



Unilever ANZ Repurchases Land and Buildings at its North Rocks factory site

Deal reaffirms FMCG giant's commitment to North Rocks, and to manufacturing in Australia

Sydney, June 30, 2010 -- Unilever ANZ today completed a repurchase of the land and factory at its North Rocks manufacturing site, as part of its ongoing commitment to manufacturing in Australia.

The North Rocks factory, originally built by Unilever in 1969, makes products for several of Unilever's iconic home and personal care brands, including Lynx, Rexona, Dove, Sunsilk and Impulse. In 2004, as part of a business re-organization, Unilever sold the land and associated buildings at North Rocks, and then leased a portion of them back. The company continued to manufacture at the leased facility prior to today's repurchase of the land and buildings.

"We are delighted that our North Rocks factory has officially rejoined the Unilever family," said Sebastian Lazell, Chairman, Unilever ANZ. "This repurchase is a vote of confidence by Unilever in the North Rocks factory, and further demonstrates Unilever's long-term commitment to Australian manufacturing."

Unilever began manufacturing in Australia in 1899, when it opened a factory in Balmain, NSW, to make Sunlight soap. Unilever ANZ now has three manufacturing sites in Australia, located at North Rocks and Minto in NSW, and Tatura in Victoria. The North Rocks factory supplies home and personal care products to both Australia and New Zealand, as well as to numerous Unilever companies in other markets, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

"Since 2005, Unilever ANZ has invested over \$100 million in upgrading and maximizing the efficiencies of our manufacturing sites," said Richard Roberts, Supply Chain Director, Unilever ANZ. "We are determined to invest in and support our factories, and this repurchase clearly shows the key role our North Rocks factory plays in the Unilever global supply chain."

About Unilever

Unilever works to create a better future every day. Our company helps people feel good, look good and get more out of life with brands and services that are good for them and good for others.

Unilever is one of the world's leading fast-moving consumer goods companies, with strong local roots in more than 100 countries. Globally, Unilever has around 163,000 employees, and in 2009 generated annual sales of €40 billion. In ANZ, Unilever employs more than 1,600 people, and has offices and manufacturing facilities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Unilever's portfolio features some of the world's best-known household names. In ANZ, our name brands include Flora, Lipton, Bushells, Dove, Rexona, Vaseline, Omo, Surf, Continental, Chicken Tonight and Streets.

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