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The Manager
Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Exchange Centre
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Dear Sir

Net Asset Backing – 31 January 2004

The Directors advise that the unaudited net asset backing of the company's shares at 31 January 2004 was \$ 1.008 per share.

The company is a long-term equity investor and does not intend to dispose of its total portfolio. If estimated tax at 30% on unrealised portfolio gains were to be deducted, net asset backing would be \$ 0.998 per share.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John de Gouveia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

John de Gouveia
Company Secretary