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**HBOS – Bank of Western Australia Ltd
Schemes of Arrangement become effective**

I attach an announcement relating to the HBOS – Bank of Western Australia Ltd Schemes of Arrangement becoming effective.

Yours sincerely

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ASX Announcement

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Further to the Bank's announcement earlier today, the orders of The Federal Court of Australia made today approving the schemes of arrangement proposed by HBOS plc ("HBOS") have now been registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission. Accordingly, the schemes have now become effective and trading in BankWest's shares will cease after close of trading today.

The Record Date for determining those entitled to receive the scheme consideration will be 2 September 2003 and payment of the consideration under both the share scheme and the option scheme will be dispatched on or about 11 September 2003.

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