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Sydney Melbourne

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NOTICE OF INITIAL SUBSTANTIAL HOLDER

Please find attached a Form 603 (Notice of Initial substantial holder) in respect of the Babcock & Brown Group's holding of ordinary shares in Sydney Gas Limited (ASX: SGL).

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Form 603

Corporations Act 2001 Section 671B

Notice of initial substantial holder

To Company Name/Scheme

Sydney Gas Ltd

ACN/ARSN

003 324 310

1. Details of substantial holder (1)

Nome

Babcock & Brown Limited and its related bodies corporate ("Babcock & Brown Group)

ACN / ARSN (if applicable)

N/A

The holder became a substantial holder on

3/02/09

2. Details of voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Number of securities	Persons' votes (5)	Voting power (6)
36,692,706	36,692,706	8.35%
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3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
Babcock & Brown Group	Pursuant to Section 608 (1) of the Corporations Act 2001 See Sydney Gas Limited ASX announcement dated 02 February 2009	36,692,706 fpo

4. Details of present registered holders

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
Babcock & Brown (SGL) Nominees Pty Ltd	Babcock & Brown (SGL) Nominees Pty Ltd	Babcock & Brown (SGL) Nominees Pty Ltd	36,692,706 fpo

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
Babcock & Brown (SGL) Nominees Pty Ltd	03/02/09	\$0.425 per fpo	:-	36,692,706 fpo

6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association	
N/A		

7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Babcock & Brown Limited	Level 23, The Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000
Babcock & Brown (SGL) Nominees Pty Ltd	Level 23, The Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000

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	print name	Susan Glenton	capacity Company Secretary	
	sign here	Ma	date 3 February 2009	
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(1)	manager and trustee of an ed are essentially similar, they m	quity trust), the names could be included in an a	nterests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons scifically named group if the membership of each group, with the orm.	
(2)	See the definition of "associa	te" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.		
(3)	See the definition of "relevant	t interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Co	orporations A.	
(4)	The voting shares of a compa	any constitute one class unless divided into sep	parate classes.	
(5)	The total number of votes atta associate has a relevant inter	ached to all the voting shares in the company o rest in.	or voting interests in the scheme (if any) that the person or an	
(6)	The person's votes divided by	y the total votes in the body corporate or schem	ne multiplied by 100.	
(7)	Include details of:			
	document setting out the	ne terms of any relevant agreement, and a state	interest was acquired. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any sement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement;	
	(b) any qualification of the the securities to which	power of a person to exercise, control the exer the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly t	rcise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the particular securities to which the qualification applies).	
	See the definition of "relevan	t agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations A	act 2001.	
(8)	If the substantial holder is una "unknown".	able to determine the identity of the person (eg.	. If the relevant interest arises because of an option) write	
(9)	Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.			