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ANZ ranked as leading global bank in Dow Jones Sustainability Index

ANZ today confirmed it had been ranked the most sustainable bank globally in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for 2007.

ANZ achieved a score of 86% in the DJSI which is up 10 percentage points from its score in 2006, having either maintained or improved its performance on 22 of the 23 assessment criteria. ANZ is also the only Australian company to be assessed as a global sector leader in the DJSI.

ANZ Chief Executive Officer, Mr John McFarlane said: "Our goal has always been to establish ANZ as a sustainable company that sets new standards in how successful, modern corporations work with and behave towards our people, customers and communities, regulators and shareholders.

"We have been working very hard on our corporate responsibility agenda over a number of years and it's pleasing to have our progress recognised by achieving the leading ranking among banks globally in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index.

"We have achieved a great result for 2007 however we know we can not sit still as there is still a great deal to do – particularly in the environmental area – but the foundation we have now established places us at the top of banking in Australia and globally, and in good stead for the future," Mr McFarlane said.

ANZ has developed a distinctive approach to corporate responsibility focussed on its people, customer and community agendas, and is continuing to make significant progress on the environment. Highlights of ANZ's performance and progress in these areas include:

- Creating the most engaged banking workforce in Australia and New Zealand.
- Leading the way in providing convenient, simple and responsible banking products and services for our customers.
- Demonstrating a genuine, long-term commitment to improving the financial well-being of some of the most disadvantaged people in society.
- Showing that corporations can make a difference in improving the lives of Indigenous Australians.
- Taking some significant step on the environment and on responsible lending.
- Leading the way in transparency, openness and reporting to its shareholders and stakeholders.

Further information on ANZ's corporate responsibility programs and outcomes can be found at: www.anz.com/aus/values/.

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Notes for Editors:

Since 1999, the DJSI has assessed the top 10 per cent of the largest 2,500 companies in the Dow Jones World Index in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria.

In the 2007 Index, ANZ achieved leading sector scores on the following criteria:

- Risk Management (100%)
- Codes of Conduct (92%)
- Stakeholder Engagement (100%)
- Environmental Policies (97%)
- Labour Practice Indicators (97%)
- Occupational Health and Safety (100%)
- Social Reporting (100%).

Full details of the 2007 Dow Jones Sustainability Index can be found at www.sustainability-indexes.com.