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Press Release

Standard & Poor's to Include Sundance Resources Ltd. in the S&P/ASX 200

SYDNEY, Dec. 17, 2007—Standard & Poor's Index Services Australia today announced that it will remove Coates Hire Ltd. (ASX: COA) from the S&P/ASX indices, subject to court approval of the proposed scheme of arrangement under which Ned Group Holdings Pty Ltd. will acquire the company. If the scheme is approved, Standard & Poor's Index Services will remove Coates Hire Ltd. from the S&P/ASX indices after the close of business on Dec. 21, 2007.

Sundance Resources Ltd. (ASX: SDL) will replace Coates Hire Ltd. in the S&P/ASX 200. St Barbara Ltd. (ASX: SBM) will replace Coates Hire Ltd. the S&P/ASX All Australian 200. These changes are scheduled to become effective after the close of business on Dec. 21, 2007.

S&P/ASX 200

ADDITION

CODE	NAME
SDL	SUNDANCE RESOURCES LTD.

REMOVAL

CODE	NAME
COA	COATES HIRE LTD.

S&P/ASX All Australian 200

ADDITION

CODE	NAME
SBM	ST BARBARA LTD.

REMOVAL

CODE	NAME
COA	COATES HIRE LTD.

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