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**FURTHER UPDATE IN RELATION TO MAJOR INITIATIVES TO  
ENHANCE SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

**MELBOURNE: Crown Resorts Limited (ASX: CWN)** ("Crown Resorts" or the "Company") announced today that it has entered into further agreements in respect of its shareholding in Melco Crown Entertainment Limited (NASDAQ: MPEL) ("MCE"), which, together with the sale to Melco International Development Ltd announced on 15 December 2016 ("Sale to Melco"), reduce the Company's shareholding to 11.2% of MCE shares with an economic hedge referencing just over 5.5% of MCE shares (together, "MCE Transactions").

Crown Resorts has entered into an underwriting agreement for the sale of 40.9 million MCE shares (equivalent to approximately 13.6 million MCE American Depository Shares ("ADSs") and approximately 2.8% of MCE shares outstanding) for US\$5.33 per MCE share (equivalent to US\$16 per MCE ADS), to be completed on 20 December 2016 subject to customary conditions ("Sale to Public").

In addition, Crown Resorts has entered into a series of cash-settled equity swaps referencing approximately 81.9 million MCE shares (equivalent to 27.3 million MCE ADSs and just over 5.5% of MCE shares outstanding) ("Swap Transaction"). This transaction provides the Company with a price hedge in respect of these MCE shares. The price hedge has been set at US\$5.33 per MCE share (equivalent to US\$16 per MCE ADS), pursuant to the underwriting agreement described above.

Following completion, the Sale to Melco and Sale to Public will generate net proceeds to Crown Resorts of approximately \$1.9 billion<sup>1</sup>.

Proceeds from the Sale to Public will initially be used to reduce Crown Resorts' net debt position. Proceeds from the Sale to Public, together with the proceeds from the Sale to Melco<sup>1</sup>, will ultimately be used to reduce the Company's net debt by approximately \$800 million (as announced yesterday), fund a special distribution of approximately \$600 million and enable a share buy-back of approximately \$500 million (an increase of \$100 million and \$200 million respectively from the amounts announced yesterday). It is expected that subject to the completion of the Sale to Melco, the special distribution would be paid in the second quarter of calendar year 2017 and the buy-back would also commence around that time.

**ENDS**

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<sup>1</sup> Completion of the Sale to Melco is conditional upon the receipt by Melco International Development Limited of regulatory approval and finance.