

Standard & Poor's Announces Additions to the S&P/ASX Indices

Sydney, August 26, 2003— Standard & Poor's, the leading provider of equity indices in Australia, announces that effective after the close of business on September 1, 2003 the following constituent additions will take place in the S&P/ASX 100 and S&P/ASX 200 indices. These additions will be reflected in the starting portfolio of September 2, 2003.

The following additions will take place as a result of OPSM Limited (OPS) and Principal Office Fund (POF) being removed from the S&P/ASX indices at the close of trade on September 1, 2003.

S&P/ASX 100

S&P/ASX 100 INDEX:

ADDITION

CODE	NAME
ALN	ALINTA LIMITED

S&P/ASX 200

S&P/ASX 200 INDEX:

ADDITION

CODE	NAME
SKE	SKILLED ENGINEERING LIMITED
ARQ	ARC ENERGY NL

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Information about the S&P/ASX index methodology is available at www.standardandpoors.com.au.

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