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ASX ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN DIVIDEND POLICY

The ASX Board is pleased to announce a new policy to pay 90% of net profit after tax as fully franked dividends to shareholders.

ASX Managing Director and CEO, Tony D'Aloisio said: "We are pleased that we have been able to increase our dividend. The new 90% payout policy – up from 70% - is a reflection of our confidence in the strength of the ASX business."

In line with the new policy, the Board has declared an interim dividend of 44.2 cents per share fully franked for the six months ended 31 December 2004 – a substantial increase on the previous interim dividend of 29.2 cents per share.

Dividend information

- Interim dividend per share (DPS)	44.2 cents
- Ex date	25 February 2005
- Record Date	2 March 2005
- Payment date	11 March 2005

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