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Dear Sir/Madam

James Hardie's CEO, Mr Peter Macdonald, will conduct a conference call at 7.00pm this evening to discuss this afternoon's announcement by The Premier of NSW, Mr Bob Carr, that the Government would set up a Special Commission of Inquiry into the establishment of the Medical Research and Compensation Foundation.

The presentation will be lodged with the ASX before 7.00pm.

The conference call details are as follows:

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Yours faithfully



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