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**MACQUARIE BANK COMMENTS ON WORLD TRADE CENTER TRAGEDY**

Macquarie Bank Managing Director, Allan Moss, commented today on the World Trade Center tragedy in New York last night.

Mr Moss said that the Bank's New York premises are approximately 5 kilometres from the World Trade Center and were physically unaffected. "All of the Bank's New York staff are accounted for and were not injured."

"The outlook for the Bank will not be affected by these tragic events."

Mr Moss said that the Bank proposes to continue with the placement of \$500 million of ordinary shares announced yesterday. However, it has extended the close of the bookbuild process until 5.00pm Sydney time today. As a result, the current trading halt in the Bank's ordinary shares, converting preference shares and Macquarie Income Securities will continue today. Trading will recommence in these securities tomorrow.

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