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## PERLS III - QUARTERLY DIVIDEND PAYMENT

Today, before market close, the Directors of Preferred Capital Limited resolved to pay a fully franked PERLS III dividend of \$1.7410 per security to be paid on 6 April 2009.

The dividend rate is based on the following calculation:

Market rate (90 Bank Bill Rate as at 6 January 2009):	3.9933%
Plus Margin:	<u>1.0500%</u>
-	5.0433% p.a
Multiplied by (1- Tax Rate):	0.70
Dividend Rate	3.5303% p.a

The record date for the dividend is 30 March 2009 with the ex-dividend date being 24 March 2009. The dividend will cover a period of 90 days.

For further information, please contact Warwick Bryan (Executive General Manager Investor Relations), on (02) 9378 5979.

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