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OUTCOME OF RESOLUTIONS PUT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 29 NOVEMBER 2005

All of the resolutions put to shareholders were passed on a show of hands.

Resolution 2 to adopt the Remuneration Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2005

The total number of proxy votes, in respect of which the appointments specified that:

(i) the proxy is to vote for the resolution:
(ii) the proxy is to vote against the resolution:
29,037,131
2,000

(iii) the proxy is to abstain on the resolution: 3,200

(iv) the proxy may vote at the proxy's discretion:

Resolution 3 to re-elect Ernest Geoffrey Albers

The total number of proxy votes, in respect of which the appointments specified that:

(i) the proxy is to vote for the resolution: 1,613,226
(ii) the proxy is to vote against the resolution: 2,400

(iii) the proxy is to abstain on the resolution: 27,426,705

(iv) the proxy may vote at the proxy's discretion:

Resolution 4 to re-elect Christopher Robert Hart

The total number of proxy votes, in respect of which the appointments specified that:

(i) the proxy is to vote for the resolution: 29,039,931

(ii) the proxy is to vote against the resolution: 2,400

(iii) the proxy is to abstain on the resolution:

(iv) the proxy may vote at the proxy's discretion:

By order of the Board

David B Hill

Company Secretary