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The Manager Company Announcements Office Australian Stock Exchange Limited Level 4, 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Sir/Madam

Issue of 36 Million Ordinary Shares

Following the approval by resolutions of shareholders at the Company's Extraordinary General Meeting held on 20 May 2002 the Directors of Hydromet Corporation Limited wish to inform the market that:

- 31,750,000 fully paid ordinary shares to the professional investors identified by E-Trade Australia Securities Limited at a price of 5.0 cents per share were issued on 22 May 2002, and
- 4,250,000 fully paid ordinary shares to Chemmet Pty Ltd at a price of 5.0 cents per share were issued on 22 May 2002.

Yours sincerely

Neil Smith Company Secretary