



Press Release

Housewares International to be Added to the S&P/ASX 200

Sydney, August 21, 2003— Standard & Poor's, the leading provider of equity indices in Australia, announces that effective after the close of business on August 26, 2003 the following constituent addition will take place in the S&P/ASX 200 index. This addition will be reflected in the starting portfolio of August 27, 2003.

The following addition will take place as a result of AMP Industrial Trust being removed from the S&P/ASX indices at the close of trade on August 26, 2003.

S&P/ASX 200

S&P/ASX 200 INDEX:

ADDITION

CODE	NAME
HWI	HOUSEWARES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

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Information about the S&P/ASX index methodology is available at www.standardandpoors.com.au.

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