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## **MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Net Tangible Asset Backing - 30 November 2012

Month Ending:	% Change	30 November 2012 Consolidated	31 October 2012 Consolidated
Net tangible assets (NTA) (before tax)	- 4.34%	\$11.552m	\$12.076m
Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share		\$0.649	\$0.678
Net tangible assets (after tax)	- 4.34%	\$11.552m	\$12.076m
Post-Tax NTA Backing per share		\$0.649	\$0.678
Based on total issued share capital		17,814,389	17,814,389

The NTA position comprises the following items:

Net Tangible Assets	Current Month \$'millions	Previous Month \$'millions
Investment in listed Associated Entity: (a) Shares in Bentley Capital Limited (BEL)	4.348	4.648
Investments in other listed securities: (a) Shares in Strike Resources Limited (SRK)	1.836	2.170
Investment in property (held for development/resale)	1.640	1.640
Agribusiness assets (including inventories)	1.884	1.879
Net cash/receivables/payables/other assets/provisions	1.844	1.739
Pre-Tax NTA	\$11.552	\$12.076
Tax Provisions:  (a) Prior year tax  (b) Current year tax  (c) Net deferred tax asset / (liability)	- - -	- - -
Post-Tax NTA	\$11.552	\$12.076

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## Notes:

- (1) The Company's investment in BEL, an Associated Entity (i.e. in which the Company has a greater than 20% interest), is accounted for under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.
  - Under the equity method, the carrying amount of such investment is cost plus a share of the Associate Entity's net profit or loss (after tax) for the financial year to month end as provided to the Company by such Associated Entity (refer note 1.3 (Summary of Accounting Policies Investments in Associates) at page 21 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report).
  - Accordingly, as at 30 November 2012, the Company's 20,513,783 shares (27.97% interest) (31 October 2012: 20,513,783 shares and 27.97%) in BEL has a carrying value of \$0.2119 per share (\$4.348m); this compares with BEL's last bid price on ASX of \$0.150 per share (\$3.077m) and BEL's after tax NTA backing of \$0.262 per share (\$5.369m) at month end.
- (2) The fair value of investments in ASX listed Strike Resources Limited (**SRK**) comprise 16,690,802 shares (31 October 2012: 16,690,802 shares) with a value of \$0.11 per share (based on the closing bid price on 30 November 2012) (31 October 2012: \$0.13). The Company notes that SRK's closing bid price on 11 December 2012 was \$0.11 per share.
- (3) The fair value of investments in other listed securities is based on each security's last bid price on market at month end.
- (4) Investment in property (held for resale) is carried at net realisable value (refer note 1.13 (Summary of Accounting Policies Property held for Resale) at page 23 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report.
- (5) Agribusiness assets comprises a 143 hectare property comprising olive grove land and trees, depreciable plant and equipment, grove related infrastructure and olive oil inventories. The olive grove land and trees are carried at net realisable value (refer note 1.14 (Summary of Accounting Policies Property, Plant and Equipment) at page 23 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report).
- (6) Tax Provision Item (c) includes where applicable, a provision for income tax on net unrealised gains on the Company's investments in securities and its share of Associated Entities' after tax net profit for the month (deferred tax liability) and the recognition of future income tax benefits on net unrealised losses on the Company's investments in securities and its share of Associated Entities' after tax net loss for the month (deferred tax asset).

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