

THE SECURITIES ACT (AUSTRALIAN UNIT TRUSTS) EXEMPTION NOTICE 1998

Pursuant to the Securities Act 1978, the Securities Commission gives the following notice.

NOTICE

- 1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Securities Act (Australian Unit Trusts) Exemption Notice 1993.
- (2) This notice shall come into force on the day after the date of its notification in the Gazette.
- 2. Interpretation—(1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - "The Act" means the Securities Act 1978:
 - "Australian issuer" means a person named in the Schedule to this notice:
 - "Registered" includes lodged or filed or delivered for registration and "registration" has a corresponding meaning:
 - "The Regulations" means the Securities Regulations 1983:
 - "Specified participatory securities" means participatory securities in a unit trust established pursuant to the law of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (2) Any term or expression that is not defined in this notice, but that is defined in the Act, has the meaning given to it by the Act.
- **3. Meaning of "Australian prospectus"**—For the purposes of this notice, the term "Australian prospectus" in relation to an Australian issuer means a document—
 - (a) That contains an offer of specified participatory securities by that Australian issuer; and
 - (b) That is identical to a document registered under the law of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia; and
 - (c) By means of which it is lawful under the law of that State or Territory to make an offer of the specified participatory securities; and
 - (d) A copy of which has been deposited with the Registrar of Companies at Wellington together with a copy of—

- (i) The trust deed of the Australian issuer relating to the specified participatory securities and every amendment thereto:
- (ii) A letter of acceptance of the trust deed and every amendment thereto relating to the specified participatory securities issued by the relevant regulatory authority in accordance with the law of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with which the document has been registered:
- (iii) A certificate from the trustee named in the trust deed certifying that the trust deed relating to the specified participatory securities is in full force and effect:
- (iv) Every material contract specified or referred to in the document:
- (v) Any certificate or other document evidencing registration of the document:
 - (vi) The current Australian issuer's dealer's licence.
- 4. Certain Australian issuers exempt from compliance with certain provisions of the Securities Act 1978 and the Securities Regulations 1988—(1) Subject to subclauses (2) and (4) of this clause, every Australian issuer, and every person acting on its behalf, is exempted from compliance with the provisions of sections 33 and 38A of the Act in respect of any offer of specified participatory securities of which it is the issuer.
- (2) The exemption granted by subclause (1) of this clause is subject to the condition that— $\,$
 - (a) The offer is made in, or accompanied by, an Australian prospectus; or
 - (b) The offer is made in an advertisement that—
 - (i) Refers to an Australian prospectus that relates to all the securities referred to in the advertisement and states the date and place of registration thereof; and
 - (ii) States that allotments of the securities shall be made in the manner specified in the Australian prospectus and in the manner prescribed under the law of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with which the Australian prospectus is registered; and
 - (iii) Specifies the place or places at which an Australian prospectus may be obtained, or contains a coupon or coupons to be completed by any person who wishes to be sent an Australian prospectus, or both; and
 - (iv) Complies with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations relating to advertisements, other than provisions compliance with which is exempted pursuant to this notice and, for the purposes of this subparagraph, references in those regulations to the expression "registered prospectus" shall be construed as references to an Australian prospectus.
- (3) Subject to subclause (4) of this clause, every Australian issuer, and every person acting on its behalf, is exempted from compliance with the provisions of sections 37, 37A, and 51 to 54 of the Act and regulations 12, 15, and 17 of the Regulations in respect of any offer of specified participatory securities of which it is the issuer made in an Australian prospectus.

