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HAMILTON JAMES & BRUCE GROUP LIMITED (HJB) MARKET UPDATE

Further to the market announcement yesterday by Charterhouse Pte Ltd, HJB confirms Charterhouse Pte Ltd has acquired relevant interest in more than 50.1% of the issued shares in the company. The directors of HJB confirm that the target statement will be released and mailed on Monday, 24 August 2009 and the Directors will recommend the offer for the reasons to be set out in the Target Statement.

HJB notes the representation in the Replacement Bidder's Statement that should the takeover be successful, it would continue to operate the HJB business with very little change.

The Directors of HJB remind all our stakeholders that we are conducting business as usual during this time and it is envisaged that, irrespective of the outcome of the takeover, the dealings of clients and candidates with HJB will remain on a business as usual basis.

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More about Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited

Hamilton James & Bruce has been providing excellence in recruitment and associated services for over 30 years. The company is still Australian owned and operated, a claim of which we are very proud.

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HJB is an acknowledged leader in the Australian recruitment industry. Having placed thousands of people in the financial, commercial, government and not for profit sectors since our inception in 1979, we have forged an enviable reputation as the recruitment company that gets it right.

Knowing people is at the core of our business. Be they executives, middle management or office support staff, Hamilton James & Bruce has the specialist resources, skills and processes to find the people you need. We focus our business along the ten specialisation areas of Accounting, Technology, Banking & Finance, Government, Hospitality, Human Resources, Legal, Operations and Engineering, Sales, Marketing & Communications and Business Services.

The Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited comprises the brands Hamilton James & Bruce, HJB Bowdens, and Provincial Personnel.

With offices in NSW, VIC, ACT and QLD, and alliance partners in WA, NT, SA and overseas, the Hamilton James & Bruce Group can build an international, national or local solution to meet your recruitment needs.