

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD

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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March 2005

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

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Yeso

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Group Corporate Affairs

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ASX Announcement

Melbourne, Thursday 17 March 2005

National's hybrid Tier 1 capital issue

National Australia Bank today announced an issue of US\$800 million Tier 1 Trust Preferred Securities (approximately A\$1.0 billion).

The securities carry a fixed coupon of 5.486% until March 2015, when they become floating at a rate of 1.5375% over 3 month LIBOR. The perpetual securities are callable by the National at any time after March 2015, subject to the approval of APRA.

The National's Director, Finance & Risk, Mr Michael Ullmer, said that the deal was highly successful and was supported by a large number of US tier 1 investors. This capital issue provided the National with the opportunity to reinforce our relationships with this important investor base.

This issue of hybrid Tier 1 capital is consistent with the National's objective of efficient capital management. The proceeds from the Tier 1 issue will be used by the National's London Branch for general business purposes.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED

Date: 17 March 2005

Title: ***Susan Crook***
Associate Company Secretary