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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Net Tangible Asset Backing - 31 July 2006

Month Ending:	%Change	Current Month 31 July 2006	Previous Month 30 June 2006
Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share (cents) ⁽¹⁾	-0.76%	\$1.0609	\$1.0690
Post-Tax NTA Backing per share (cents) ⁽²⁾	-0.58%	\$0.9769	\$0.9826
Based on total issued share capital		19,087,743	19,087,743

The current month NTA backing does not include a provision for a 2.4 cents per share (75% franked) dividend announced by the Company on 11 August 2006. The record date for such dividend is 29 August 2006 with payment to be effected on 31 August 2006. The Company will receive Dividend Reinvestment Plan elections up to the record date.

The NTA position (post-tax) comprises the following items:

Net Assets	Current Month \$'millions	Previous Month \$'millions
Investment in the FSP Equities Leaders' Fund (FSP Fund) managed by the Company's investment manager, FSP Equities Management Limited (FSP) ⁽¹⁾	16.81	16.86
Shares in Drillsearch Energy Limited (DLS) ⁽³⁾	3.38	3.50
Provision for income tax ⁽²⁾	(1.60)	(1.65)
Net cash on deposit / other assets	0.07	0.05
Total Net Assets	18.66	18.76

About The FSP Equities Leaders' Fund (FSP Fund) ⁽⁴⁾

The 12 month net performance of the FSP Fund to 31 July 2006 was 18.1%. The benchmark performance (S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index) was 18.7%.

The FSP Fund is a wholesale fund not open to retail investors. The investment management team is led by Mr Ronni Chalmers. The objective of the fund is to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index over the medium term. There is no minimum equity weighting with the equity weighting as at 31 December 2005 being 94% with the balance in cash and listed fixed interest securities.

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75% of the equity portfolio is targeted to companies contained within the S&P/ASX 200 index. The remaining 25% of the portfolio is invested in companies outside of the S&P/ASX 200 index. The equity portfolio contains approximately 100 holdings. The cash component of the portfolio contains other listed fixed interest holdings that include preference shares, convertible notes or hybrid securities. The Investment Manager is "style neutral" and invests in growth stocks, value stocks, stocks with maintainable dividend yields and special situations.

Notes:

1. NTA backing is calculated for SCB and its controlled entities (SCB Group).

The SCB Group's investments are financial assets which are measured at fair value at month end. The fair value of listed securities are measured at bid price (where available) and last sale price (where bid price is not available) at month end and excludes disposal costs. The fair value of the Company's investment in the FSP Fund is valued at the unit price at month end published by FSP - such unit price reflects the net tangible asset backing of the fund and no buy/sell spread or exit fees are charged to the Company.

2. The post-tax NTA backing per share is reported net of provision for tax liabilities on the SCB Group's net profit (including after any realised and unrealised gains on investments) after consolidation.
3. 23,300,000 DLS shares at 14.5 cents each as at 31 July 2006 (30 June: 23,300,000 shares at 15.0 cents each).
4. Based on information provided by the Investment Manager, FSP Equities Management Limited.

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