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Dear Sir

Commonwealth Bank of Australia **ABC Learning Centres Limited**

Following the appointment of voluntary administrators and receivers to ABC Learning Centres Limited ("ABC"), the Commonwealth Bank of Australia confirmed its Senior Debt exposure to ABC is approximately \$240 million.

The Group also hold 4.456 million ABC Learning Centres Limited Hybrid Notes. Following the \$100 million post tax write down of these notes (announced on 8 October 2008) their carrying value is approximately \$220 million.

Yours faithfully

J D Hatton

Company Secretary