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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

RETURN OF CAPITAL

The Directors are pleased to confirm that the Company has determined to seek shareholder approval to undertake a one cent per share return of capital (**Return of Capital**).

Although the Company incurred a net loss for the year, it is the Company's understanding that 2010 changes to the Corporations Act permits the payment of dividends based on a company 'balance sheet'/solvency test and not based on whether a company has a net profit. However, subsequent pronouncements from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and Commonwealth Treasury have raised issues with a company's ability to pay a dividend where they do not have a 'profit' (ie. either a current year net profit, unrealised 'capital profit' or retained earnings) notwithstanding the Company's understanding of the intended effect of the Corporations Act changes.

The Company currently holds uninvested capital in the form of cash and is therefore in a position to return capital to shareholders. Given the ongoing uncertainty in relation to the Company's ability to pay a dividend, which has not been redressed by further Treasury/legislative clarity to date, the Directors have determined that it is appropriate for the Company to undertake the Return of Capital.

PROPOSED RETURN OF CAPITAL

The Return of Capital is to be effected by the Company seeking shareholder approval for a reduction in the share capital of the Company by returning one cent per share to shareholders - this equates to an aggregate reduction of share capital by approximately \$0.733 million based upon the Company's 73,350,541 shares currently on issue.

No shares will be cancelled as a result of the Return of Capital. Accordingly, the number of shares held by each shareholder will not change as a consequence of the Return of Capital. The Return of Capital will have no effect on the number of shares on issue.

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The Return of Capital is subject to shareholder approval which will be sought at the Company's upcoming 2012 annual general meeting (AGM) scheduled for on or about 16 November 2012.

Meeting documentation advising details of the AGM together with relevant explanatory materials will be despatched to shareholders and lodged on the ASX in due course. The meeting documentation will include details of the record date for determining eligibility to participate in the Return of Capital and the expected payment date, assuming the requisite resolution is passed by shareholders.

If all conditions are met, including shareholder approval, the Company aims to distribute the Return of Capital in late November/early December 2012.

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