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17th January 2006

The Manager Company Announcements Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited 384 Hunter Street NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Sir,

## **Net Asset Backing**

The unaudited Net Asset Backing of Illuminator Investment Company Limited's ordinary shares as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 was approximately 50.5 cents per share.

The Company is a long term investor and does not intend disposing of its total long term investment portfolio. If estimated tax on gains arising from such disposal were to be deducted, the above figure would be approximately 50.5 cents per share.

The net asset backing figure as at 31 January 2006 is expected to be announced by Tuesday 14 February 2006.

Yours faithfully

ILLUMINATOR INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

DANIEL DI STEFANO
COMPANY SECRETARY

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