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Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear Sir/Madam

Westpac Banking Corporation
2005 Final Ordinary Dividend – Payment Date and Record Date

The Board of Westpac Banking Corporation has determined to pay a final ordinary dividend for the year ended 30 September 2005 of 51 cents per fully paid ordinary share in Australian currency on 14 December 2005.

This dividend will be a dividend franked to the extent of 100%.

The dividend will be paid to all Westpac Banking Corporation shareholders who are registered on the share register as at the record date of 5.00 pm on 23 November 2005 (5.00 pm on 22 November 2005 in New York).

Yours sincerely

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