



## **ASX/Media Release**

### **Response to The Australian article**

**SYDNEY, 17 September 2008** – A report in today’s Australian newspaper which claimed that Macquarie Group needs to refinance \$A45 billion of debt and that \$A5 billion requiring refinancing by March 2009 “could prove difficult to get away” is false and inconsistent with information provided to the market by the Group.

Since 31 March 2008, the Group has raised term funding of \$A6.4 billion from a variety of sources. In addition, from 31 March 2008 to 31 July 2008, Macquarie Bank Limited increased deposits by \$A3.8 billion to \$A17 billion. The Group also has an undrawn \$A3.8 billion senior credit facility.

Macquarie remains well-funded and well-capitalised with liquid assets of more than \$A20 billion as at 30 June 2008, which is twice the level of a year ago.

The author did not provide the Group with an opportunity to respond to these claims.

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