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## CAPITAL RETURN UPDATE AND ATO CLASS RULING

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On 16 September 2016, Alliance announced its intention to make a return of capital (**2016 Capital Return**) of 2 cents for each share held on the record date of 23 November 2016. Shareholders resolved to approve the payment of the 2016 Capital Return at the AGM held 18 November 2016.

The 2016 Capital Return totalling \$8,343,475 has been processed today (Wednesday, 30 November 2016). Australian and New Zealand shareholders will **only** be paid by electronic funds transfer (EFT) to each shareholder's notified financial institution account (Australian and New Zealand shareholders will not be paid by cheque). As part of this process, New Zealand shareholders will be paid the 2016 Capital Return in New Zealand Dollars, and are advised that the relevant foreign exchange rate applicable to their EFT payments has been fixed at A\$1 = NZ\$1.0437. Other overseas shareholders (being those shareholders not resident in New Zealand) will receive the 2016 Capital Return payment by Australian Dollar cheque.

There are still a number of shareholders yet to upload their financial institution account details. If you have not already done so, Australian and New Zealand shareholders are urged to immediately provide their financial institution account details via either:

- Online – Log into Computershare's Investor Centre website at [www.investorcentre.com](http://www.investorcentre.com); or
- Post – Computershare, GPO Box 242, Melbourne VIC 3001 (note: Computershare will shortly be mailing a form to those shareholders yet to provide their financial institution account details); or
- Fax – Computershare (within Australia) 1800 783 447 or (outside Australia) +61 3 9473 2555; or
- Click on the Capital Distribution tab on Alliance's website home page (which will take you directly to the relevant section on the Computershare website)

If an Australian or New Zealand shareholder does not provide its financial institution account details, payment of the 2016 Capital Return will be withheld until such time that the shareholder provides their relevant details.

## **ATO Class Ruling**

The Company has applied to the Australian Taxation Office (**ATO**) for a Class Ruling to be issued in relation to the 2016 Capital Return and is seeking a ruling that the full amount of the distribution represents a capital return with no portion deemed to be a dividend from profits. The ATO is currently reviewing further information provided by the Company before it makes its determination.

Accordingly, at the time of processing the 2016 Capital Return, the Class Ruling is not yet available and as a result, to comply with its obligations to the ATO, the Company has had to withhold tax from the payments to be made to non-Australian residents at the relevant non-resident withholding tax rates as applies between their country of residence and Australia. Australian shareholders will be paid the 2016 Capital Return in full (as there is no withholding tax to be withheld with respect to Australian shareholders).

Dependent on the outcome of the Class Ruling the amount of tax withheld from non-residents (which is displayed on your payment statement) will be either:

1. Sent to the ATO in accordance with the Company's withholding tax obligations;
2. Returned to the shareholders (where no withholding tax is payable); or
3. A combination of 1 or 2.

Any affected non-residents will be notified in due course as to the final outcome of the Class Ruling and their payment.

All shareholders are reminded that they need to seek their own taxation advice as to how the Capital Return impacts their individual taxation circumstances.

For and on behalf of the Board.

**Bob Tolliday**  
**CFO & Company Secretary**