

22 January 2007

Dear Shareholder

Announcement to the Shareholders of Ascend Asset Management Limited ("ASCEND")

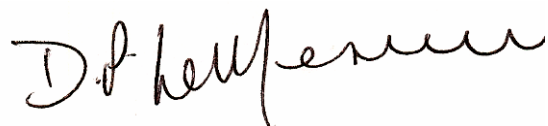
On behalf of the Directors of Ascend, I wish to advise Shareholders of the following developments with respect to the Registered Scheme The Himalaya Fund ARSN: 131 297 484:

- The Himalaya Fund is a Registered Scheme and was originally established with Columbus Investment Services (ACN: 106 064 644) as the Responsible Entity and Himalaya Investment Management Pty Limited (ACN: 108 299 985) as the Investment Manager.
- Ascend Asset Management Limited (ACN: 112 871 842) has now been appointed Investment Manager of The Himalaya Fund.
- Ascend is planning to rename this Fund the AAA Ascend Seed Capital Fund. This Fund will primarily invest in unlisted shares to achieve capital growth.
- A draft PDS (Product Disclosure Statement) for the AAA Ascend Seed Capital Fund has been prepared and is being reviewed by our lawyers, Hall & Wilcox.
- The Constitution of The Himalaya Fund has been reviewed to provide amendments to be made on behalf of the AAA Ascend Seed Capital Fund.
- The Compliance Plan for The Himalaya Fund has been reviewed by Hall & Wilcox.
- An agreement with the Responsible Entity, Columbus Investment Services has been drafted.
- The Custodian, Administrator and Auditor for the AAA Ascend Seed Capital Fund are presently being considered.
- Announcements concerning the composition of the Investment Committee and Compliance Committee will be made shortly.

We are very keen to provide you with regular updates on developments at Ascend and will continue to forward such Shareholder Announcements in due course.

On behalf of the Directors of Ascend I would like to thank you for your continuing interest in our company.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.P. LeMessurier', written in a cursive style.

Douglas Peter LeMessurier
Chairman