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## ANZ completes \$2.2 billion Share Purchase Plan

ANZ today announced that following outstanding support for its Share Purchase Plan (SPP), it will accept all applications which comply with the SPP rules and issue \$2.2 billion of ordinary equity at \$14.40 per share.

The SPP was announced on 27 May 2009 and closed on 2 July 2009. The SPP follows ANZ's fully underwritten \$2.5 billion institutional share placement completed on 27 May 2009.

ANZ Chief Executive Officer Mike Smith said: "The issue received exceptional interest from around 178,000 (over 40%) of our retail shareholders and we have decided to accept all applications which comply with the SPP terms and conditions and issue \$2.2 billion of ordinary equity.

"The size of the SPP makes it the most successful undertaken by an Australian company and represents a strong endorsement of ANZ's super regional strategy," Mr Smith said.

The additional capital will provide increased financial flexibility to pursue strategic and organic growth opportunities as they arise and further strengthen the Group's capital position. ANZ has taken the view that it is prepared to carry additional capital in view of the uncertain economic environment, the opportunities for organic growth as well as potentially through acquisitions, and the increased flexibility it provides for capital management including possible repayment of some maturing hybrid capital.

Negotiations with the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (RBS Group) regarding the potential acquisition of certain Asian assets owned by RBS Group are progressing but are incomplete.

While the economic outlook remains subdued and somewhat unpredictable, there has been no material change in ANZ's earlier guidance on bad debt provisioning for 2009.

The shares are expected to be allotted on 13 July 2009 and for trade to commence on ASX (on a normal basis) on 14 July 2009. Transaction confirmation statements are expected to be mailed to participating shareholders by 15 July 2009.

For enquiries regarding the SPP, shareholders should visit ANZ's website at [www.anz.com](http://www.anz.com) or call the ANZ SPP Information Line, Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 5.30pm AEST on 1800 113 399 (within Australia), 0800 174 007 (within New Zealand) or +61 3 9415 4010 (outside Australia).

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