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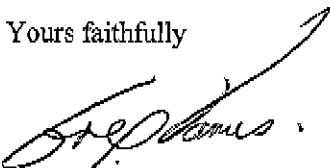
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Dear Sir/Madam

Bilfinger Berger Australia Pty Limited, ACN 106 594 816 ("Bilfinger Australia"): Takeover Bid for Abigroup Limited, ACN 000 358 467 (ABG)

In accordance with section 661B(1)(d) of the Corporations Act and on behalf of Bilfinger Australia we attach a copy of a pro-forma Form 6021 Notice of compulsory acquisition following takeover bid, lodged earlier today with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and a copy of the cover letter to be sent to Abigroup shareholders with Form 6021.

Yours faithfully



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Attachment

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form **6021**

Notice of
**compulsory acquisition
 following takeover bid**

Corporations Act 2001
 661B(1)(a)

To [Name and address of holder of shares to be inserted]

Ordinary shares ("shares") of Abigroup Limited, ACN 000 358 457 ("the Company")

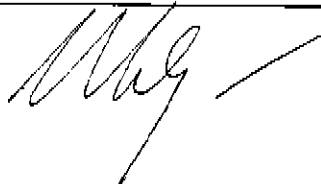
- Under an Off Market Bid offers were made by Bliffinger Berger Australia Pty Limited, ACN 106 594 816 ("the Bidder") in respect of the acquisition of shares in the Company.
The offers closed on 16 January at 5.00pm (Sydney Time).
- You are, or are entitled to be, registered as the holder of shares in respect of which an offer was made, but have not accepted the takeover offer.
- The bidder hereby gives you notice under subsection 661B(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 ("the Act") that the bidder elects and has become entitled pursuant to subsections 661A(1) and (4) of the Act to compulsorily acquire all your shares and desires to acquire all your shares.
- Under section 661D of the Act, you have the right, by notice in writing given to the bidder within one month after this notice is lodged with ASIC, to ask the bidder for a written statement of the names and addresses of everyone else the bidder has given this notice to. This notice is lodged with ASIC on 22 January 2004.
- Under section 661E of the Act, you have the right to apply to the Court for an order that the shares not be compulsorily acquired. You must apply:
 - by 25 February 2004; or
 - if you ask for the statement referred to in paragraph 4 of this notice, within 14 days after being given that statement; whichever is later.
- The bidder is entitled and bound to acquire the shares on the terms that applied under the takeover bid immediately before the end of the offer period.
- Unless on application made by you referred to in paragraph 5 of this notice the Court otherwise orders, the bidder must comply with paragraph 6 of this notice.

Signature

print name The Hon Nick Greiner

capacity Director

sign here



date 22 / 01 / 2004



22 January 2004

Dear Shareholder

NOTICE OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION BY BILFINGER BERGER AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED (ACN 106 594 816) ("BILFINGER AUSTRALIA") OF THE SHARES IN ABIGROUP LIMITED (ABN 63 000 358 467) ("ABIGROUP")

As you are aware Bilfinger Australia made an off-market takeover bid to acquire all of the fully paid ordinary shares in Abigroup on 22 October 2003. The offer closed at 5pm (Sydney time) on 16 January 2004.

Bilfinger Australia has, as at the date of this letter, increased its relevant interest to over 90% of the ordinary shares in Abigroup. Under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*, Bilfinger Australia is now entitled to compulsorily acquire the shares you hold in Abigroup. You will receive the same consideration for your shares in Abigroup as offered under Bilfinger Australia's takeover offer, that is you will receive \$3.90 cash for each Abigroup share you hold.

We enclose a Form 6021 dated and lodged by us with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on the date of this letter. The form sets out your rights in relation to the compulsory acquisition process.

Bilfinger Australia intends to pay to Abigroup the purchase price payable for your shares one month after the Form 6021 is given to you. Abigroup will hold the purchase price for your shares on trust for you. Abigroup will contact you after that time to seek instructions from you as to how Abigroup is to deal with the purchase price held on trust for you.

If you have any questions about the compulsory acquisition process please contact your financial or other professional advisor immediately. If you have any questions about the transfer procedure please contact Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited on 1300 855 080.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Greiner', written over a horizontal line.

The Hon Nick Greiner AC
Director

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