

4 April 2002

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

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Dear Sir/Madam

Share Purchase Plan Allotment

The Company wishes to advise that in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Company's Share Purchase Plan dated 1 February 2002 a total of 28,312,843 Ordinary Shares as permitted by ASX Listing Rule 7.1 (15% limit) have been allotted to 951 eligible registered shareholders.

The board of directors has resolved to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members to consider a resolution to approve the issue of the Excess Shares of 15,644,341 applied for under the plan for the purposes of the ASX Listing Rules including Listing Rule 7.1.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Smith Company Secretary