

# Commonwealth Bank

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Dear Sir

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ("CBA") announced on 11 February 2009 that a Share Purchase Plan ("SPP") will be offered to eligible shareholders. The SPP offer will open on 16 February 2009.

The SPP will be offered pursuant to an exemption from Parts 6D.2 and 6D.3 of the Corporations Act 2001 Cth ("Act") (other than sections 736 and 738) granted by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 9 February 2009 ("Exemption"). It is a condition of the Exemption that CBA gives ASX Limited this notice before the SPP offer is made.

CBA gives notice that:

- (i) CBA will be issuing the shares without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Act; and
- (ii) this notice is being given in accordance with the Exemption; and
- (iii) as at the date of the notice, CBA:
  - (A) has complied with the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to the issuer; and
  - (B) complies with section 674 of the Act; and
- (iv) as at the date of the notice, there is no information that is "excluded information" (in accordance with the requirements of subsections 708A(5) and (6) of the Act as if the notice were a notice under paragraph 708A(5)(e) of the Act).

Yours sincerely

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