



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

Friday, 17 July 2009

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### ELECTRONIC LODGEMENT

Dear Sir or Madam

### ASCIANO SECURITY PURCHASE PLAN

Please find attached a media release for immediate release to the market.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Mead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## ASX/MEDIA RELEASE

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### Asciano Group launches \$100m Security Purchase Plan

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Asciano Group ("**Asciano**") yesterday announced completion of the Retail Entitlement Offer which formed part of the capital raising originally launched on 15 June 2009. Under the Retail Entitlement Offer, Eligible Retail Securityholders were entitled to apply for their 1-for-1 Entitlement, and also to apply for Additional New Securities in excess of their Entitlement. In total, approximately \$604 million Entitlement Securities and Additional New Securities were applied for by Eligible Retail Securityholders, exceeding the gross amount of approximately \$427 million that could be raised under the Retail Entitlement Offer by \$177 million.

In its announcement of the Retail Entitlement Offer, Asciano noted that its board proposed to meet to consider whether or not Asciano would proceed to offer a Security Purchase Plan.

Asciano is today pleased to offer eligible securityholders the opportunity to increase their holdings of Asciano stapled securities under a Security Purchase Plan (**SPP**).

Under the SPP, stapled securities will be issued at \$1.10 per stapled security (being the price that stapled securities were offered to securityholders in the capital raising announced on 15 June 2009), without brokerage or other transaction costs. The SPP will be capped at a total of A\$100 million. The stapled securities issued under the SPP will rank equally with other Asciano stapled securities as at the date of issue.

Stapled securityholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand as at 7:00 pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Tuesday, 21 July 2009 and that are not, and are not acting for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended) will be eligible to participate in the SPP and will be offered the option of applying for a parcel of stapled securities valued at up to A\$10,000, on the terms and conditions of the SPP. The offer is also being extended to eligible securityholders who are custodians to participate in the SPP on behalf of beneficiaries. The offer is non-renounceable.

Securityholders who are issued stapled securities on Tuesday, 21 July 2009 under the retail component of the entitlement offer, and who are also eligible securityholders for SPP purposes, will be able to participate in the SPP.

The proceeds from the SPP will primarily be used to reduce debt. The SPP will not require securityholder approval to be conducted and is not underwritten. The maximum number of stapled securities that may be issued under the SPP will be determined by the aggregate participation level of all eligible securityholders who participate in the SPP, and subject to the SPP being capped at a total of A\$100 million.

An SPP Booklet and a personalised application form will be mailed to eligible securityholders by Friday, 24 July 2009. If eligible securityholders have not received this information shortly following that date, they are encouraged to telephone Asciano's securityholder Information Line on 1300 729 310 (local call cost within Australia) or +61 3 9415 4608 (from outside Australia), or visit [www.asciano.com](http://www.asciano.com).

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### Indicative SPP timetable\*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday, 21 July 2009 (7:00 pm AEST)	<b>Record Date</b>
Thursday, 23 July 2009	<b>Opening Date</b> SPP offer opens
Wednesday, 12 August 2009	<b>Closing Date</b> SPP offer closes. Valid applications must be received by 5:00 pm (AEST)
Wednesday, 19 August 2009	<b>Issue Date</b> Securities are issued and any scaleback is announced
Thursday, 20 August 2009	<b>Trading Date</b> Securities begin trading on a normal settlement basis
Friday, 21 August 2009	<b>Confirmation of Allotment Despatch Date</b> Confirmations of allotment are sent to securityholders

\* This timetable is indicative only. Asciano may change or terminate the SPP at any time by notice to the ASX and reserves the right to amend this indicative timetable (as required by ASX or otherwise).

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Eligible securityholders with questions about the SPP offer should contact the Asciano Securityholder Information Line on **1300 729 310** (local call cost within Australia) or on **+61 3 9415 4608** (from outside Australia) or go to Asciano's website at [www.asciano.com](http://www.asciano.com)

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