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# MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

## Update on Rivkin Financial Services Limited Related Litigation

We make this announcement to update shareholders on the appeal filed by Sofcom Limited (**SOF**), Fast Scout Limited (**FSL**) and Altera Capital Limited (**AEA**) and settlement of costs in relation to the proceedings involving Rivkin Financial Services Limited (**RFS**).

In the original proceedings last year, RFS' claims against SOF, FSL and AEA were dismissed (with RFS ordered to pay costs to SOF, FSL and AEA) and SOF, FSL and AEA's cross-claims against RFS and other parties were dismissed (with SOF, FSL and AEA ordered to pay each such party's costs).

All the above parties have agreed to resolve these outstanding matters by SOF, AEA and FSL discontinuing the appeal with no order as to the costs and by SOF, AEA and FSL paying an amount of $382,500 to RFS (net of RFS' payment obligations to these parties).

SOF, AEA and FSL will have until 30 June 2005 to pay the costs settlement with interest accruing at 10% p.a. If the settlement sum is not paid by 30 June 2005, SOF, AEA and FSL have agreed to pay an additional amount of $100,000 to RFS and interest shall accrue at 15% p.a.

The costs of SOF, AEA and FSL in relation to their investment in RFS (including payment of legal costs and the above settlement cost) are shared between each company in proportion to each company's relative interest in their collective stake in RFS (currently 4,711,971 shares or 4.697% of RFS' issued share capital) - SOF's share is 67%; FSL's share is 18% and AEA's share is 15%.

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