



Australia's First Bank

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Company Announcements Platform
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
20 Bridge Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share plan option

The following number of fully paid ordinary shares have been/will be allotted pursuant to the exercise of options under the Westpac's Senior Officers' Share Purchase Scheme, the General Management Share Option Plan, Westpac Performance Plan and/or Chief Executive Share Agreement:

Number	Exercise Price	Allotment Date	Ranking
1,000	\$9.53	16 August 2005	Rank equally
10,000	\$13.26	16 August 2005	Rank equally
23,630	\$14.65	16 August 2005	Rank equally
8,000	\$15.40	16 August 2005	Rank equally
354,540	\$12.39	16 August 2005	Rank equally
172,340	\$14.70	16 August 2005	Rank equally
955	Nil	16 August 2005	Rank equally
570,465			

Paid up and quoted capital: 1,867,768,163 fully paid ordinary shares.

Yours faithfully

Emma Lawler
Head of Group Secretariat