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Mr Wayne Elliott
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Dear Wayne

Re: Westpac Instalments over SANTOS Limited (STOIWD)

Westpac Banking Corporation, as issuer of instalment warrants over shares in SANTOS Limited, (ASX Codes **STOIWD**), advises that the record date for the entitlement to AUD \$0.15, which is franked to 100%, for holders of **STOIWD** will be 9 September 2003. This date is the record date for the dividend payable on the ordinary shares in SANTOS Limited.

The **STOIWD** instalment warrants will commence trading ex-distribution on 3 September 2003, which is the same date that the ordinary shares in SANTOS Limited are ex-dividend.

The dividend will be paid to **STOIWD** instalment holders as soon as practicably possible following payment by the Listed Entity to the Trustee. In any event, it is anticipated that the instalment dividend will be paid to holders no later than 1 business day after the Listed Entity's dividend payment date of 30 September 2003.

For further information please contact Westpac Banking Corporation 1800 024 420.

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For and on behalf of
Westpac Banking Corporation