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Dear Caitlin

For announcement to the market:

**Macquarie Capital Plus Protected Portfolios -- Confirmation of gearing
for CLPXMH**

Macquarie Bank Limited ("Macquarie") is the issuer of Capital Plus Protected Portfolios pursuant to an Offering Circular dated 23 May 2003.

Macquarie advises that the Offer Period for Series 8 (ASX code CLPXMH) opens on 2 January 2004 and closes on 30 January 2004 with trading expected to commence on the ASX on 9 February 2004. Macquarie confirms that the Gearing level for Series 8 is 20% entitling holders to receive at maturity 120% of the increase in the capital value of the Portfolio. Please refer to the Offering Circular dated 23 May 2003 for further details.

Should you have any other questions regarding this matter please contact your Stockbroker or Financial Adviser or call Macquarie on 1800 803 010.

Yours Sincerely

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