

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD

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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2006

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

500 Bourke Street

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Group Corporate Affairs

National Australia
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ASX Announcement

Melbourne, Tuesday 31 January 2006

National completes sale of BNZ Investment Management

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The National today announced the completion of the sale of BNZ Investment Management Limited to Assure New Zealand Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA Asia Pacific Holdings Limited.

The sale was subject to certain conditions. These conditions have been satisfied and completion occurred on terms consistent with the original sale announcement on 30 November 2005.

A key element to the transaction is a new arrangement between Bank of New Zealand and Assure, under which Bank of New Zealand will distribute Assure's managed fund products to the Bank's retail customers.

The sale price is commercial in confidence, but is not material to the National Group's operations.

Transitional services will be provided by Bank of New Zealand in respect of the BNZ Investment Management operations to assist in the smooth transition of ownership of the business. These transitional services will be provided at cost and are expected to be in place for up to 12 months.

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ASX Announcements and Group information (www.nabgroup.com)

Australian operations (www.national.com.au)

Clydesdale Bank (www.cbonline.co.uk)

Yorkshire Bank (www.ybonline.co.uk)

Bank of New Zealand (www.bnz.co.nz)

Institutional Markets & Services (www.nabmarkets.com)

SIGNATURE PAGE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED

Date: 31 January 2006

Signature: */s/ Brendan T Case*

Name: Brendan T Case

Title: Associate *Company Secretary*