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S&P Indices to remove Macarthur Coal Limited and Eastern Star Gas Limited from the S&P/ASX 200

October 26, 2011 – S&P Indices today announced that it will remove Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX: MCC) from the S&P/ASX 200. This is due to the free float of Macarthur Coal Limited falling below the 30% requirement for index membership.

S&P Indices will also remove Eastern Star Gas Limited (ASX: ESG) from the S&P/ASX 200, subject to shareholder and final court approval of the proposed scheme of arrangement under which the company will be acquired by Santos Limited (ASX: STO).

S&P Indices will remove Macarthur Coal Limited and Eastern Star Gas Limited from the S&P/ASX 200 after the close of business on November 3, 2011. Macarthur Coal Limited and Eastern Star Gas Limited will be replaced by Industree Limited (ASX: IDL) and Mineral Deposits Limited (ASX: MDL) in the S&P/ASX 200 after the close of business on November 3, 2011.

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