

**Standard & Poor's Announces December Quarterly Rebalance
to the S&P/ASX Indices**

Sydney, Dec. 5, 2008 - Standard & Poor's Index Services, the leading provider of equity indices in Australia, today announced that the following constituent additions and deletions will take place in the S&P/ASX indices from the close of trade on Dec. 19, 2008.

There has been a sharp decline in the market value of securities across all areas of the market since the last index rebalance in September 2008, with the S&P/ASX 200 falling by approximately 26%. "The Australian Index Committee has responded to the market turmoil in a prudent manner by providing some level of stability within a frenzied environment," said Simon Karaban, associate director at Standard & Poor's Index Services. "Both the index methodology and the Australian Index Committee act to maintain stability within the index by reducing the possibility of multiple index portfolio changes in response to sudden and extreme stock price depreciation."

S&P/ASX 20

No change.

S&P/ASX 50

No change.

S&P/ASX 100
ADDITIONS

ILU	Iluka Resources Limited
ANN	Ansell Limited

REMOVALS

VPG	Valad Property Group
MCW	Macquarie Countrywide Trust

S&P/ASX 200
ADDITIONS

KAR	Karoon Gas Australia Limited
GBG	Gindalbie Metals Ltd

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REMOVALS

GTP	Great Southern Limited
TIM	Timbercorp Limited

S&P/ASX All Australian 50

No change.

S&P/ASX All Australian 200

ADDITIONS

GBG	Gindalbie Metals Ltd
HST	Hastie Group Limited
IBA	IBA Health Group Limited
NDO	Nido Petroleum Limited

REMOVALS

PEM	Perilya Limited
AEZ	Apn European Retail Property Group
CNP	Centro Properties Group
GTP	Great Southern Limited

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