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SAM Announces 2007 AuSSI Review
*14 Australian companies added to and
13 companies deleted from Australian SAM Sustainability Index*

SAM, a leading provider of sustainability investing products, today announced the results of the annual review for the Australian SAM Sustainability Index (AuSSI). Effective with the opening of equity markets next Monday, the AuSSI will have 14 companies added and 13 firms deleted. The changes reflect SAM's latest analysis of sustainability leadership in corporate Australia and will bring the total number of AuSSI constituents to 70.

SAM launched the AuSSI in early 2005 in cooperation with EPA Victoria (Environment Protection Authority) to track the financial performance of the country's sustainability leaders. Based on a 'best-in-class approach', the index comprises the top companies in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria from each of 21 industry clusters. It applies the same general and industry-specific research criteria as the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes for which SAM identifies sustainability leaders on a worldwide scale.

The annual review of the index reflects changes in the relative sustainability position of companies within their industry. Companies that are deleted from the index have not necessarily performed worse compared to last year, but in many cases just not progressed as fast as their peers.

"The annual AuSSI review ensures that this benchmark offers an accurate picture of Australian sustainability leadership. Sustainability trends, the related opportunities and risks, as well as the sustainability position of companies change. The review accounts for these developments and, thus, for the fact that sustainability leadership is a dynamic concept. We are delighted that a growing number of investors and companies choose our indexes as their benchmark in the context of these dynamics," said **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director, SAM Indexes**.

"The growing numbers of private and institutional investors who put their money behind Australia's sustainability leaders are sending out a clear message to the corporate world: Sustainability, innovation and long-term financial success are closely and positively intertwined. EPA Victoria has for a long time been a strong advocate of this view and a strong supporter of the sustainability investing industry in our country. As this market continues to expand, we are delighted to support the AuSSI as an objective benchmark and transparent reference point for sustainability improvements among Australian companies," said **Mick Bourke, Chairman, EPA Victoria**.

"Working with SAM enables ANZ to meet client needs and expectations in the emerging area of sustainable investing. In the past fifteen months ANZ has launched several sustainable investment products including capital protected offerings linked to the AuSSI. These products meet environmental objectives whilst maintaining financial performance. These partnerships between SAM and ANZ Trustees highlight the financial success of sustainable investing.

Importantly, the AuSSI's benchmarking performance record to date has encouraged us to develop further sustainable products with SAM, such as the ANZ Climate Change Trust" said **Gilles Plante, Managing Director, ANZ Markets.**

The additions to and deletions from the AuSSI as a result of the annual review 2007 are the following:

Additions	Deletions
DB RREEF Trust	APN News & Media Ltd.
Dyno Nobel Ltd.	Arana Therapeutics Ltd.
Energy Resources of Australia Ltd.	Austereo Group Ltd.
Great Southern Ltd.	Caltex Australia Ltd.
Lion Nathan Ltd.	Coates Hire Ltd.
MacMahon Holdings Ltd.	GWA International Ltd.
Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group	Hills Industries Ltd.
Pacific Brands Ltd.	InvoCare Ltd.
Perilya Ltd.	Macquarie CountryWide Trust
SAI Global Ltd.	OneSteel Ltd.
SEEK Ltd.	Salmat Ltd.
Sigma Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Ten Network Holdings Ltd.
Stockland	Wattyl Ltd.
Zinifex Ltd.	

Note to the editor:

SAM was established in Zurich in 1995 as the first financial services group focused exclusively on the integration of economic, environmental and social criteria into investing. An office in Melbourne was opened in 2000. The group's services comprise asset management and indexing. In 1999, SAM teamed up with Dow Jones Indexes to launch the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) – the first benchmarks tracking the performance of sustainability leaders on a global scale. Today, 8 billion AUD in assets are managed based on the indexes published by SAM and its partners.

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