



# Media Release

## **QANTAS COMPLETES A\$500 MILLION INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT**

**SYDNEY, 5 February 2009:** Qantas Airways Limited today announced that it had successfully completed an institutional placement of new fully paid ordinary shares (Placement Shares) to raise A\$500 million.

The placement attracted strong interest from a range of existing and new institutional investors and was priced at A\$1.85 per share. This represents a 17 per cent discount to Qantas' closing price of A\$2.29 on 2 February 2009, after adjusting for the 2008/09 interim dividend of six cents per share\*.

The equity capital raising will be used to enhance financial flexibility and: support the fleet renewal program; increase diversity of funding; reduce net debt; and support Qantas' investment grade credit rating.

Under the placement, Qantas will issue approximately 270.3 million new ordinary shares. Settlement is scheduled to take place on 10 February 2009 with the Placement Shares expected to be allotted and quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) on 11 February 2009. The placement was fully underwritten by Macquarie Capital Advisors and UBS.

In addition to the institutional placement, Qantas is inviting all Australian and New Zealand shareholders to subscribe for new shares via a non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan (SPP). Full details of the Share Purchase Plan will be set out in documentation which will shortly be sent to shareholders.

The trading halt that has been in place since Tuesday will be lifted from the commencement of trading today, 5 February 2009.

Further information in relation to the 2008/09 interim dividend announced on 4 February 2009:

- The Placement Shares will rank equally with existing Qantas ordinary shares with the exception that the Placement Shares will not be entitled to participate in the 2008/09 interim dividend
- The interim dividend is payable on 8 April 2009, with a record date (books close) of 6 March 2009
- New shares will be issued to participants in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP), at a discount of 2.5 per cent to the Market Price (as defined in the DRP Terms and Conditions)

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