



24 December 2004

Mr Scott Evans  
Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited  
384 Hunter Street  
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Mr Evans

A determination has been made by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) under section 718 of the Corporations Act, 2001 as amended (the Act). The company has made application under Freedom of Information Legislation for materials and requested reasons for the determination under section 28 of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal SA. A summary of the responses will be announced to the Exchange as received by the Company from ASIC.

The Company also announces that it has to-day filed with ASIC, under section 218 of the Act, a copy materials to be forwarded to shareholders convening an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company at 2.00pm on Tuesday 16 February, 2005 at the Company's premises at Marrickville, for shareholders to consider, and if thought fit, approve or disapprove a Special Resolution of the Company to cancel certain shares of related parties to the Company in accordance with provisions of Chapter 2E of the Act. In accordance with the Act, the related parties are disqualified from exercising any voting rights upon that resolution.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Jensen  
Director