THE TAKEOVER PANEL

PRACTICE STATEMENT 35 (PROFIT FORECASTS, QUANTIFIED FINANCIAL BENEFITS STATEMENTS AND INVESTMENT RESEARCH) AND PRACTICE STATEMENT 36 (UNLISTED SHARE ALTERNATIVES)

The Panel Executive has today published a new <u>Practice Statement 35</u> (Profit forecasts, quantified financial benefits statements and investment research) and a new <u>Practice Statement 36</u> (Unlisted share alternatives).

Practice Statement 35 describes the way in which the Executive normally interprets and applies certain aspects of Rule 28 of the Takeover Code in relation to a profit forecast or quantified financial benefits statement published by an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror. It also describes the way in which the Executive normally interprets and applies Note 4 on Rule 20.1 in relation to investment research published by a connected firm.

Practice Statement 36 sets out guidance on how the Executive normally interprets and applies the relevant provisions of the Code in respect of an unlisted share alternative to a cash offer (sometimes also referred to as a "stub equity" alternative).

Hard copies of the new Practice Statements will be sent to subscribers shortly.

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