



NZX Release

Fitch Affirms Credit Rating for Heartland Bank

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Heartland Bank Limited (**Heartland**) (NZX: HBL) is pleased to announce that Fitch Australia Pty Ltd (**Fitch**) has affirmed its long term issuer default rating on Heartland of 'BBB'; Outlook Stable.

The full report from Fitch is attached to this announcement.

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