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Traffic Group on amber over \$5m raising

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Traffic signage and street sweeping company The Traffic Group has deferred its \$5 million capital raising in a bid to avoid a potential conflict of interest that may arise from the use of the funds.

TTG was offering 25 million shares at 20c each in an initial public offer.

TTG said yesterday that it was deferring the offer until after the general meeting and annual meeting of rival traffic services provider Traffic Technologies on October 27. TTG managing director Con Scrinis is a former joint managing director of Traffic Technologies and is still a major shareholder of Traffic Technologies. Mr Scrinis set up TTG after he left Traffic Technologies in August 2007.

Mr Scrinis and associated entities have called a general meeting of Traffic Technologies shareholders, with the aim of unseating three directors on the Traffic Technologies board, including chairman Ray Horburgh and managing director Con Liosatos.

Mr Scrinis has said that money from the TTG capital raising would be used to fund acquisitions, which

could include all or part of Traffic Technologies. Resolutions to be put at the Traffic Technologies general meeting propose the removal of three existing directors and the election of Mr Scrinis and two other new directors; TTG chairman Ken Baxter and Andrew Harris.

"If all these resolutions succeed, a majority of the board of The Traffic Group will also have effective control of Traffic Technologies," TTG said.

"The determination of directors of Traffic Technologies will now occur before The Traffic Group capital raising."

"The decision to defer the re-listing is based on a desire to remove any actual or potential conflict of interest and to ensure that shareholders of Traffic Technologies and potential shareholders of The Traffic Group are fully informed prior to making an investment decision." TTG used to be known as Western Kingfish, a fish farming company that went into administration in December 2008.

Western Kingfish subsequently acquired TTG in return for the issue of new shares.

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CROSSROADS: Con Liosatos and Con Scrinis wants to unseat three directors on the TTG board. Photo: EAMON GALLAGHER