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# MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:	28 February 2013
То:	Australian Securities Exchange
Subject:	Intent to acquire Morgan Stanley's EMEA-based Global Stock Plan Business

Computershare Limited (ASX:CPU) has today agreed terms for the acquisition of the EMEA-based portion of Morgan Stanley's 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 with revenues of approximately US\$22m.

The cash consideration is US\$48.5 million. The acquisition will be funded by cash and existing debt facilities and is expected to be immediately Management EPS accretive.

GSPS EMEA 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 around 235,000 employee participant accounts across Europe and the US. The acquisition will enhance Computershare's position as the market leader in the European employee plans administration market.

Stuart Crosby, Computershare's President and CEO said: "The business we are planning to acquire has an excellent franchise. The opportunity could not have come at a better time for us, as the very successful integration of the HBOS EES business we acquired in 2010 comes to an end. It gives us another opportunity to add to shareholder value and to show how well we can integrate plans businesses using our proprietary software systems. We are very confident that we will enhance the service our new clients and their employees experience."

The integration of GSPS EMEA will be overseen by Martyn Drake in his role as Managing Director of Computershare's UK Employee Share Plan business. The integration team will include senior staff from both Computershare and GSPS EMEA.

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