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The Manager
Listings Department
Australian Stock Exchange Limited

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NOTICE OF INITIAL SUBSTANTIAL HOLDER

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Section 671B of the Corporations Law, AMP Limited discloses a substantial holding in Oil Search Limited.

The enclosed ASIC Form 603 discloses all required details.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Young".

Gavin Young
Manager, Corporate Actions
BNP Paribas Securities Services
Tel: 61 2 9222 0045

Form 603
Corporations Law
Section 671B
Notice of Initial Substantial Holder

To: Oil Search Limited

ACN/ARSN: 055 079 868

1. Details of substantial holder

Name: AMP Limited (ACN 079 354 519) and its related bodies corporate.

The holder became a substantial holder on 14-Jan-2004

2. Details of voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate had a relevant interest on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

<i>Class of securities</i>	<i>Number of Securities</i>	<i>Persons' votes</i>	<i>Voting power</i>
Ordinary Fully Paid	55,895,500	55,895,500	5.02%

3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

<i>Holder of relevant interest</i>	<i>Nature of relevant interests</i>	<i>Class and number of securities</i>	<i>Person's votes affected</i>
AMP Life Limited ("AMP Life")	AMP Life is entitled to be the registered holder of the class and number of securities listed beside its name. AMP Life is a controlled body corporate of AMP Limited within the meaning of Section 608(3) of the Corporations Law	Ordinary Fully Paid: 27,694,026	27,694,026
AMP Capital Investors Limited ("AMP Capital")	AMP Capital, in its capacity as the investment manager for the persons or trusts listed besides its name in Paragraph 4, has the power to control voting and/or the disposal of securities. AMP Capital is a controlled body corporate of AMP Limited within the meaning of Section 608(3) of the Corporations Law	Ordinary Fully Paid: 28,144,170	28,144,170
AMP Capital Investors Limited in its capacity as Responsible Entity of the the Future Directions Extended Markets International Share Fund	AMP Capital Investors Limited is a controlled body corporate of AMP Limited within the meaning of Section 608(3) of the Corporations Law	Ordinary Fully Paid: 57,304	57,304

Total: 55,895,500

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

<i>Holder of relevant interest</i>	<i>Registered holder of securities</i>	<i>Person entitled to be registered as holder</i>	<i>Class and number of securities</i>	<i>Person's votes affected</i>
AMP Life Limited	AMP Life Limited	AMP Life Limited	Ordinary Fully Paid: 27,694,026	27,694,026
AMP Capital Investors Limited	Cogent Nominees Pty Limited <SMP Accounts>	Cogent Nominees Pty Limited <SMP Accounts>	Ordinary Fully Paid: 8,452,431	8,452,431
	Cogent Nominees Pty Limited	Cogent Nominees Pty Limited	Ordinary Fully Paid: 3,197,863	3,197,863
	Asgard Capital Management Limited	Asgard SMA No. 6	Ordinary Fully Paid: 329	329
	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	Stichting Pensioenfonds Hoogovens	Ordinary Fully Paid: 457,182	457,182
	JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	Stichting Pensioenfonds ABP	Ordinary Fully Paid: 6,481,504	6,481,504
	JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	QLD Local Government Superannuation Board	Ordinary Fully Paid: 1,703,173	1,703,173

	JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	State Authority Superannuation Scheme	Ordinary Fully Paid: 1,849,690	1,849,690
	National Custodian Services Limited	Government Employees Superannuation Board	Ordinary Fully Paid: 2,880,414	2,880,414
	National Custodian Services Limited	Equisuper	Ordinary Fully Paid: 1,163,679	1,163,679
	National Custodian Services Limited	Health Superannuation Pty Limited	Ordinary Fully Paid: 164,850	164,850
	National Custodian Services Limited	Unisuper	Ordinary Fully Paid: 1,517,174	1,517,174
	Permanent Trustee	United SMF Sector Leaders Australian Equity Fund	Ordinary Fully Paid: 275,881	275,881
AMP Capital Investors Limited as Responsible Entity of the Future Directions Extended Markets International Share Fund	Citibank N.A. Hong Kong	AMP Capital Investors Limited	Ordinary Fully Paid: 57,304	57,304
Total:				55,895,500

