

ASX Announcement



Beware of unsolicited offer for Commonwealth Bank shares

Sydney, 13 July 2010 The Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the Group) has received a request from Direct Share Purchasing Corporation Pty Ltd, a company associated with Mr David Tweed (DSPC) for a copy of the Group's share register.

Under the Corporations Act, anyone can request shareholder details from a publicly listed company and the Group has no legal means by which to refuse the request for details, which include shareholders' names and addresses.

In the event that shareholders receive offers from DSPC to buy their Commonwealth Bank shares, they should:

- read the offer letter carefully
- compare the offer price against the current price of Commonwealth Bank shares (ASX code: CBA)
- speak to their financial adviser before making any decisions about selling their shares

There is no compulsion for any shareholders to accept the offer.

The CBA share price is available in the business pages of major newspapers and is also available on the Group's website www.commbank.com.au/shareholder

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) advises shareholders to be aware of the pitfalls associated with unsolicited offers to purchase shares. It has provided a "safety checklist" to assist shareholders in assessing such offers that is available from www.fido.gov.au [Go to > About financial products > Shares > Buying and selling shares > Unexpected offers to buy your shares]. Further details on dealing with unsolicited offers can also be obtained from ASIC by contacting 1300 300 630.

For more information about alternative ways to sell their shares, shareholders should speak to their broker or contact Link Market Services on 1800 022 440.

The Group welcomes the Government's proposed changes to the legislation relating to the access to company share registers. We are hopeful that the legislation will be implemented ultimately which will offer greater protection to shareholders against unsolicited offers of this nature.

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