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Company Announcement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE MARKET

With its banking operations in Rye and Dromana in Victoria, the board of Rye & District Community Financial Services Limited has, for some time, identified the strategic importance of establishing a presence in the township of Rosebud.

As part of fulfilling this strategic objective, the board has been looking to purchase or rent premises within the commercial centre of Rosebud to enable it to establish a purpose-built retail banking facility.

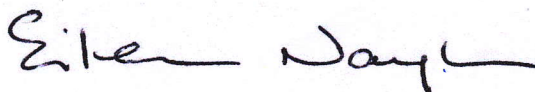
This notice serves to advise that the Company has been successful in purchasing a property at 1087-1089 Point Nepean Road, Rosebud for a purchase price of \$1.35million.

Settlement of this purchase was effected on 10 September 2010 with the purchase price being met from the company's cash reserves and from a loan facility with the Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Limited.

The property is subject to a commercial lease due to expire in September 2012 – a lease which the company intends to honour.

It is envisaged that the Community Bank® operation in Rosebud will commence in 2013, subject to the necessary approvals from planning and regulatory authorities.

By order of the Board.



Eileen Naylor
Company Secretary