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Mr John Hall Managing Director Austraclear Limited GPO Box 4606 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Hall,

PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND NETTING ACT 1998 – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 12

I refer to your application of 19 October 1999, under section 11 of the *Payment Systems and Netting Act 1998* (the Act), for approval of the multilateral netting arrangement contained in the Austraclear System Regulations and Operating Manual.

The Reserve Bank hereby approves this arrangement as an "approved multilateral netting arrangement" in terms of section 12 of the Act, effective from the date of this letter. A condition of this approval is that Austraclear receives the Bank's agreement before resorting to multilateral net settlement on any occasion. The approval may be reviewed from time to time.

I would ask that you inform your members, and any other interested parties, of this approval.

Yours sincerely,

Menfarlane