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NEWS RELEASE

Date:	1 March 2013
Subject:	Computershare agrees terms to buy Morgan Stanley's Global Stock Plan Service business

Computershare Limited (ASX:CPU) is pleased to confirm that it has agreed terms for the acquisition of the EMEA –based portion of Morgan Stanley's (NYSE: MS) Global Stock Plan Services business ("GSPS EMEA"). The acquisition is expected to complete in May 2013.

GSPS EMEA is a leading European-based employee share plans provider. It provides recordkeeping, administration and trade execution services for corporate stock and option-based compensation plans to a range of EMEA-based corporations, including 18% of the DJ-Stoxx 50 and 10% of the FTSE-100. The business operates from London and Barcelona and administers approximately 235,000 employee participant accounts. As part of the transaction, it is intended that Morgan Stanley will continue to provide trade execution services to existing GSPS EMEA clients.

Following the successful purchase and integration of the HBOS Employee Equity Solutions business in 2010, this acquisition will further enhance Computershare's position as both the European and global market leader for employee share plans, providing services to over four million employee share owners around the world.

Martyn Drake, Managing Director of Computershare's Plan Managers business for the UK, Ireland and the Channel Islands said: "Having recently successfully undertaken the integration of HBOS EES clients and shareholders to our operating platforms, we're in a great place to repeat this process with GSPS EMEA business. We're excited about the opportunity to enhance the service our new clients and their employees experience and look forward to welcoming them on board."

"We are pleased to be joining with Computershare", commented Jay Foley, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley's GSPS EMEA business in London. "The increasing complexity of equity compensation plans and the evolving regulatory environment mean that clients are demanding comprehensive global solutions. We believe that Computershare's market leading flexible technology platform and Morgan Stanley's global trade execution services will provide a

compelling combination. We're looking forward to working together to deliver the best possible global solution for our clients."

Martyn Drake will oversee the integration process, with the wider team including senior staff from both Computershare and GSPS EMEA.

The acquisition marks a new era in the European share plans business with a significant number of large companies gaining access to globally integrated services and support, as well as ground-breaking products such as vested share accounts and automatic tax calculators.

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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 12,000 employees worldwide.

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