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Dear Sir/Madam,

Macquarie Life Limited and Macquarie Newton Specialist Funds Management Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Macquarie Bank Limited ("Macquarie"), have been granted exemption from compliance with section 259C of the Corporations Act allowing them to invest in Macquarie shares.

The exemptions were granted by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and are subject to certain conditions. One of these conditions is that Macquarie discloses the information below to Australian Stock Exchange Limited on a fortnightly basis.

The aggregated percentage of Macquarie voting shares:

- (a) in respect of which Macquarie Life Limited and Macquarie Newton Specialist Funds Management Limited have the power to control voting or disposal; and
- (b) underlying derivatives held by Macquarie Life Limited and Macquarie Newton Specialist Funds Management Limited,

as at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2004, was 0.037%.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Leong  
Company Secretary