

5 January 2004

Australian Stock Exchange Limited Company Announcements Level 10 20 Bond Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

By Facsimile: 1900 999 279

Dear Sir

This is to advise that the company has 1,769,000 ordinary shares and 951,000 partly paid shares which are due to come out of escrow on 17 January 2004.

The company will apply for quotation of the ordinary shares as soon as possible after the escrow period has expired.

Yours faithfully INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL

Christopher Bonwick Managing Director