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AGM Presentations

In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and the *Corporations Act 2001*, attached are the presentations to be given at today's Annual General Meeting.

Regards



David Cleland
Company Secretary



CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS – SALE OF ATLAS DISTRIBUTION

Atlas Group entered into an agreement on 9 September 2008 to sell Atlas Distribution to a consortium of Balron Nominees, a substantial shareholder in the company, and entities associated with Greenstone Partners Private Equity.

Atlas Distribution reported an operating loss before interest, tax & impairment charges of \$17.4m in the year ended 30 June 2008. This loss continued a 3 year deterioration, for various reasons discussed at previous AGM's, in the profitability of this business. The outlook for the business remains uncertain and a further significant restructure is required to achieve an acceptable return on capital employed.

Deloitte Corporate Finance, an independent expert, has determined the fair market value range of Atlas Distribution and no superior offer for the business has been received. The Company intends to apply the proceeds from the sale to reduce debt and facilitate growth in the profitable Bisalloy Steels business.

At the time the Notice of Meeting and explanatory statement were sent to shareholders, the Company expected to realise proceeds from the sale of approximately \$90 million subject to adjustments for changes in net assets at completion. Given the recent extreme volatility in exchanges rates and nickel prices, there is the potential for some reduction in net assets at completion and hence the proceeds from the sale. However, the directors continue to believe that the sale will occur at a price that is within the fair market value range of \$75 to \$95 million based on the independent expert's valuation methodology and remains in the best interests of shareholders.

The conditions attached to the sale, are in the process of being satisfied or waived.



In relation to financing approval, each party has a commitment letter from GE Commercial Finance and the formal legal documentation is being finalised. The board continues to assess various options to optimize the Company's financing structure post the sale of Atlas Distribution and expects to conclude a final position within a reasonably short time frame.

We will advise shareholders of the Company's future financing structure as soon as this has been finalised.

As noted, in light of recent dramatic market events, the directors are seeking shareholder approval on the basis that the proceeds from the sale are likely to be less than the originally anticipated amount but still within the fair market value range as determined by the independent expert.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS – AGM

I will address my comments at this meeting to Bisalloy Steel Group, the company's core business in the future.

Bisalloy Steel Group comprises Bisalloy Steel in Australia and 2 joint venture distribution businesses in Thailand and Indonesia. Bisalloy Steel is Australia's only processor of quench and tempered high tensile, abrasion resistant and armour grade alloyed steel plates.

Overall 2008/9 was a very successful year for Bisalloy Steel Group. I'll invite Kym Godson, the Managing Director, to make some comments on Bisalloy's results and outlook and strategic opportunities.



MANAGING DIRECTORS ADDRESS - AGM

Kym Godson

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will also address my remarks to the Bisalloy Steel.

Before I begin, I would like to thank my executive team and in particular, my most senior executives – CFO (John Reid), Chief Operating Officer Distribution (Andrew Luxton) and Managing Director designate of Bisalloy Steel Group (Robert Terpening) – for the effort they have contributed and outcomes they have achieved in the last financial year.

As reported in the Annual Report, Bisalloy Steel had a tremendous year with profits 49% above budget for the year.

Bisalloy Steel has also continued to perform above budget for the first 3 months of the new financial year. We are confident, given current knowledge, that Bisalloy will remain ahead of budget for the 1st half of the year and, after a prudent allowance for more difficult market conditions in the 2nd half, achieve budget for the year.

I would now invite Mr. Robert Terpening to give shareholders an overview of trading conditions for the year to date and expectations for the rest of the year....Mr. Robert Terpening.

Robert Terpening

Good morning..... As indicated by the Managing Director, Bisalloy Steel has started the new financial year much the same as it finished the last financial year with strong demand and excellent production. The only notable change was a planned increase in Chinese feed plate to offset higher priced locally produced feed plate.



Demand has eased markedly over recent weeks, no doubt due the uncertainty in the financial markets. Despite this change, we are confident that we will remain ahead of budget at the half year and well ahead of last year's half year results.

Trading conditions in the second half of the financial year are less certain at this stage with concerns over the direction of resources in the short term. That said, Bisalloy Steel benefits from both new investment in resource projects and the maintenance of existing resource infrastructure. Even if the resource sector growth slows, the existing levels of production should generate solid demand for Bisplate.

The recent fall in the Australian dollar has given our export competitiveness a real boost and forward cover of our imported feed plate has protected our cost of goods relative to budget.

Kym Godson

As reported in the Annual Report, Bisalloy Steel has entered into a Letter of Intent with a major Chinese steel mill to establish a joint venture to develop a 140,000 tonne per annum heat treatment centre in China.

This joint venture will give Bisalloy Steel the necessary future production capacity to take advantage of the very large quenched and tempered plate market throughout Australasia and the East Asian region.

Once again, I would like Mr. Robert Terpening to give shareholders an update on the joint venture....Mr. Robert Terpening.

Robert Terpening

Shareholders While negotiations are subject to a confidentiality agreement, I can provide some details of our potential partner and the status of the project.



Our potential partner produces high quality steel products and has an existing plate mill capacity more than seven times that of our domestic plate supplier.

We hope to conclude a Joint Venture agreement before the end of December this year. A suitable site close to the plate mill and port is already available and with a development time of around 18 – 24 months, we would expect to see the first production in early 2011.

The partnership would combine a cost competitive Chinese steel producer, with niche product aspirations, and Bisalloy Steels' proven technical and marketing expertise.

Kym Godson

Thank you Robert.

I must also make mention of the good progress that the Atlas Group has made on safety in the 2007/08 financial year with no lost time accidents reported in the last quarter. This is a great performance which is being maintained in the new group. Safety is a key focus for the business with the aim of zero harm for our employees.

In conclusion, I thank the Board for its support during a difficult year and thank all Atlas Group employees for their tolerance in difficult times of corporate activity.

I wish those in the Atlas Distribution all the best for the future.