

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

OFFER BY
BENNELONG UK LIMITED ("BENNELONG")
FOR
CROWN SPORTS PLC ("CROWN")

Offer Timetable Suspended

Rule 31.9 of the Code requires that all significant information should be published by an offeree company by the 39th day following the posting of the offer document. Normally, therefore, the last day for publication by Crown of important new information in the context of the offer by Bennelong would have been today, Monday 25 November 2002. The independent directors of Crown, with the consent of Bennelong, have requested that the offer timetable be suspended.

In the circumstances described in Crown's announcement made earlier today, the Panel Executive has agreed to this request and has ruled that "Day 39" will be deemed to be Friday 6 December 2002.

"Day 46" (the last date for posting a revised offer) and "Day 60" (the date by which an offer must become unconditional as to acceptances) will be deemed to be Friday 13 December 2002 and Friday 27 December 2002 respectively.

25 November 2002