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Removal of Tower Australia Group Limited from the S&P/ASX 200

SYDNEY, Apr. 15, 2011 – S&P Indices today announced that it will remove Tower Australia Group Limited (ASX: TAL) from the S&P/ASX 200. This is subject to shareholder and final court approval of the proposed scheme of arrangement under which the company will be acquired by Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited.

S&P Indices will remove Tower Australia Group Limited from the S&P/ASX Indices after the close of business on Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Tower Australia Group Limited will be replaced by Mesoblast Limited (ASX: MSB) in the S&P/ASX 200 effective after the close of business on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

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