

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

SYDNEY, Dec. 4, 2009 – S&P Indices, the leading provider of equity indices in Australia, announced today that the following constituent additions and deletions will take place in the S&P/ASX indices, effective after the close of trading on Dec. 18, 2009.

The S&P/ASX 200 and the S&P/ASX All Australian 200 index hierarchy is the only index suite that is considered for additions and deletions as part of the December quarterly rebalance. As a result, index removals are limited to the pyramid structure of the S&P/ASX 200 and the S&P/ASX All Australian 200. The quarterly rebalance considers the aggregate market capitalisation and liquidity of stocks for the preceding 6-months of 2009 as a basis for eligibility.

“The December quarterly rebalance saw the top end of the S&P/ASX index suite experience a consecutive quarter of low turnover resulting in only one change within the S&P/ASX 100.” said Guy Maguire, Head of S&P Indices Australia. “Both Index inclusions and exclusions for the S&P/ASX 200 and S&P/ASX All Australian 200 indices originate from a diverse range of sectors and industry groups with no one sector dominating the changes.”

### S&P/ASX 20

No change.

### S&P/ASX 50

No change.

### S&P/ASX 100

#### ADDITION

CODE	NAME
CGF	Challenger Financial Services Group Ltd

#### REMOVAL

CODE	NAME
VTA	Viterra Inc

### S&P/ASX 200

#### ADDITIONS

CODE	NAME
WHC	Whitehaven Coal Ltd
KZL	Kagara Ltd
MRM	Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd

AAD	Ardent Leisure Group
CRZ	Carsales.Com Ltd
BTA	Biota Holdings Ltd

#### REMOVALS

CODE	NAME
CXP	Corporate Express Australia Ltd
NXS	Nexus Energy Ltd
MPO	Molopo Energy Ltd
AJA	Astro Japan Property Group
AJL	AJ Lucas Group Ltd
ERC	Eircom Holdings Ltd

#### S&P/ASX All Australian 50

No change.

#### S&P/ASX All Australian 200

#### ADDITIONS

CODE	NAME
KZL	Kagara Ltd
MRM	Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd
AAD	Ardent Leisure Group
CRZ	Carsales.Com Ltd
BTA	Biota Holdings Ltd
TRS	The Reject Shop Ltd

#### REMOVALS

CODE	NAME
AJL	AJ Lucas Group Ltd
RSG	Resolute Mining Ltd
PMP	PMP Ltd
NDO	Nido Petroleum Ltd
SDG	Sunland Group Ltd
ERC	Eircom Holdings Ltd

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