

30 December 2008

Manager of Company Announcements  
ASX Limited  
Riverside Centre  
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Brisbane QLD 4000

### **Wide Bay Australia Ltd – Close of Non-renounceable Rights Issue**

Wide Bay Australia Ltd (**Company**) is pleased to advise that its non-renounceable rights issue of new ordinary shares closed successfully on 23 December 2008.

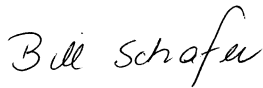
The non-renounceable rights issue was well supported by shareholders of the Company. The Company received valid applications for 1,265,996 new fully paid ordinary shares under the non-renounceable rights issue and accordingly will issue that number of new shares.

The \$7,912,475 raised will be used primarily to:

- repay lower Tier 2 subordinate debt;
- strengthen Wide Bay's Tier 1 capital ratio; and
- provide Tier 1 capital to support the Company's growth plans for the next 12 – 18 months.

As previously advised, holding statements for the new ordinary shares issued will be despatched on or before 31 December 2008.

Yours sincerely,



Bill Schafer  
Company Secretary

# Appendix 3B

## New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

*Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.*

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003, 24/10/2005.

Name of entity

Wide Bay Australia Ltd

ABN

40 087 652 060

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

### Part 1 - All issues

*You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).*

- |   |  |                            |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued   | Ordinary fully paid shares |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued  | 1,265,996                  |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Fully paid on issue        |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date from which they do</li> <li>• the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment</li> <li>• the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>				
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>\$6.25</p>				
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Shares issue under non-renounceable rights issue</p>				
<p>7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>	<p>31 December 2008</p>				
<p>8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="695 1559 995 1592">Number</th> <th data-bbox="995 1559 1294 1592">+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 1592 995 1816">30,862,730</td> <td data-bbox="995 1592 1294 1816">Ordinary fully paid shares</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	30,862,730	Ordinary fully paid shares
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		Number	+Class
9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)		
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Dividend policy is equal in all respects with existing class of ordinary shares	

### Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?		
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?		
13	Ratio in which the +securities will be offered		
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates		
15	+Record date to determine entitlements		
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?		
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions		
18	Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents  <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>		

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19 Closing date for receipt of  
acceptances or renunciations

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20	Names of any underwriters	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	
30	How do +security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	
31	How do +security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	

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- 32 How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?
- 33 +Despatch date

**Part 3 - Quotation of securities**

*You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities*

- 34 Type of securities  
(tick one)
- (a)  Securities described in Part 1
- (b)  All other securities  
Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

**Entities that have ticked box 34(a)**

**Additional securities forming a new class of securities**

*Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents*

- 35  If the +securities are +equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional +securities, and the number and percentage of additional +securities held by those holders
- 36  If the +securities are +equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional +securities setting out the number of holders in the categories  
1 - 1,000  
1,001 - 5,000  
5,001 - 10,000  
10,001 - 100,000  
100,001 and over
- 37  A copy of any trust deed for the additional +securities

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**Entities that have ticked box 34(b)**

38 Number of securities for which  
+quotation is sought

39 Class of +securities for which  
quotation is sought

40 Do the +securities rank equally in  
all respects from the date of  
allotment with an existing +class  
of quoted +securities?

If the additional securities do not  
rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they  
participate for the next  
dividend, (in the case of a  
trust, distribution) or interest  
payment
- the extent to which they do  
not rank equally, other than in  
relation to the next dividend,  
distribution or interest  
payment

41 Reason for request for quotation  
now

Example: In the case of restricted securities, end  
of restriction period

(if issued upon conversion of  
another security, clearly identify  
that other security)

	Number	+Class
42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38)		

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**Quotation agreement**

1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

2 We warrant the following to ASX.

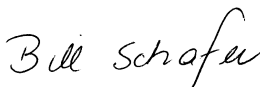
- The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
- There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
- An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:  ..... Date: 30 December 2008  
(Company secretary)

Print name: William Ray Schafer

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