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### Update on demerger proposal

The AMP Board has provided an update on the progress of the demerger proposal ahead of the closure of the fully underwritten Share Purchase Plan on Friday 13 June 2003.

The Board continues to believe the demerger, announced on 1 May 2003, is in the best long term interests of shareholders. The Group is on target to achieve the demerger by the end of 2003, subject to shareholder and necessary regulatory approvals.

The Board believes that the separation of the Australian and UK businesses will allow their fundamental value to be better reflected in the market, given the focus of the demerged companies on specific geographic markets. This has already been evidenced by the expressions of interest received in respect of various components of the business, as AMP's Chairman Peter Willcox indicated at the Annual General Meeting on 15 May 2003.

While this continuing interest remains informal and general, it confirms the Board's view that the demerger will enhance shareholder value. If any formal offers are received, they will be given proper consideration and, if appropriate, brought to shareholders.

ASIC noted earlier this week that a number of details regarding the demerger remain outstanding. While the Board understands the market's desire for more information, substantial work remains to be completed before that information is available for release. All relevant information will be contained in the Explanatory Memorandum, which will be lodged with ASIC in the fourth quarter of this year.

An Independent Expert's Report is being commissioned for inclusion in the Explanatory Memorandum. Details about this appointment will be available shortly.

Advisers already appointed include investment banks Caliburn Partnership and UBS, as principal advisers, Ernst & Young as investigating accountants and Tillinghurst as consulting actuary. Legal advisers include Mallesons and Minter Ellison in Australia and Freshfields and Lovells in the UK.

In preparation for the demerger, the company is now being run on geographic lines, with Andrew Mohl, AMP's CEO, responsible for the Australasian-based businesses and Roger Yates, Managing Director of Henderson Global Investors, running the UK-based businesses, reporting to Mr Mohl.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders to approve the demerger proposal will be held at the end of the year.

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