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Relevant Interest in ANZ Shares**

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (**ANZ**) is required to disclose to the Australian Stock Exchange the percentage of its shares in which it has an interest as a result of put options granted to clients under the ANZ Protected Equity Portfolio and ANZ Protected Equity Portfolio Plus products.

As at **16 May 2005**, ANZ held a relevant interest in **101,252** fully paid ordinary shares in ANZ, comprising **0.0056%** of the issued share capital of ANZ.

Yours sincerely,

John Priestley
Company Secretary