

## **Statement on €20m loan notes subscription & Financial Restructuring by FBD Holdings plc**

Farmer Business Developments plc is pleased to announce that it subscribed for €20m of Loan Notes in the recent issuance of €50m Loan Notes by FBD Holdings plc at a coupon of 5%.

FBD Holdings plc's placing of the Loan Notes was key to its recent successful financial restructuring which saw the buy-out and cancellation of the €70m convertible loan notes held by Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.

Farmer Business Developments plc Chairman Padraig Walshe described the transaction as "an excellent result for our shareholders, who founded FBD fifty years ago and would like to see it continue in Irish ownership".

"Crucially, we have avoided any dilution of our 24.6% stake in FBD Holdings. Had Fairfax converted, they would have secured 19.1% of FBD Holdings and we would have been reduced to 19.7%. Now, our company's position is stronger as Fairfax exits its investment and we look forward to benefiting from the future growth of FBD Holdings."

"Our €20m loan note investment comes at an attractive coupon of 5% and we are very pleased with the benefits from this transaction", Padraig Walshe concluded.