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Subject: Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited
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Form 604

Corporations Act 2001
Section 671B

Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

To Australian Stock Exchange Ltd
ACN/ARSN 008 624 691

1. Details of substantial holder

Name **Barclays Group ("Barclays")**
ABN **33 001 804 566** Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited

There was a change in the interests
of the substantial holder on 4 March 2004

The previous notice was given to the
company on 16 February 2004

The previous notice was dated 16 February 2004

2. Previous and present 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 in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities	Previous notice		Present notice	
	Person's votes	Voting power	Person's votes	Voting power
Ordinary	6,397,479	6.27%	7,796,430	7.64%

3. Changes in relevant interests

Particulars of each change in, or change on the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of change	Consideration given in relation to change	Class and number of securities affected	Person's votes affected
4/3/04	Barclays	Increase of voting power	On market	7,796,430 ordinary	7.64%

4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder	Nature of relevant interest	Class and number of securities	Person's votes
	See Annexure A			7,796,430	7.64%

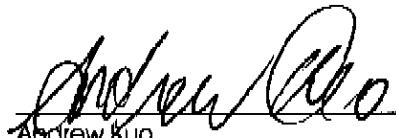
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5. Addresses

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

Name	Address
Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited	1/111 Harrington Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Signature


Andrew Kuo
Company Secretary
Barclays Global Investors Australia

10/3/04
Date

This is "Annexure A" of 1 page referred to in Form 604 Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

Relevant interest in Australian Stock Exchange Ltd held by the Barclays Group ("Barclays").

The list of Barclays entities and their respective holdings are as follows:

ASX CODE	STOCK NAME	HOLDING	%	COMPANY
ASX	Australian Stock Exchange Ltd	511,571	0.50%	Barclays Global Investors Ltd
ASX	Australian Stock Exchange Ltd	5,796,657	5.68%	Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd
ASX	Australian Stock Exchange Ltd	4,129	0.00%	Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd
ASX	Australian Stock Exchange Ltd	98,134	0.10%	Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust & Banking
ASX	Australian Stock Exchange Ltd	1,077,443	1.06%	Barclays Global Investors N.A.
ASX	Australian Stock Exchange Ltd	308,496	0.30%	Barclays Global Fund Advisors
		7,796,430	7.64%	

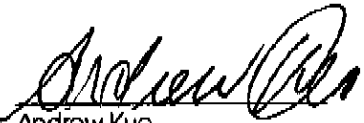
The JP Morgan Chase Bank Inc. and various other custodians (Custodians) hold shares in Australian Stock Exchange Ltd (ASX) as custodian and for which Barclays is either:

- the responsible entity or trustee of pooled investment products such as registered managed investment schemes (Funds); or
- the investment manager of Portfolios held for a number of institutional investors. The institutional investors are generally superannuation funds regulated under the *Superannuation Industry Supervision Act 1993*.

The holding of shares in ASX was acquired as part of the wide portfolio of Australian shares and units acquired for the Funds and the Portfolios.

Barclays and the Custodians may hold relevant interests due to the capacity of these entities to dispose of the shares in ASX.

Each investor in a Fund owns an undivided interest in the Fund's assets, no client directly owns any asset of the Fund. The unitholding of each Fund varies from time to time as clients enter and withdraw from the Funds. The various institutional investors with portfolios delegate the management of the portfolios to Barclays.


 Andrew Kuo
 Company Secretary
 Barclays Global Investors Australia

10/3/04
 Date