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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 November 2005

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24
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Group Corporate Affairs

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Media Release

Melbourne, Thursday 10 November 2005

National Australia Bank confirms it has demanded compensation from two foreign currency brokers

National Australia Bank today confirmed that it issued letters of demand on 6 September 2005 claiming compensation exceeding \$539 million against ICAP plc and another broker in relation to the foreign currency options trading losses announced in January 2004.

The National is seeking compensation for losses including foreign currency trading losses, additional capital expenses and loss of profit as a result of the disruption to foreign currency options trading services. The National has also indicated its intention to seek exemplary damages against ICAP plc in any proceedings brought against that firm.

The National has conducted a detailed forensic investigation over the course of more than a year in preparing its claims, and has also had regard to evidence gained during inquiries by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The National is confident it has a strong case to seek compensation from the parties involved in the foreign currency options trading losses. While the National would prefer to resolve its claims against those parties by negotiation, it may be necessary for it to bring legal proceedings against them to enforce its rights.

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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: 14 November 2005

Title: *Brendan T Case*
Associate *Company Secretary*