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Australian Securities Exchange Limited
Exchange Centre
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**Australian Foundation Investment Company Limited
Renewal of share buy-back**

Dear Sir or Madam

Please find attached an announcement to refresh the Company's share buy-back scheme which will become effective on 17 February 2009.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Porter' with a flourish underneath.

Andrew Porter
Company Secretary

Appendix 3C

Announcement of buy-back (*except* minimum holding buy-back)

Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 1/9/99. Origin: Appendix 7B. Amended 13/3/2000, 30/9/2001.

Name of entity

ABN

AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION INVESTMENT COMPANY LTD

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We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Information about buy-back

1	Type of buy-back	On-market
2	+Class of shares which is the subject of the buy-back (<i>eg, ordinary/preference</i>)	Ordinary shares
3	Voting rights (<i>eg, one for one</i>)	One for one
4	Fully paid/partly paid (<i>and if partly paid, details of how much has been paid and how much is outstanding</i>)	Fully paid
5	Number of shares in the +class on issue	975,025,754
6	Whether shareholder approval is required for buy-back	No
7	Reason for buy-back	Capital management

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Announcement of buy-back

8 Any other information material to a shareholder's decision whether to accept the offer (*eg, details of any proposed takeover bid*)

Nil

On-market buy-back

9 Name of broker who will act on the company's behalf

Goldman Sachs JBWere

11 If the company intends to buy back a maximum number of shares - that number

Note: This requires a figure to be included, not a percentage.

Up to 97,502,575

12 If the company intends to buy back shares within a period of time - that period of time; if the company intends that the buy-back be of unlimited duration - that intention

Commencing 17 February 2009 and ending on or before 17 February 2010.

13 If the company intends to buy back shares if conditions are met - those conditions

N/A

Employee share scheme buy-back

14 Number of shares proposed to be bought back

N/A

15 Price to be offered for shares

N/A

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Selective buy-back

- 16 Name of person or description of class of person whose shares are proposed to be bought back
- 17 Number of shares proposed to be bought back
- 18 Price to be offered for shares

Equal access scheme

- 19 Percentage of shares proposed to be bought back
- 20 Total number of shares proposed to be bought back if all offers are accepted
- 21 Price to be offered for shares
- 22 ⁺Record date for participation in offer
Cross reference: Appendix 7A, clause 9.

Compliance statement

- 1. The company is in compliance with all Corporations Act requirements relevant to this buy-back.
- 2. There is no information that the listing rules require to be disclosed that has not already been disclosed, or is not contained in, or attached to, this form.

Sign here: 
Company Secretary

Date: 3 February 2009

Print name: Andrew Porter

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