



August 8, 2003

Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Company Announcements Office  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
20 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

**Restricted shares being released from escrow**

We advise that a total of 99,999 ordinary shares fully paid previously restricted in escrow are being released from escrow effective August 23, 2003 and that the Company intends to seek quotation on the Australian Stock Exchange of those shares on August 25, 2003.

Yours sincerely  
Lodestone Exploration Limited

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leni Stanley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Leni Stanley  
Secretary