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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Net Tangible Asset Backing - 30 September 2008

Month Ending:	% Change	30 September 2008 Consolidated	31 August 2008 Consolidated
Net tangible assets (before tax)		\$28.401m	\$42.449m
Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share	-33.09	\$1.5942	\$2.3828
Net tangible assets (after tax)		\$26.424m	\$36.417m
Post-Tax NTA Backing per share	-27.44	\$1.4833	\$2.0443
Based on total issued share capital		17,814,389	17,814,389

The NTA position comprises the following items:

Net Assets	Current Month \$' millions	Previous Month \$' millions
Investments in listed Associated Entities:		
(a) Shares in Bentley International Limited (BEL)	4.049	4.201
(b) Shares in Scarborough Equities Limited (SCB)	4.358	5.209
Investments in other listed securities:		
(a) Shares in Strike Resources Limited (SRK)	8.706	18.131
(b) Shares in other listed securities	1.991	3.280
Investments in unlisted options	1.695	4.159
Investment in property	3.650	3.650
Investment in Koorian Olive Grove	3.420	3.420
Provision for dividend	(0.028)	(0.117)
Net cash / other assets / provisions	0.560	0.516
Pre-Tax NTA	28.401	42.449
Tax Provisions:		
(a) Prior year tax	(0.058)	(0.058)
(b) Current year tax	(5.311)	(5.245)
(c) Net deferred tax asset / (liability)	3.392	(0.729)
Post-Tax NTA	26.424	36.417

The previous month's NTA backing includes a provision for a 0.5 cent per share fully franked final dividend announced by the Company on 1 September 2008. The record date for such dividend was 19 September 2008 with payment effected on 26 September 2008.



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Notes for Current Month NTA Position:

- (1) The Company's investments in Associated Entities (i.e. in which the Company has a greater than 20% interest) are accounted for under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.

Under the equity method, the carrying amount of each such investment is cost plus a share of the Associate Entity's net profit or loss (after tax) for the financial year to month end as provided to the Company by each such Associated Entity.

Accordingly, as at 30 September 2008 the Company's:

- (i) 11,587,938 shares (28.80% interest) (31 August 2008: 11,587,938 shares and 28.80%) in BEL has a carrying value of \$0.3494 per share (\$4.049m); this compares with BEL's last bid price on ASX of \$0.280 per share (\$3.245m) and BEL's after tax NTA backing of \$0.4219 cents per share (\$4.889m) at month end;
- (ii) 5,619,645 shares (28.47% interest) (31 August 2008: 5,619,645 shares and 28.47%) in SCB has a carrying value of \$0.7754 per share (\$4.358m); this compares with SCB's last bid price on ASX of \$0.570 per share (\$3.203m) and SCB's after tax NTA backing of \$0.7626 per share (\$4.285m) at month end.
- (2) The fair value of investments in ASX listed Strike Resources Limited (SRK) comprise 13,090,802 shares (31 August 2008: 13,090,802 shares) with a value of \$0.660 (based on the closing bid price on 30 September 2008) (31 August 2008: \$1.385) each. The Company notes that SRK's closing bid price on 13 October 2008 was \$0.50.
- (3) The fair value of investments in other listed securities are based on each securities' last bid price on market at month end.
- (4) The fair value of investments in unlisted options, being the following unlisted options in SRK, is based on a Black-Scholes options pricing valuation model:
- (a) 1,833,333 options, each to acquire one SRK share at an exercise price of 20 cents, on or before 9 February 2011; and
- (b) 1,666,667 options, each to acquire one SRK share at an exercise price of 30 cents, on or before 9 February 2011.

This valuation has been calculated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model applying the following assumptions:

- (i) SRK's share price being \$0.66 (based on the closing bid price on 30 September 2008) (31 August 2008: \$1.385 based on the closing bid price). The Company notes that SRK's closing bid price on 13 October 2008 was \$0.50;
- (ii) A risk free rate of return of 5.11% per annum (based on the 3 year bond yield as at 30 September 2008) (31 August 2008: 5.68% per annum).
- (iii) An estimated future volatility of SRK's share price of 80% (31 August 2008: 80%).
- (5) Investment in real property is carried at net realisable value.
- (6) Investment in the Koorian Olive Grove comprises a 143 hectare property, approximately 64,500 (9 year old) olive trees, an approximately one gegalitre per annum water licence and depreciable plant and equipment and other grove related infrastructure. The Koorian land and trees are carried at net realisable value.
- (7) Tax Provision Item (c) includes a provision for income tax on net unrealised gains on the Company's investments in securities and its share of Associated Entities' after tax net profit for the month (deferred tax liability) and the recognition of future income tax benefits on net unrealised losses on the Company's investments in securities and its share of Associated Entities' after tax net loss for the month (deferred tax asset).

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