



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

Monday, 4 August 2008

The Manager
Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange
Level 45, South Tower Rialto
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MELBOURNE VIC 3000

ELECTRONIC LODGEMENT

Dear Sir or Madam,

RESPONSE TO INDICATIVE NON-BINDING PROPOSAL FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASCIANO

As announced this morning, Asciano has received an indicative non-binding proposal for the acquisition of Asciano at \$4.40 per security under a scheme of arrangement.

TPG Capital ("TPG") and Global Infrastructure Partners ("GIP") required that before any final binding proposal could be made, TPG and GIP needed to satisfactorily complete due diligence.

The Directors have considered the proposal and believe it undervalues the business and have decided not to agree to due diligence.

Asciano will be releasing its final results for the period ended 30 June 2008 on Wednesday 6 August 2008.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Mead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fiona Mead
Company Secretary

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