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### **Allco HIT Limited (ASX: AHI) – Strategic Finance**

Recent AHI ASX announcements have referred to the sale of Strategic Investment Group Limited ("SIGL") to a consortium including the original Strategic Finance Limited ("SFL") vendors, members of the executive management team of SFL and Uberior Ventures (Asia) Pty Limited, an investment vehicle of BOS International (Australia) Limited. As advised on 29 August 2008, an agreement has been signed between the parties, subject to various shareholder and other conditions, with the transaction expected to be completed by end October 2008.

As set out in the announcement of 11 August 2008, as part of the sale, the purchasing consortium is seeking to undertake a capital restructure of SFL. Pending approval and completion of the sale and restructure, SFL in early August 2008 suspended redemptions of debentures, deposits and subordinated notes.

Attached is a statement issued today by SFL to the NZX relating to the suspension of interest payments due in September 2008 on the above debentures, deposits and subordinated notes, together with suspension of the dividend payable on SFL's perpetual preference shares due in October 2008. SFL's intention is to make these payments after implementation of the capital restructure and completion of the sale.

Yours sincerely



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Strategic Finance is continuing to progress its plan to submit a capital restructure proposal to securityholders.

To ensure that all securityholders are treated equally pending the capital restructure, the Board of Strategic Finance gives notice that the company will not be making the interest payment payable on 15 September 2008 in respect of debenture stock, subordinated notes and deposits. The board has also resolved that the company will not pay the next dividend payable on the perpetual preference shares on 15 October 2008.

Perpetual Trust Limited, the trustee under Strategic Finance Limited's debenture trust deed, has required that the company take this action on the grounds that it is fair to all securityholders.

The decision not to pay the forthcoming perpetual preference share dividend has been made in accordance with the terms of issue of the perpetual preference shares which allow the board to elect not to pay a dividend if, before the relevant dividend payment date, the board of Strategic Finance ceases to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the company will, immediately after paying the dividend, satisfy the solvency test set out in the Companies Act 1993.

While the terms of the proposed capital restructure have yet to be finalised, the current intention is that if the proposed capital restructure is approved and implemented and the proposed sale of Strategic Finance is completed, then any unpaid dividends on the perpetual preference shares and unpaid interest on the debenture stock, subordinated notes and deposits will be paid to securityholders within a short period after implementation of the capital restructure and completion of the sale.

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