

The Bank of New York Mellon appointed as depository bank by Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited

New York, United States 27 April 2009 (www.biznewsselect.com) The Bank of New York Mellon, the global leader in asset management and securities servicing, has been selected by Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited (CBA) as the depository bank for its American Depositary Receipt (ADR) program. Each CBA ADR represents one ordinary share. The ADRs trade on the over-the-counter market under the symbol "CMWAY." CBA's ordinary shares trade on the Australian Securities Exchange under the symbol "CBA."

Commonwealth Bank of Australia provides integrated financial services, including retail, business and institutional banking, superannuation, life insurance, general insurance, funds management, brokering services and finance company activities. CBA's principal activities consist of retail banking services, premium business services, wealth management, and international financial services.

"Since 1993, The Bank of New York Mellon has acted as depository for our 144A DR program that makes available restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers," said Warwick Bryant, executive general manager of Investor Relations of CBA. "We have been so pleased with their expertise and superior level of service that when we decided to establish an over-the-counter DR program, The Bank of New York Mellon was the logical choice."

"We are delighted to be expanding our existing relationship with CBA and adding value by introducing a variety of investor outreach initiatives," said Michael Cole-Fontayn, chief executive officer of The Bank of New York Mellon's Depositary Receipt Division. "We look forward to helping CBA gain greater name recognition in the U.S. investment community."

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