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Dear Sir or Madam

Update on Strategic Initiatives

Asciano Group ("Asciano" or "the Group") has today announced the following developments in relation to strategic initiatives currently being undertaken by the Group.

At its half year results, Asciano signalled an extension to the scope of its monetisation process beyond its Coal business. In response to multiple expressions of interest/proposals from a range of industry and financial parties in relation to a variety of potential transactions, Asciano's monetisation process now includes formal and concurrent consideration of:

- the sale of up to 100% of either its Coal or Container Ports business;
- proposals received in respect of other assets and businesses; and
- proposals received in relation to transactions that would result in a change of control and/or a recapitalisation of the Group.

Proposals will be assessed based on delivering the maximum value to all securityholders. Asciano's objective remains to announce a transaction by the end of the current financial year.

ABN AMRO and Lazard Carnegie Wylie have been appointed to advise Asciano.

Yours faithfully

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

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