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ASX Monthly Activity Report - August 2008

August 2008 activity and turnover value levels across many Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) markets were lower than the previous corresponding period, August 2007 (pcp), despite the number of cash market trades being higher than the pcp.

Throughout the month ASX systems – including trading, clearing and settlement, and company announcements – operated normally.

Cash markets (including equities, interest rates and warrants trades):

- Total cash markets trades for August 2008 were 9.1 million, up 19% on the pcp. Average daily trades of 435,213 were 30% up on the pcp.
- Total cash market traded value was \$108.7 billion in August 2008, down 34% on the pcp, with a daily average value of \$5.2 billion, down 27% on the pcp.
- In August 2008 the average value per trade was \$11,896, down 44% on the pcp (\$21,291 pcp), and the percentage of value crossed was 27% (25% pcp).

Derivatives markets:

- Equity derivatives volume (excluding SPI 200) for August 2008 was 1.5 million contracts, down 43% on the pcp, with a daily average of 69,631 contracts, down 38% on pcp.
- Total futures and options on futures contracts volume (excluding equity derivatives and CFDs) for August 2008 was 5.7 million, down 40% on the pcp, with a notional value of \$3.0 trillion. Average daily contracts volume during August 2008 of 270,149 was down 35% on the pcp.
- A total of 7,557 ASX CFD trades were transacted in August 2008 comprising a volume of 5.1 million contracts. The total notional value of all CFD trades for August was \$160.9 million, and the value of CFD open interest at the end of August was \$71.2 million.

Listings and capital raisings:

- In August 2008 there were 6 entities admitted for listing, compared to 21 in the pcp. Total listed entities at 31 August 2008 were 2,233¹ up 5% on the 2,120 as at 31 August 2007.
- Total capital raised in August 2008 amounted to \$5.9 billion, up 34% on the pcp, comprising \$0.1 billion in initial raisings, down 91% on pcp, and \$5.8 billion in secondary raisings, up 100% on pcp.

¹ Entities include companies and trusts with quoted equities (including individual entities that trade as stapled securities) and also other entities with debt securities only.

Supervisory monitoring and enforcement activity:

- In August 2008, there were:
 - 10,379 company announcements processed, down 11% with pcg;
 - 26 price queries issued to listed entities, up 63 % on pcg; and
 - 74 trading halts granted, consistent with pcg.

A detailed activity statement for ASX group markets for August 2008 is attached.

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	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	August 2008 Financial YTD	August 2007 Financial YTD
Cash Markets				
Total Trading Days	21	23	44	45
Cash Market Volume				
Total Trades	9,139,465	7,679,167	19,374,157	13,821,618
Change on PCP	19%		40%	
Average Daily Trades	435,213	333,877	440,322	307,147
Change on PCP	30%		43%	
Cash Market Value (including Value of Crossed Trades)				
Total Value (\$billion)	108.725	163.500	235.513	305.585
Change on PCP	(34%)		(23%)	
Average Daily Value (\$billion)	5.177	7.109	5.353	6.791
Change on PCP	(27%)		(21%)	
Cash Market Behaviour Statistics				
Percentage of Turnover Crosses (%)	27%	25%	26%	27%
Off-Market Crossings Represent 14% and On-Market 13% of Turnover				
Non Billable Value (Above Cap) (\$billion)	2.768	6.252	5.623	11.446
Total Billable Value (\$billion)	105.957	157.248	229.890	294.139
Billable Value - Off-Market Crossings (%)	12%	9%	11%	10%
Billable Value - On-Market Crossings (%)	13%	14%	13%	15%
Note - Cash Market includes Equity, Warrant and Interest Rate Market Transactions				
Derivatives Markets				
Equity Derivatives Total Trading Days	21	23	44	45
Equity Derivatives Volume (excluding SPI 200)				
Total Contracts	1,462,253	2,572,125	3,134,348	4,923,075
Change on PCP	(43%)		(36%)	
Average Daily Contracts	69,631	111,832	71,235	109,402
Change on PCP	(38%)		(35%)	
Futures & Options Total Trading Days				
	21	23	44	45
CFD Market (commenced 5 Nov 2007)				
Total Trades	7,557	N/A	16,174	N/A
Notional Value Traded (\$million)	160.9	N/A	340.2	N/A
Total Open Interest Value as at 31 August (\$million)	71.2	N/A	71.2	N/A
Total Contracts	5,124,991	N/A	12,005,376	N/A
Futures Volume (including SPI 200)				
Total Contracts	5,493,699	9,180,208	10,971,052	15,774,012
Change on PCP	(40%)		(30%)	
Average Daily Contracts	261,605	399,139	249,342	350,534
Change on PCP	(34%)		(29%)	
Options on Futures Volume				
Total Contracts	179,440	339,841	399,807	571,018
Change on PCP	(47%)		(30%)	
Average Daily Contracts	8,545	14,776	9,087	12,689
Change on PCP	(42%)		(28%)	
Total Future & Options (Derivatives) Volume				
Total Contracts	5,673,139	9,520,049	11,370,859	16,345,030
Change on PCP	(40%)		(30%)	
Average Daily Contracts	270,149	413,915	258,429	363,223
Change on PCP	(35%)		(29%)	
Listings and Capital Raisings				
New Listed Entities Admitted	6	21	19	56
Change on PCP	(71%)		(66%)	
Total Listed Entities (at End of Month)	2,233	2,120		
Change on PCP	5%			
Initial Capital Raised (\$million)	140	1,510	1,192	4,687
Secondary Capital Raised (\$million)	5,764	2,884	10,767	14,448
Total Capital Raised (\$million)	5,904	4,394	11,959	19,135
Margin Balances - at End of Month				
Cash Margins Held (\$billion)	3.9	4.9		
Cash Equivalents Held (\$billion)	0.0	0.0		
Collateral Cash Cover Held (Equities and Guarantees)	2.5	2.5		