

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **About the relationship between VNDIRECT Securities Corp, and HomeDirect JSC**

**Hanoi, May 10, 2018** - In light of the recent developments around the investigation by Phu Tho Police into HomeDirect JSC, VNDIRECT would like to clarify its relationship with HomeDirect, JSC which is the subject of the investigation:

VNDIRECT is a shareholder of HomeDirect, holding 15% of its charter capital and translating to an investment book value of VND 7.5 billion on VNDIRECT's balance sheet. HomeDirect's largest shareholder is IPA Financial Limited Liability Company ("IPAF") which owns a 70% ownership stake in HomeDirect. IPAF is also a major shareholder in VNDIRECT, holding a 25.3% stake in the company.

Even though HomeDirect and VNDIRECT have an equity relationship, the two companies operate as distinct legal entities. VNDIRECT is only a financial investor in HomeDirect with the intent of obtaining exposure to the promising telecommunication services and payment gateway services sectors in Vietnam. VNDIRECT does not involve itself in day-to-day management decisions at HomeDirect and has only been a passive investor in the company.

According to the regulations, VNDIRECT's liability is restricted to the amount of capital invested in HomeDirect. Therefore, even in the event of liquidation or bankruptcy of Home Direct, the maximum loss that VNDIRECT may incur is equal to the aforementioned book value of its investment, worth VND 7.5 billion which equates to only 0.28% of VND's book value of equity as of the end of Q1, 2018. VNDIRECT will not be liable to bear any other losses or damages emanating from the investigation proceedings at HomeDirect.

HomeDirect is an intermediary payment service provider which facilitates connections between telecommunication corporations with pre-paid mobile top-up cards and other services which accept mobile top-up cards as a method of payment.

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