

## Media Release

**Date** Tuesday, 1 April 2008

**Subject** Notice to shareholders: Company associated with Mr David Tweed makes

unsolicited offer

nib holdings limited (nib) is alerting shareholders of another unsolicited offer for their nib shares. This offer has been made by Australian Share Purchasing Corporation Pty Ltd (Australian Share Purchasing Corporation), a company that nib understands is associated with Mr David Tweed.

nib is aware that the offer from Australian Share Purchasing Corporation is \$0.50 per nib share. This offer is 46% below nib's closing share price of \$0.92 on 27 March 2008. The offer price does not reflect the true value of nib shares.

On 6 March 2008, nib issued a media release notifying its shareholders that Hassle Free Share Sales had made a new unsolicited offer for nib shares (this company had previously made an offer to nib shareholders in November 2007). In that announcement nib also notified its shareholders that Australian Share Purchasing Corporation, Direct Share Purchasing Corporation Pty Ltd and Colonial Capital Corporation Limited (a New Zealand company), had requested a copy of nib's share register. nib understands that all three companies are associated with Mr David Tweed and it is possible that all of these companies may make unsolicited offers to nib shareholders for their nib shares in the future.

nib is required by the Corporations Act to provide a copy of its share register when requested and upon payment of a prescribed fee. The nib share register provided to the companies associated with Mr David Tweed contained the shareholder's name, address and number of nib shares held.

Companies associated with Mr David Tweed have previously made unsolicited offers to shareholders of a number of other listed companies, including, but not limited to, Insurance Australia Group Limited, AXA Asia Pacific Holdings Limited, AMP Limited and IOOF Ltd. Companies associated with Mr David Tweed typically make unsolicited offers to companies with large retail shareholder bases, many of whom received shares through demutualisation, such as nib.

nib's Managing Director. Mr Mark Fitzgibbon said nib does not endorse any unsolicited offer by Australian Share Purchasing Corporation or any other company to buy nib shares from its shareholders.

"nib shareholders that have received an offer from Australian Share Purchasing Corporation, or may receive an offer from one of the other companies associated with Mr David Tweed, should read the documentation carefully and seek independent financial advice," Mr Fitzgibbon said.

"nib shareholders who accept an unsolicited offer will be at a significant financial disadvantage relative to what they would obtain if they sold their shares on-market," Mr Fitzgibbon added.

While the unsolicited offer from Australian Share Purchasing Corporation is below nib's current market value, other unsolicited offers could be made above market value and paid in instalments over a number of years.

nib will inform the Australian Securities and Investments Commission of the situation and will seek to work with the regulator to ensure the interests of nib shareholders are protected.

nib has made previous announcements to its shareholders on 22 November 2007, 23 November 2007, 28 November 2007 and on 6 March 2008 in relation to unsolicited offers for their nib shares...

nib shareholders who receive an unsolicited offer should contact nib on 1300 664 316 or email investor.relations@nib.com.au.

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