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BLUESCOPE STEEL LIMITED COMPLETES \$300 MILLION INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT

BlueScope Steel Limited ("BlueScope") has successfully completed an institutional placement of ordinary shares at \$3.10 per share to raise approximately \$300 million.

The placement was oversubscribed and had broad-based support from existing institutional shareholders as well as a number of new investors.

Settlement is scheduled to take place on 18 December 2008, with the new shares expected to be allotted and quoted on the ASX on 19 December 2008.

The placement was initiated to strengthen BlueScope's balance sheet in light of weaker industry conditions, increased credit market uncertainty and the Taharoa Iron Sands situation. The new capital will enhance BlueScope's financial flexibility and further strengthen the company's liquidity position.

As previously announced, BlueScope intends to offer retail shareholders the opportunity to participate in a non-underwritten share purchase plan (SPP) to raise up to \$250 million. Further details of the SPP will be provided to eligible shareholders in due course.

This announcement lifts the trading halt that has been in place since 9 December 2008.

Listing Rule 3.10.3 information

For the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 3.10.3, BlueScope provides the following information in relation to the placement:

Information required by Listing Rule 3.10.3	Information from BlueScope
Class of securities to be issued:	Fully paid ordinary shares in BlueScope ("Shares")
Number of securities to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued:	96,774,194 million Shares
Principal terms of the securities to be issued:	The Shares will rank equally with existing Shares.
Issue price or consideration:	\$3.10 per Share
Purpose of the issue:	The net proceeds of the issue will be used to reduce BlueScope's net debt
Whether the entity will seek security holder approval in relation to the proposed issue of securities:	BlueScope will not seek shareholder approval for the issue of Shares under the placement
Whether the issue will be to a class of security holders:	The issue was limited to institutions and sophisticated and professional investors

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