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Australian Stock Exchange Ltd
Companies Announcement Office
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Dear Sir,

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX

***NEW SHARE ISSUE - AUGUST 2005 PLACEMENT AND COMPLIANCE
NOTICE***

Following the arrangement of its successful placement of 120 million fully paid ordinary shares ("Placement"), the Company advises that it has now issued the first tranche of 49,600,000 ordinary shares ("August 2005 Shares") under the Placement. It also gives notice under sub-section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act ("Act") in respect of the August 2005 Shares that:

1. they were issued without disclosure to investors under Part 6D of the Act;
2. as at the date of this notice, Beach has complied with:
 - 1) the provisions of Ch 2M of the Act, as they apply to the Company; and
 - 2) Section 674 of the Act;
3. there is no information to be disclosed of the kind that would be required to be disclosed under sub-section 713(5) of the Act if a prospectus were to be issued in reliance on Section 713 of the Act in relation to an offer of the First Tranche Shares.

The Company now has on issue 381,713,372 fully paid ordinary shares and 78,793,312 listed bonus options.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Presser".

Kathryn Presser
Company Secretary