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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 **18 August 2006**, ANZ held a relevant interest in **43,767** fully paid ordinary shares in ANZ, comprising **0.0024%** of the issued share capital of ANZ.

Yours sincerely,

John Priestley
Company Secretary