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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 February 2006

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

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Yes

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**Group Corporate Affairs
500 Bourke Street, Melbourne
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ASX Announcement

Melbourne, Tuesday 21 February 2006

NAB sells Asian life insurance businesses to AXA Asia Pacific

National Australia Bank Limited (NAB) today announced it has agreed to sell its MLC life insurance businesses in Hong Kong and Indonesia to AXA Asia Pacific Holdings for A\$575 million. The impact on the Group profit and loss is not expected to be material.

National Australia Bank Managing Director and Group Chief Executive, John Stewart, said the sale of the life insurance businesses in Hong Kong and Indonesia is part of the on-going business portfolio review.

These are good businesses and AXA Asia Pacific is in a strong position to develop them. The sale is therefore a sensible decision for both NAB and AXA Asia Pacific, Mr Stewart said.

We want to focus on areas where we have core capabilities and can create sustainable shareholder value.

The sale allows us to consolidate our banking and wealth management services in Asia.

NAB will continue to develop the financial services businesses in Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan based on premium banking, wealth management and corporate banking.

This sale has no bearing on our MLC wealth management business in Australia.

The sale is subject to regulatory approvals. The proceeds will be utilised as part of the NAB's total capital management program.

Employees of MLC Hong Kong and MLC Indonesia will transfer with the sale.

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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: 21 February 2006

Signature: */s/ Brendan T Case*

Name: Brendan T Case

Title: Associate *Company Secretary*