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The Manager of Companies  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Level 4  
20 Bridge Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sirs

Today, Highlands Pacific Limited (HPL) filed with the Federal Court of Australia, Queensland District Registry, an application against Orogen Minerals Limited, Orogen Minerals (Ramu) Limited and Jeffrey A Quartermaine claiming:

- an order declaring that the whole of the Put Option - Ramu Joint Venture be declared void;
- damages pursuant to section 82 or section 87 of the Trade Practices Act;
- damages against Orogen Minerals Limited for breach of contract;
- equitable compensation from Orogen Minerals (Ramu) Limited and Orogen Minerals Limited; and
- such further relief as the court feels appropriate.

The action is a result of Orogen Minerals' failure to perform its obligations in accordance with a written agreement with HPL.

The action is consistent with HPL's December 2001 Quarterly Report.

Yours faithfully

**J I FORBES**  
Company Secretary