

## ASX Announcement

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### **GUIDANCE RECEIVED ON BANKING LICENCE PROCESSING DURING COVID-19**

**Novatti Group Limited (ASX:NOV) (Novatti or Company)**, a leading digital banking and payments company, has received guidance from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), the regulator of Australia’s banking sector, on its processing of banking licence applications during COVID-19.

This guidance follows the submission by Novatti of its final Restricted Authorised Deposit Taking Institution (RADI) licence application in November 2019.

APRA has advised applicants that a temporary hold will be placed on the issuing of new banking licences, possibly for a period of at least six months, during COVID-19. However, and most importantly, APRA has advised that applications will continue to be assessed during this period, minimising any process delays. APRA’s letter can be seen at <https://www.apra.gov.au/covid-19-apra%E2%80%99s-approach-to-licensing>.

Managing Director of Novatti, Peter Cook said, “We understand the challenges that COVID-19 is presenting for regulators, including APRA, and we will continue to work constructively to assist them during this time. While the assessment of Novatti’s application takes place, Novatti’s banking subsidiary will continue to actively develop its customer and strategic partnership base in readiness for launch. This follows the significant progress already made by the subsidiary including securing full funding for launch and the development of its systems, processes, and team.”

Novatti continues to successfully navigate the challenges presented to the economy by COVID-19 while pursuing its growth-focused strategy. This is highlighted by its announcement last week of the acquisition of Emersion, a leading business process integration and payments platform, which, among other things, strengthens Novatti’s product capabilities and expands its sales capacity and loyal customer base.

Novatti invites investors to keep up to date with company news, events and industry research by joining the Novatti mailing list at: <https://www.novattigroup.com/subscribe>

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This announcement has been approved for release to ASX by Peter Cook, Managing Director.

## **About Novatti Group Limited (ASX:NOV)**

Novatti is a leading digital banking and payments company. Through innovative technology, Novatti positions its customers to thrive in the growing cashless economy. Novatti's transaction processing services include Flexepin, an open-loop cash voucher service, Flexewallet for remittance and compliance services, Chinapayments.com for bill payment services and Vasco Pay for the issue of reloadable Visa cards. Novatti subsidiary Flexewallet Pty Ltd holds an Australian Financial Services Licence No 448066 and is registered with AUSTRAC as a Remittance Network Provider. Novatti's software solutions include Consumer Digital Wallets, Branchless Banking, Mobile Money, Bill Payments, Remittance Services and Voucher Management Systems.