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SHARE PURCHASE PLAN RAISES AUD21.5 MILLION

Highlands Pacific Limited (ASX: HIG, 'Highlands') is pleased to report that the Share Purchase Plan (SPP), offered to its shareholders, has raised AUD21.5 million. The SPP was managed by ABN AMRO Morgans

It is expected that letters advising participant shareholders of their new holdings will be mailed on Friday 29 November 2002. The newly issued shares are expected to be quoted on the ASX and the POMSoX on Monday 2 December 2002.

Mr Ian Holzberger, Managing Director Highlands, said that the response to the SPP has been very pleasing and significantly strengthens the position of Highlands in developing the Kainantu high-grade gold project.

Mr Holzberger added that after the completion of the SPP Highlands available cash was around AUD29 million.

Mr Holzberger also said that the work on the definitive capital and operating cost estimate and the mining reserve for Kainantu was on schedule and it remains Highlands' objective to commit to develop the project in the first quarter 2003.

About Kainantu

Located in the Eastern Highlands' Province of PNG, the Kainantu Gold Project (100% Highlands Pacific) consists of three exploration licences totalling 261 square kilometres encompassing the high-grade Kainantu goldfield.

A feasibility study completed in December 2001 envisages an underground gold mine producing up to 140,000 ounces of gold per annum at an average head grade of around 32g/t gold over approximately 7 years (based on the current estimated mineral resource). Returns to Highland Pacific's shareholders are expected to be very attractive.

The project is progressing rapidly with the granting of the Mining Lease and approval of the Environmental Plan.

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