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration	Class and number of securities
AMP Capital Investors Limited	05-Jan-04	\$59,637.20	Ordinary Shares 57,304
AMP Life Limited	7-Oct-2003 to 14-Jan-2004	\$11,610,216.22	Ordinary Shares 10,794,589
BT Australian Equity Fund	8-Oct-2003 to 10-Oct-2003	\$45,214.21	Ordinary Shares 42,212
Cogent Nominees Pty Limited	26-Sep-2003 to 14-Jan-2004	\$9,024,965.16	Ordinary Shares 8,252,736
Dynamic Australia Fund	24-Oct-2003 to 3-Nov-2003	\$14,931.90	Ordinary Shares 14,600
Equisuper	15-Dec-2003 to 14-Jan-2004	\$105,850.08	Ordinary Shares 99,179
Government Employees Superannuation Board	24-Oct-2003 to 9-Dec-2003	\$839,853.93	Ordinary Shares 826,000
Health Super Pty Ltd	11-Dec-03	\$32,446.26	Ordinary Shares 33,413
Queensland Local Government Superannuation Board	4-Dec-2003 to 9-Dec-2003	\$497,592.93	Ordinary Shares 494,900
State Authority Superannuation Scheme	8-Oct-2003 to 14-Jan-2004	\$2,037,816.48	Ordinary Shares 1,849,690
Stichting Pensioenfonds - ABP	24-Oct-2003 to 15-Dec-2003	\$2,184,479.62	Ordinary Shares 2,146,300
Stichting Pensioenfonds Hoogovens	24-Oct-2003 to 9-Dec-2003	\$164,151.07	Ordinary Shares 161,600
UniSuper Limited	8-Oct-2003 to 14-Jan-2004	\$1,791,058.33	Ordinary Shares 1,619,515
United SMF Sector Leaders Australian Equity Fund	8-Oct-2003 to 14-Jan-2004	\$303,692.01	Ordinary Shares 275,881

6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

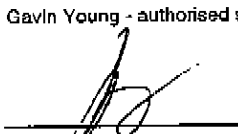
Name and ACN (if applicable)	Nature of association
AMP Life Limited (ACN 079 300 379)	Related bodies corporate of AMP Limited under Part 1.2 of the Corporations Law.
AMP Capital Investors Limited (ACN 001 777 591)	Related bodies corporate of AMP Limited under Part 1.2 of the Corporations Law.

7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
AMP Financial Services Holdings Limited	33 Alfred Street, Sydney NSW 2000
AMP Life Limited	50 Bridge Street, Sydney NSW 2000
AMP Limited	Level 24, 33 Alfred Street, Sydney NSW 2000
AMP Capital Investors Limited	Level 20, 33 Alfred Street, Sydney NSW 2000
AMP Capital Investors (NZ) Limited	City Tower, 95 Custom House Quay, Wellington, N.Z.
Asgard Capital Management Limited	PO Box 7817, Cloisters Square WA 6850
BT Australian Equity Fund	Locked Bag 7, Royal Exchange, Sydney NSW 1225
Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	101 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Cogent Investment Operations Pty Limited	Level 6, 60 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Cogent Nominees Pty Limited	Level 6, 60 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Commonwealth Bank Superannuation Plan	Level 11, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Commonwealth Custodial Services Limited	308 - 315 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Dynamic Australia Fund	16 Boulevard Royal, PO Box 14, L-2010, Luxembourg
Equisuper	171 Flinders Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Government Employee Superannuation Board	PO Box J755, Perth WA 6842
Health Superannuation Pty Limited	697 Burke Road, Camberwell VIC 3124
Henderson Global Investors Limited	3 Finsbury Ave, London EC2M 2PA, United Kingdom
JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	259 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Local Authorities Superannuation Board	468 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3000
London Life Limited	1 Norton Folgate, E16DA, United Kingdom
MN Services Asian Real Estate	c/- 271 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
National Custodian Services Limited	271 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
New Zealand Central Securities Depository Limited	PO Box 2099, Wellington, New Zealand
Pearl Assurance plc	55 Moorgate, London EC2R 6PA, United Kingdom
Permanent Trustee	35 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000
QLD Local Government Superannuation Board	Of GPO Box 264, Brisbane QLD 4001
State Authority Superannuation Scheme	Level 14, 83 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Stichting Pensioenfonds Hoogovens	PO Box 10,000, 1970 CA IJmuiden, The Netherlands
Stichting Pensioenfonds ABP	PO Box 10,000, 1970 CA IJmuiden, The Netherlands
Sun Superannuation Fund	271 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000
Unisuper Limited	Level 28, 367 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000
Westpac Custodian Nominees Limited	50 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000
Telstra Listed Property Trust	Level 3, 215 Spring Street, Melbourne 3000
United SMF Sector Leaders Australian Equity Fund	Level 3, 30 Collins Street Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Name: Gavin Young - authorised signatory

Signature: Date: 16/1/04

This Initial Substantial Holder Notice (ASIC Form 603) comprises 3 pages in total.