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Dear Sir

**Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Interim Dividend Payment – 23 March 2009**

On 23 March 2009, Commonwealth Bank of Australia will be paying its interim dividend for the half year ended 31 December 2008 of 113 cents per share, amounting to \$1,662.5 million.

This dividend will be 100% franked at the company tax rate of 30%.

The dividend will be paid to all Commonwealth Bank shareholders who were recorded on the register as at the record date of 20 February 2009.

Shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan will be issued at a price of \$28.45.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J D Hatton', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

J D Hatton
Company Secretary