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Dear Sir/Madam,

Macquarie Life Limited, MQ Specialist Investment Management Limited and MQ Portfolio 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, MQ Specialist Investment Management Limited and MQ Portfolio Management Limited have the power to control voting or disposal; and
- (b) underlying derivatives held by Macquarie Life Limited, MQ Specialist Investment Management Limited and MQ Portfolio Management Limited,

as at 15 December 2006, was 0.14%.

Yours faithfully

Michael Panikian  
Company Secretary