

7 November 2008

Mr Scott Evans
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Dear Mr Evans

Market Announcement

Thank you for your letter dated 4th November 2008.

The Board of Directors would like to clarify the announcement made by the Ascend Group Ltd (Company) dated 4 November 2008, in particular the reference to the statement "*the Board has resolved to cease trading*".

The following activities are currently being undertaken by the company and/or its wholly owned subsidiary.

- a) the continued management of each of the Ascend Funds and,
- b) discussions with relevant parties to restructure the assets of each of the funds.

It should be noted that each of the Ascend Funds have currently ceased accepting applications and redemptions.

In response to your questions:

1. The expected listing status of the company, that is, does the company expect to remain listed?

Yes.

2. If the company expects to seek administration of the business?

No.

3. The time frame in which the company expects to complete its restructuring activities?

8 to 12 weeks. The time frame may vary and the Company will keep the Exchange informed as to any changes to it.

4. Whether the nominated advisor has been consulted in this course of action?

Martin Place Securities Pty Ltd is our nominated adviser and has been advised of the situation.

5. How the company expects to comply with Listing Rule section 24 6.56 which states?

“The Issuer shall carry out, directly and indirectly, a sufficient level of operations or have tangible assets of sufficient value and/or intangible assets for which a sufficient potential listing value can be demonstrated to the Exchange to warrant the continued listing of the Exchange of the issuer’s securities.”

Listing Rule section 2A 6.54 requires that the Company “carry out...a sufficient level of operations...to warrant the continued listing on the Exchange of [its] securities”.

The Company’s current level of operations has as its principal aim the restructure of the Company’s affairs in a way to warrant the continued listing of its securities on the Exchange.

On that basis we believe that the Company’s current level of operations is sufficient to meet its obligations under Listing Rule section 2A 6.54.

The company also expects that by the activities referred to in (a) and (b) above being undertaken, it will continue to comply with Listing Rule 2A 6.54

Please contact me if you have any further questions of require clarification of any our answers.

Yours Sincerely



Alan P Beasley
Director