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Computershare launches new online services

Computershare today announced a range of new online services on its integrated web-site, www.computershare.com.

The on-line services now available on www.computershare.com include:

Investor Centre - Investors can use this service to review details of their holdings in companies to which Computershare provides registry services. Online information includes current balances, transaction history and dividend history. Investors can also initiate changes to their details on the register and access listed company share price information at the Investor Centre.

Issuer Online- Using this service, companies that are registry clients of Computershare can access their own share registers online to check top holder reports, complete register searches, and review individual shareholders' details online, including current balances, transaction history and dividend history. Issuer Online also allows issuers to obtain information about share prices for listed securities.

Exempt Markets - Using Computershare's Exempt Markets on-line service, investors can buy and sell securities of unlisted issuers.

The website also includes corporate information for shareholders of Computershare including Investor Relations services, which provide Annual Reports and financial information online.

Issuer Online will allow Computershare share registry clients around the world to view their share registers electronically via a secure login and message encryption. The Investor Centre allows those companies' individual shareholders to view their individual shareholdings on-line.

Computershare Managing Director Mr Chris Morris said "Initially the services are being introduced in Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland, but we expect to add issuers in New Zealand, Hong Kong, South Africa and the US in the near future".

"Given that Computershare administers 41 million shareholder accounts worldwide on its global registry database, we expect our site to get significant traffic from issuers and investors in future" said Mr Morris.

"Computershare will progressively add to its range of online services for issuers and investors", Mr Morris added.

About Computershare

- › Computershare is incorporated in Australia and listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (symbol: CPU) with a market capitalisation of approximately A\$3.7 billion.
- › Computershare's origin was as a technology company servicing the share registration market, and it has seen rapid expansion in recent years into the provision of service registration in Australia, New Zealand, UK, Ireland, South Africa and Hong Kong.
- › Most recent financials were for the six months to 31 December 1999, which reported revenues of A\$174.1 million and EBITDA of A\$34.3 million.
- › Leading registry clients in the Australia include AMP, NAB, Colonial, Coles Myer and BHP.
- › Leading registry clients in the UK include Halifax, HSBC, British Airways, Marconi, Vodafone and PowerGen.
- › Computershare's most recent acquisition, announced in January, was its entry to the US and Canadian market by the acquisition of the transfer agency businesses of Harris Bank and its parent, Bank of Montreal. These businesses will be called Computershare Investor Services.
- › Computershare's other main line of business is the development and licensing of systems for the securities industry including systems for stock exchanges, regulators, brokers and investment managers.
- › Refer to the Computershare website - www.computershare.com - for more information on Computershare.

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