

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
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Washington, D.C. 20549

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TENDER OFFER/RIGHTS OFFERING
NOTIFICATION FORM

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to file this Form:

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Exchange Act Rule 14e-2(d) (Subject Company Response)
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Westpac Banking Corporation
(Name of Subject Company)

Australia
(Jurisdiction of Subject Company's Incorporation or Organization)

Westpac Banking Corporation
(Name of Person(s) Furnishing Form)

Ordinary Shares
American Depositary Shares
(Title of Class of Subject Securities)

961214 30 1 (Ordinary Shares)
961214 30 1 (American Depositary Receipts)
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Paddy Rennie, Head of Legal, Treasury Services
Westpac Banking Corporation
60 Martin Place
Sydney, NSW 2000
AUSTRALIA
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(Name, Address (including zip code) and Telephone Number (including area code)
of Person(s) Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications
on Behalf of Subject Company)

with a copy to

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May 31, 2004

(Date Tender Offer/Rights Offering Commenced)

Part I Information sent to Security Holders

Attachments:

- (A) Westpac Buy-Back Tender Booklet
- (B) Explanatory letter to holders of American Depositary Shares
- (C) Tender Form Issuer Sponsored Holders
- (D) Tender Form CHESSE Holders
- (E) Tender Form ADS Holders
- (F) Withdrawal/Amendment Form ADS Holders

Part II Information not required to be sent to Security Holders

Exhibits:

- (1) Australian Stock Exchange Announcement dated May 6, 2004
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- (4) Westpac Interim Financial Report March 31, 2004

Part III Consent to Service of Process

Westpac Banking Corporation is furnishing, concurrently with the furnishing of this Form CB, an irrevocable consent and power of attorney on Form F-X in connection with the furnishing of this Form CB.

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Signed and Sealed on behalf of **Westpac Banking Corporation**

By: /s/ Paddy Rennie

Name: Paddy Rennie
Title: Head of Legal, Treasury Services

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