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Dear Sir/Madam

Option Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 133)

Performance Options (options) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue 16 December 2005
2. Number of options issued 1,941,668
3. Amount paid per option Nil
4. Issue price or consideration \$20.53
5. Options are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of options rank immediately for dividends.
6. The options will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, options will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 1000 no earlier than 3 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the options will lapse.
8. On retirement, retrenchment, death, temporary and permanent disablement and an employer ceasing to be a Westpac subsidiary, unvested options may vest (in certain circumstances subject to satisfaction of performance requirements and on a pro-rated basis) and vested options are to be exercised within 12 months, or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the options will be forfeited. On resignation, vested options are to be exercised within 3 months or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the options will be forfeited.
9. On dismissal options will be forfeited.
10. Options shall not participate in any bonus issue of securities unless and until they are exercised.
11. Listing Rule 7.1 applies to this issue of options.

Yours sincerely

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Option Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 213)

Performance Options (options) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue 16 December 2005
2. Number of options issued 1,968,088
3. Amount paid per option Nil
4. Issue price or consideration \$20.53
5. Options are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of options rank immediately for dividends.
6. The options will not be listed and are not transferable.
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Dear Sir/Madam

Option Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 713)

Performance Options (options) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue 16 December 2005
2. Number of options issued 43,622
3. Amount paid per option Nil
4. Issue price or consideration \$22.53
5. Options are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of options rank immediately for dividends.
6. The options will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, options will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 1000 no earlier than 3 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the options will lapse.
8. On retirement, retrenchment, death, temporary and permanent disablement and an employer ceasing to be a Westpac subsidiary, unvested options may vest (in certain circumstances subject to satisfaction of performance requirements and on a pro-rated basis) and vested options are to be exercised within 12 months, or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the options will be forfeited. On resignation, vested options are to be exercised within 3 months or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the options will be forfeited.
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Dear Sir/Madam

Option Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 813)

Performance Options (options) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue 16 December 2005
2. Number of options issued 44,214
3. Amount paid per option Nil
4. Issue price or consideration \$22.53
5. Options are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of options rank immediately for dividends.
6. The options will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, options will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 1000 no earlier than 3 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the options will lapse.
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Dear Sir/Madam

Performance Share Right Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 313)

Performance Share Rights (share rights) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue: 16 December 2005
2. Number of share rights issued: 1,114,368
3. Amount paid per share right: Nil
4. Issue price or consideration: No consideration is payable
5. Share rights are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of share rights rank immediately for dividends.
6. The share rights will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, share rights will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 500 no earlier than 2 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the share rights will lapse.
8. On retirement, retrenchment, death, temporary and permanent disablement and an employer ceasing to be a Westpac subsidiary, unvested share rights may vest (in certain circumstances subject to satisfaction of performance requirements and on a pro-rated basis) and vested share rights are to be exercised within 12 months, or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the share rights will be forfeited. On resignation, vested share rights are to be exercised within 3 months or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the share rights will be forfeited.
9. On dismissal share rights will be forfeited.
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Dear Sir/Madam

Performance Share Right Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 413)

Performance Share Rights (share rights) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue: 16 December 2005
2. Number of share rights issued: 1,112,602
3. Amount paid per share right: Nil
4. Issue price or consideration: No consideration is payable
5. Share rights are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of share rights rank immediately for dividends.
6. The share rights will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, share rights will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 500 no earlier than 3 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the share rights will lapse.
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Performance Share Right Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 513)

Performance Share Rights (share rights) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue: 16 December 2005
2. Number of share rights issued: 673,375
3. Amount paid per share right: Nil
4. Issue price or consideration: No consideration is payable
5. Share rights are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of share rights rank immediately for dividends.
6. The share rights will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, share rights will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 500 no earlier than 3 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the share rights will lapse.
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Performance Share Right Grant – Westpac Performance Plan (series 613)

Performance Share Rights (share rights) were granted on 20 December 2005 under the Westpac Performance Plan to eligible employees of members of the Westpac Group. Details are:

1. Closing date of issue: 16 December 2005
2. Number of share rights issued: 676,694
3. Amount paid per share right: Nil
4. Issue price or consideration: No consideration is payable
5. Share rights are not eligible to participate in dividends. Fully paid ordinary shares allotted upon the exercise of share rights rank immediately for dividends.
6. The share rights will not be listed and are not transferable.
7. Subject to satisfaction of performance requirements as set out in the Plan, share rights will vest and may be exercised in multiples of 500 no earlier than 3 years from the date of grant and no later than 10 years from the date of grant. If not exercised, the share rights will lapse.
8. On retirement, retrenchment, death, temporary and permanent disablement and an employer ceasing to be a Westpac subsidiary, unvested share rights may vest (in certain circumstances subject to satisfaction of performance requirements and on a pro-rated basis) and vested share rights are to be exercised within 12 months, or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the share rights will be forfeited. On resignation, vested share rights are to be exercised within 3 months or within 10 years, whichever is the sooner – otherwise the share rights will be forfeited.
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