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The General Manager
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Company Announcements Office
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Dear Sir,

NET ASSET BACKING

The Directors advise that the unaudited net tangible asset backing of the Company's ordinary shares at 31 December 2005 was \$6.91 per share (30 November 2005, \$6.63). The net asset backing calculation is based on investments at market value, and is after provision for tax on net realised gains and before estimated tax on unrealised gains.

Australian United Investment Company Limited is a long term investor and does not intend disposing of its total portfolio. However, under current accounting standards the Company is required to provide for estimated tax on any gains that would arise on such a theoretical disposal. After deducting this provision, the above figure would be \$5.76 (30 November 2005 \$5.56).

Yours sincerely,

A J Hancock
Company Secretary