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Subject:	Computershare launches comprehensive reference guide to transparency, ownership and communications in the global capital markets

Melbourne 4 April 2014 Computershare (ASX: CPU) today formally launched its comprehensive report 'Transparency of Share Ownership, Shareholder Communications and Voting in global capital markets' (TCV Report), designed to assist stakeholders to better understand these important and highly technical functions which are vital components for facilitating more effective shareholder engagement.

The TCV Report is a helpful companion to annual studies that Computershare and its subsidiary, Georgeson, publish in various markets. These local reports provide in-depth analysis of trends in voting along with findings from the proxy season and often contain information on global trends. The new TCV Report takes a complementary approach, describing the mechanics of a range of international markets and how transparency of ownership, shareholder communication and voting is achieved. Market- by-market descriptions contained in the report also enable comparisons to be made across jurisdictions.

Paul Conn, President of Computershare's Global Capital Markets team said: "We're delighted to be sharing this information and knowledge at a time when many stakeholders (including regulators, shareholders, market participants, academics, etc.) are actively seeking details about how transparency of ownership, shareholder communications and voting actually work across the global capital markets. The regulatory and operational mechanics for each of these critical functions can significantly influence the way in which shareholder engagement is conducted and in turn can influence the way in which corporate governance is undertaken."

The TCV Report provides:

- An explanation of the legal and operational mechanisms for transparency of ownership to issuers, shareholder communications and voting for fourteen markets.
- Comprehensive detail on geographic market-specific customs and practices and the interaction between different participants and the relevant settlement systems;
- A basis to contribute to an informed debate on market best practice in these critical areas of transparency of ownership, shareholder communications and voting.

"Very few organisations have deep domain expertise across these critical elements", Conn added. "We see this report as an important first step in our contribution to broader discussions about global processes and standards. Our aim is to help the global capital markets function more effectively; in a way that enhances corporate governance outcomes and improves engagement between issuers and their owners, recognising the fundamental roles that market infrastructure providers, intermediaries and their agents also play in the execution of these critical functions".

The TCV Report demonstrates the depth and reach of the Computershare Group's global business knowledge in this sector. It can be accessed and downloaded free of charge at www.computershare.com/tcvreport

It will be updated periodically.

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About Computershare Limited (CPU)

Computershare (ASX: CPU) is a global market leader in transfer agency and share registration, employee equity plans, proxy solicitation and stakeholder communications. We also specialise in corporate trust, mortgage, bankruptcy, class action, utility and tax voucher administration, and a range of other diversified financial and governance services.

Founded in 1978, Computershare is renowned for its expertise in high integrity data management, high volume transaction processing and reconciliations, payments and stakeholder engagement. Many of the world's leading organisations use us to streamline and maximise the value of relationships with their investors, employees, creditors and customers. Computershare is represented in all major financial markets and has over 14,000 employees worldwide.

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