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The Manager Company Announcements Australian Stock Exchange Limited 20 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Madam

## Investa Acquires 8.4% investment in Principal Office Fund

Please find attached a media statement being issued today regarding Investa's acquisition of an 8.4% holding in Principal Office Fund ("POF").

Yours faithfully

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Investa Acquires 8.4% Strategic Investment in Principal Office Fund

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. Investa Properties Limited ("Investa") has acquired an 8.4% investment in Principal Office Fund ("POF") from a range of institutional investors at \$1.58 per POF unit. The acquisition was debt funded.

Investa Managing Director, Chris O'Donnell, said the longer term management and direction of POF had been openly questioned in the market.

"Our investment in POF has strategic value and is immediately accretive for Investa securityholders based on POF's current distribution levels.

"Given Investa's track record in optimising returns from office assets, we will be taking a close interest in the performance of POF and we look forward to discussions with POF Management in that regard," Mr O'Donnell said.

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