



James Hardie

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Dear Sir

Dividend Amount in \$AUD

The Company's dividend of US 5 cents per share announced on 13 November 2006 converts to 6.39 Australian cents per CUFS.

The dividend is payable in Australian currency on 8 January 2007 to CUFS holders registered at the 15 December 2006 record date.

American Depositary Receipt holders will receive payment in US currency.

Dutch withholding tax will be deducted from the dividend.

Yours faithfully

Benjamin P Butterfield
Company Secretary