



RELEASE TO AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE ("ASX")

MONDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2012

JUDGMENT – STANDARD & POORS, ABN AMRO AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

1. In this matter IMF (Australia) Ltd is funding a group action by 12 councils against ratings agency Standard & Poors ("S&P"), investment bank ABN Amro (now called the Royal Bank of Scotland N.V) ("ABN") and investment manager Local Government Financial Services Pty Limited ("LGFS"). The claimants allege that the respondents misled them and failed to advise them of the significant risks involved in investing in complex financial derivatives known as CDPOs.
2. The directors of IMF (Australia) are pleased to announce that today the Federal Court ruled in favour of the claimants against all respondents.
3. IMF has been awaiting this decision in order to determine whether proceedings should be issued against S&P and ABN in Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.
4. It is currently estimated that IMF will recognise revenue of about \$17M and generate a profit of about \$8M after capitalised overheads (before tax) from this investment.
5. Further information can be obtained by contacting IMF on 1800 016 464 or www.imf.com.au.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Jones', enclosed within a circular scribble.

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