- (4) The exemptions granted by subclauses (1) and (3) of this clause are subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) That the Australian issuer not later than the close of the 31st day of March in each year furnishes to the Commission a written report in respect of the preceding calendar year that—
 - (i) States whether the Australian issuer continued to offer specified participatory securities to the public in New Zealand pursuant to an Australian prospectus; and
 - (ii) Specifies each unit trust in respect of which the Australian issuer continued to offer specified participatory securities; and
 - (iii) Specifies in respect of each unit trust the total amount of money raised in New Zealand by the Australian issuer by the offer of specified participatory securities; and
 - (iv) States in respect of each unit trust whether the Australian issuer wishes to continue to offer specified participatory securities to the public in New Zealand subject to the exemptions granted by this notice; and
 - (b) That every Australian prospectus that contains or refers to an offer of specified participatory securities contains, or is accompanied by a document that contains, a prominent statement that—
 - (i) Copies of documents material to the issue of specified participatory securities have been deposited with, and are available for inspection at the offices of, the Registrar of Companies at Wellington; and
 - (ii) The tax laws of Australia and New Zealand differ and that persons considering subscribing for specified participatory securities are advised to obtain professional taxation advice before doing so.
- **5. Revocations**—The Securities Act (Australian Unit Trusts) Exemption Notice 1991* and the Securities Act (Australian Unit Trusts) Exemption Notice 1991, Amendment No. 6† are hereby revoked.

*S.R. 1991/19 †S.R. 1992/353

SCHEDULE

Advance Asset Management Limited ANZ Funds Management Limited Armstrong Jones Management Limited Barclays Australia Investment Services Limited BT Financial Services Limited Colonial Mutual Funds Limited D.F. Johnson Syndicate Corporation Limited EquitiLink Australia Limited Global Funds Management (Vic) Limited Growth Equities Mutual Limited G.T. Unit Managers (Australia) Limited Jardine Fleming Australia Management Limited J.B. Were Capital Markets Limited Macquarie Investment Management Limited Mercantile Mutual Funds Management Limited Mirvac Funds Limited Mirvac Funds Securities Limited National Mutual Assets Management Limited Nomura Australia Management Co. Limited Northern Securities Management Limited Oceanic Funds Management Limited Ord Minnett Management Limited Perpetual Asset Management Limited Potter Warburg Asset Management Limited Potter Warburg Cash Management Limited Prudential Fund Managers Limited Rothschild Australia Asset Management Limited Thornton Management (Australia) Limited Tyndall Australia Limited Wardley Australia Management Limited Were Securities Limited Westfield Property Management Limited Westpac Financial Services Limited

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of March 1993.

The Common Seal of the Securities Commission was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

[L.S.]

P. D. McKENZIE, Chairman.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice replaces the Securities Act (Australian Unit Trusts) Exemption Notice 1991. The notice is the same as that notice except for the addition of 2 further conditions.

The effect of the notice is to exempt the persons named in the Schedule from compliance with the requirement that offers of interests in Australian unit trusts must be made in a registered prospectus or an authorised advertisement if such offers are made in an Australian prospectus (as that term is defined) or an advertisement that complies with clause 4 (2) (b) of the notice. Such issuers are also exempted, in the case of offers made in an Australian prospectus, from compliance with sections 37, 37A, and 51 to 54 of the Securities Act 1978 and regulations 12, 15, and 17 of the Securities Regulations 1983.

The first condition to which the exemptions are subject is that an issuer must provide a written report to the Securities Commission by 31 March each year relating to the preceding calendar year that—

- (a) States whether the issuer continued to offer interests in a unit trust in New Zealand; and
- (b) Specifies the unit trust in which such interests were offered; and
- (c) Specifies the total amount raised in New Zealand in respect of each unit trust; and
- (d) States whether the issuer wishes to continue offering interests in a unit trust in New Zealand subject to the exemptions contained in the notice.

The second condition is that every Australian prospectus must state, or be accompanied by a document that states, that—

- (a) Copies of documents material to the offer of interests in the unit trust are available for inspection at the offices of the Registrar of Companies at Wellington; and
- (b) The tax laws of Australia and New Zealand are different and that persons considering subscribing for interests in the unit trust are advised to obtain professional taxation advice before doing so.

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