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## SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF RETAIL COMPONENT OF EQUITY RAISING

Virgin Blue (ASX:VBA) today announced it has successfully completed the retail component of the non-renounceable entitlement offer ("Retail Entitlement Offer") announced on 27 July 2009.

The retail offer was fully underwritten and will raise A\$98.3 million. Due to overwhelming demand, VBA will scale back applications for Additional New Shares made by existing retail shareholders in excess of their entitlements, to ensure fairness among all shareholders. Details of the scale back policy will be advised to shareholders at or about the time of allotment of New Shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer. Following the scale back, the Retail Entitlement Offer will be fully subscribed and there will be no shortfall.

Eligible institutional and retail investors have taken up 1.16 billion New Shares under the Entitlement Offer and Placement and the gross proceeds of the offer (including the institutional and retail components of the Entitlement Offer, and the Placement) are A\$231.4 million.

Following the completion of the Retail Entitlement Offer, Mr Brett Godfrey, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"We are delighted with the strong support from our shareholders in the Retail Entitlement Offer. As a result of the Entitlement Offer, Virgin Blue is better positioned to withstand the current difficult operating environment and to take advantage of growth opportunities in the sector as they arise."

Final allocations are subject to a reconciliation and audit process currently being conducted by Virgin Blue's share registry. The allotment of new shares to be issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer will be completed by Tuesday 8 September. The new shares will commence trading on the ASX on Wednesday 9 September. Holding statements will be dispatched to applicants on 11 September 2009.

## **Ineligible Shareholder Sale Process**

Entitlements of ineligible shareholders were offered for sale through an institutional bookbuild on Wednesday 2 September 2009. The bookbuild achieved a clearing price of \$0.16 in excess of the offer price of \$0.20. As a result an amount of \$0.16 per share, net of expenses (to be determined by Virgin Blue) and subject to any withholding required by law, will be paid to ineligible shareholders shortly.