NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company Limited Announces Fully Franked Dividend for the Half Year Ending 31 December 2018

Friday, 15 February 2019: The Board of NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company Limited (ASX: NCC) (Company) is pleased to announce that it has declared a fully franked dividend of 3.75 cents per share. The Company also announced its half year result for the six month period to 31 December 2018, reporting an after-tax loss of \$6.19 million.

### Performance

For the half year ended 31 December 2018, the NCC investment portfolio produced a negative return of -10.70%, bringing the inception return over the past 5 years and 11 months to +12.41% p.a. or +98.10% in nominal terms<sup>1</sup>.

NAOS Chief Investment Officer and Managing Director Sebastian Evans stated:

*'The poor performance of the NCC portfolio was driven by two factors, the first being clear short term negative earnings surprises from three core investments and the other being a noticeable lack of investor appetite for investing in micro-cap businesses, leading to a significant valuation de-rating which has even affected the best performing businesses. Timing can be impossible to predict, but starting the year from a lower multiple base, together with what we believe is excellent business momentum in the majority of our core investments, should in our view, set the NCC portfolio up with a much stronger return profile over the next 12-24 months.'*

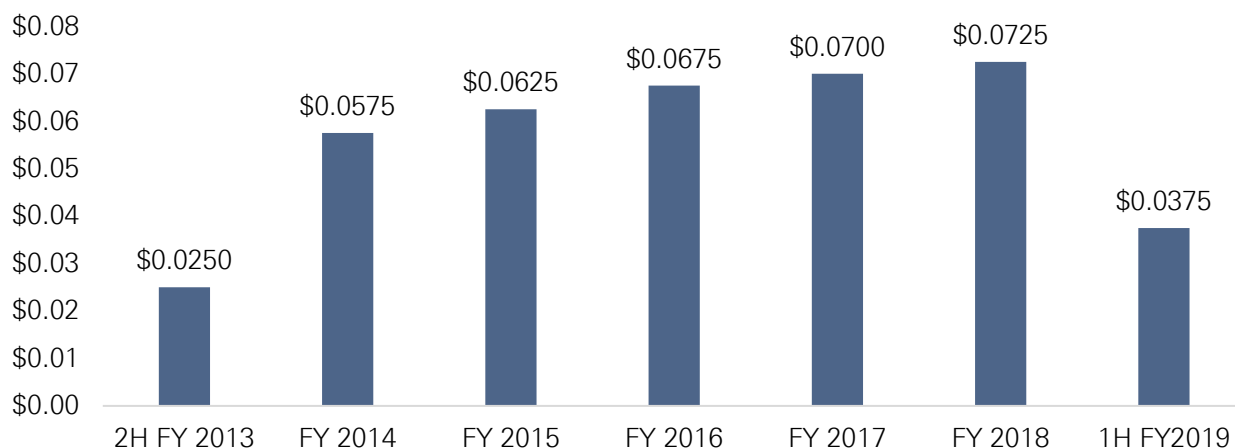
The Company remains focused on protecting investor capital whilst providing long-term capital growth above the relative benchmark index. Since inception to date the investment portfolio has outperformed its benchmark S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index (XSOAI) by +8.48% p.a.\* with lower volatility than that of the wider market.

### Fully Franked Dividends

The Company is pleased to announce a fully franked dividend of 3.75 cents per share, bringing total dividends since inception to 39.25 cents per share. Independent Chairman, David Rickards commented *'It is the Board's aim to continue to be mindful of providing shareholders with a sustainable stream of growing fully franked dividends.'*

\*Investment Portfolio Performance is as at 31 December 2018, post all operating expenses, before fees, taxes and initial IPO and placement commissions. Performance has not been grossed up for franking credits received by shareholders.

## Dividend Profile - Historical Fully Franked Dividends



## Dividend Dates & Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP)

Ex Dividend Date	11 March 2019
Record Date	12 March 2019
Last Date for DRP Election	13 March 2019
Payment Date	27 March 2019

Investors can elect to participate in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP). Details of the DRP can be found at [www.naos.com.au](http://www.naos.com.au). To participate in the DRP investors will need to submit their DRP election by 5:00pm Wednesday, 13 March 2019 to Boardroom Pty Limited, the share registry for NCC, either online through InvestorServe, by email to [enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au](mailto:enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au) or fax +61 2 9279 0664.

We appreciate the continued support from all our shareholders over the last six months and welcome all new shareholders.

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**About NAOS Asset Management Limited (NAOS):** NAOS is a specialist fund manager providing genuine, concentrated exposure to Australian listed industrial companies outside of the ASX-50. NAOS manages three Listed Investment Companies being NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company Limited (ASX: NCC), NAOS Small Cap Opportunities Company Limited (ASX: NSC) and NAOS Ex- 50 Opportunities Company Limited (ASX: NAC). NAOS employs a team of eight people and has approximately \$300 million funds under management.