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Company Announcements
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Re: Deferred Compensation Plan - option exercise

Following the exercise of 2005 and 2006 option entitlements under the then Deferred Compensation Plan, 91,495 QBE shares were issued on 2 March 2011 ("Shares"). The total number of QBE shares on issue becomes 1,051,875,761.

The Shares were issued without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act 2001 ("Act"). As at the date of this notice, the Company has complied with:

- (i) the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to the Company;
and
- (ii) section 674 of the Act.

This notice is given under paragraph 5(e) of section 708A of the Act.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Ramsay', written over a light yellow rectangular background.

Duncan Ramsay
Company Secretary