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Dear Sir/Madam

# Takeover Bid by Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V. in relation to Pacifica Group Limited

We act for Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V. (*Bidder*), a wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Bosch GmbH (*Bosch*), in connection with its takeover offer (*Offer*) for all of the ordinary shares in Pacifica Group Limited (ABN 69 006 530 641) (*Pacifica*).

On behalf of Bidder, we attach:

- an ASX release from Bosch;
- a notice of variation pursuant to section 650D(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (the Corporations Act) extending the period for acceptances under the Offer; and
- a notice pursuant to section 630(2) of the Corporations Act, in accordance with section 630(5) of the Corporations Act. This notice confirms the new date for the giving of notice of the status of the Offer conditions pursuant to section 630(3) of the Corporations Act.

Yours faithfully

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#### **ASX Announcement**

15 January 2007

## Update on regulatory approvals and extension of cash Offer

Bosch Group ("Bosch"), through its wholly owned subsidiary Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V., today announced that it had received regulatory clearance from the United States and German competition regulators in relation to its proposed acquisition of Pacifica Group Ltd ("Pacifica"). Bosch also announced that it was continuing to assist competition regulators in other jurisdictions in their assessment of the proposed acquisition. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission proposes to announce its findings in relation to the proposed acquisition on February 8th, 2007.

In light of this, Bosch announced it would extend its A\$2.20 cash Offer for Pacifica by one month, to February 25th, 2007.

Dr. Bernd Bohr, member of the Bosch Board of Management and Chairman of the Automotive Group, said: "Approval of the transaction by the US and German competition regulators is an important milestone. We are also delighted that shareholders are continuing to accept the recommended Offer and we strongly encourage shareholders who have not yet accepted the offer to do so prior to the revised Offer close date."

Directors of Pacifica have unanimously recommended that Pacifica shareholders accept Bosch's cash Offer of A\$2.20 per share and intend to accept the offer in respect of their personal shareholdings.

Formal notices of variation, extending the Offer period to February 25th, 2007, have today been lodged with ASIC and served on Pacifica. Copies are attached and will be dispatched to offerees in due course.

Further information:

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## Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V.

(a wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Bosch GmbH)

## Company Notice - Section 650D(1) of the Corporations Act 2001

#### Notice of Variation - Extension of Offer Period

- To: 1 Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)
  - 2 Pacifica Group Limited (ABN 69 006 530 641) (Pacifica)
  - The holders of ordinary shares in Pacifica, and the holders of securities convertible into ordinary shares in Pacifica, to whom the Offers referred to below have been made

This notice is given under subsection 650D(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (the *Corporations Act*) by Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V. (*Bidder*), a wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Bosch GmbH, in relation to the offers dated 13 November 2006 (as varied) (the *Offers*) under Bidder's takeover bid for all of the issued ordinary shares in Pacifica (*Pacifica Shares*), which are contained in the bidder's statement from Bidder dated 30 October 2006 (as supplemented) (the *Bidder's Statement*).

Bidder gives notice that the Offers are hereby varied by extending the period during which the Offers remain open for acceptance until 7.00 pm (Melbourne time) on 25 February 2007 (unless further extended).

Pursuant to section 630(2)(a) of the Corporations Act, the date for Bidder to give a notice on the status of the defeating conditions to which the Offers are subject is correspondingly postponed to 15 February 2007.

This variation (combined with the previous variation made to the Offers on 8 December 2006) has the effect of postponing, for more than 1 month, the time when Bidder must meet its obligations under the Offers to those shareholders who have validly accepted the Offers on or before the date of this Notice. As a result, under section 650E of the Corporations Act, those shareholders may withdraw their acceptance of the Offer by giving notice to Bidder within 1 month beginning on the day after the day on which they first received a copy of this Notice.

Any notice by a shareholder withdrawing their acceptance of an Offer under section 650E of the Corporations Act must:

- if the shareholder's shares are in a CHESS Holding, be in the form of a Valid Originating
  Message transmitted to ASTC by the Controlling Participant for that CHESS Holding,
  specifying the number of shares to be released from the Offer Accepted Subposition in which
  the relevant shares have been reserved; or
- in any other case, be in writing to Bidder.

Any shareholder withdrawing their acceptance of an Offer must also return, in accordance with section 650E of the Act, any consideration that they have received before their withdrawal in relation to their acceptance of an Offer.

If a shareholder withdraws an acceptance of an Offer in this manner and is legally entitled to do so, Bidder must, in accordance with section 650E of the Act:

- return to the shareholder any documents that were sent by the shareholder to Bidder with their acceptance of the Offer; and
- if the shareholder's shares are in a CHESS Holding, Transmit to ASTC a Valid Message that authorises the release of those shares from the Offer Accepted Subposition in which the CHESS Holding has been reserved.

Words defined in the ASTC Settlement Rules (being the operating rules of the settlement facility provided by ASX Settlement and Transfer Corporation Pty Ltd) have the same meaning when used in this Notice, unless the context requires otherwise.

A copy of this notice was lodged with ASIC on 15 January 2007. Neither ASIC nor any of its officers takes any responsibility for the contents of this notice.

Dated 15 January 2007

Signed for and on behalf of Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V. pursuant to a resolution of the Directors:

Attorney

## Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V.

(a wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Bosch GmbH)

Company Notice – Section 639(2) of the Corporations Act 2001

This notice is given under subsection 630(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (*Corporations Act*) by Robert Bosch Investment Nederland B.V. (*Bidder*), a wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Bosch GmbH, in relation to the offers dated 13 November 2006 (as varied) (the *Offers*) under Bidder's takeover bid for all of the issued ordinary shares in Pacifica (*Pacifica Shares*), which are contained in the bidder's statement from Bidder dated 30 October 2006 (as supplemented) (the *Bidder's Statement*).

Bidder gives notice that the date for giving notice of the status of the defeating conditions of the Offers pursuant to section 630(3) of the Corporations Act has been postponed by operation of section 630(2) of the Corporations Act, and the new date for giving notice as to the status of those conditions is 15 February 2007.

As at the date of this notice:

- (a) the condition set out in section 7.6(b) of the Bidder's Statement has been fulfilled and consequently the Offers are freed from that condition; and
- (b) Bidder has not freed the Offers from the remainder of the conditions set out in section 7.6 of the Bidder's Statement and, so far as Bidder knows, none of those remaining conditions have been fulfilled, and consequently the Offers remain subject to those defeating conditions.

Dated 15 January 2007

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Signed for and on behalf of Robert Bosch

Investment Nederland B.V.