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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Net Tangible Asset Backing - 30 April 2010

Month Ending:	% Change	30 April 2010 Consolidated	31 March 2010 Consolidated
Net tangible assets (NTA) (before tax)	-8.06%	\$26.245m	\$28.544m
Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share		\$1.4732	\$1.6023
Net tangible assets (after tax)	-11.87%	\$24.973m	\$28.338m
Post-Tax NTA Backing per share		\$1.4019	\$1.5907
Based on total issued share capital		17,814,389	17,814,389

The NTA position comprises the following items:

Net Tangible Assets	Current Month \$'millions	Previous Month \$'millions
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Investment in listed Associated Entity:	8 22 0	9 272
(a) Shares in Bentley Capital Limited (BEL)	8.229	8.272
Investments in other listed securities:	10.000	10 004
(a) Shares in Strike Resources Limited (SRK) (b) Shares in other listed securities	10.289 1.169	12.004
(b) Shares in other listed securities	1.109	1.400
Investments in unlisted options	1.920	2.374
Investment in property (held for development/resale)	1.500	1.500
Agribusiness assets (including inventories)	2.692	2.691
Provision for dividend	(0.028)	(0.028)
Net cash/receivables/payables/other assets/provisions	0.474	0.332
Pre-Tax NTA	\$26.245	\$28.544
Tax Provisions:		
(a) Prior year tax	-	0.404
(b) Current year tax	-	-
(c) Net deferred tax asset / (liability)	(1.272)	(0.610)
Post-Tax NTA	\$24.973	\$28.338



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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 (refer note 1.2 (Summary of Accounting Policies – Investments in Associates) at page 19 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report).

Accordingly, as at 30 April 2010, the Company's 20,513,783 shares (28.49% interest) (31 March: 20,513,783 shares and 28.49%) in BEL has a carrying value of \$0.4011 per share (\$8.229m); this compares with BEL's last bid price on ASX of \$0.275 per share (\$5.641m) and BEL's after tax NTA backing of \$0.4539 per share (\$9.311m) at month end.

- (2) The fair value of investments in ASX listed Strike Resources Limited (**SRK**) comprise 13,190,802 shares (31 March: 13,190,802 shares) with a value of \$0.78 per share (based on the closing bid price on 30 April 2010) (31 March: \$0.91). The Company notes that SRK's closing bid price on 12 May 2010 was \$0.74 per share.
- (3) The fair value of investments in other listed securities are based on each security's 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 \$0.78 (based on the closing bid price on 30 April 2010) (31 March: \$0.91). The Company notes that SRK's closing bid price on 12 May 2010 was \$0.74;
- (ii) A risk free rate of return of 5.02% per annum (based on the 1 year bond yield as at 30 April 2010) (31 March: 4.96% per annum).
- (iii) An estimated future volatility of SRK's share price of 80% (31 March: 80%).
- (5) Investment in property (held for development/resale) is carried at net realisable value (refer note 1.13 (Summary of Accounting Policies Property held for Resale) at page 21 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report. The property has been valued by an independent qualified valuer (an Associate member of the Australian Property Institute) on 27 January 2010 and the downwards revaluation has been recognised as an expense through profit or loss.
- (6) Agribusiness assets comprises a 143 hectare property comprising olive grove land and trees, depreciable plant and equipment, grove related infrastructure and olive oil inventories. The olive grove land and trees are carried at net realisable value (refer note 1.14 (Summary of Accounting Policies Property, Plant and Equipment) at page 21 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report).
- (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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