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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Net Tangible Asset Backing - 30 April 2006

Month Ending:	%Change	Current Month 30 April 2006	Previous Month 31 March 2006
Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share (cents) ⁽¹⁾	+6.30%	\$1.060	\$0.993
Post-Tax NTA Backing per share (cents) ⁽³⁾	+4.61%	\$0.985	\$0.939
Based on total issued share capital		19,087,743	18,828,253

During the current month, a 2.4 cents per share (50% franked) dividend was distributed to shareholders. \$247.317 cash was distributed and 259,490 shares issued (at 78.8 cents per share) under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP), on 26 April 2006. This dividend was provided for in the above previous month's NTA backing figures and the current month NTA backing figures stated above are post distribution of such dividend.

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⁾	17.38	17.15
Shares in Drillsearch Energy Limited (DLS) ⁽⁴⁾	2.77	1.87
Provision for dividend ⁽²⁾	-	(0.45)
Provision for income tax ⁽³⁾	(1.44)	(1.02)
Net cash on deposit / other assets	0.08	0.13
Total Net Assets	18.79	17.68

The Company notes that its investment in DLS of \$2.77m stated above was based on a bid price of 12 cents per shares as at 30 April. This investment has appreciated to \$4.30 million as at 12 May 2006 (23,887,409 shares at 18.0 cents each). The appreciation of \$1.53 million is equivalent to an increased NTA backing of 8.02 cents per share pre-tax and 5.61 cents per share post tax.

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About The FSP Equities Leaders' Fund (FSP Fund) ⁽⁵⁾

The 12 month net performance of the FSP Fund to 30 April 2006 was 34.7%. The benchmark performance (S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index) was 37.6%.

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. 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 will contain 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. On 15 March 2006, the Directors announced the declaration of a dividend of 2.4 cents (or \$0.024) per share (50% franked) in respect of net profits derived for the half year ended 31 December 2005. The record date was 11 April 2006 with payment to be effected on 26 April 2005.
3. 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.
4. 20,788,016 DLS shares at 12.0 cents each as at 30 April 2006 plus \$278,945.37 being the amount subscribed under a DLS share placement of 3,099,393 shares at 9.0 cents per share, such shares being issued to the Company on 5 May 2006 (31 March 2006: 20,788,016 shares at 9.0 cents each).
5. Based on information provided by the Investment Manager, FSP Equities Management Limited.

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