

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2004

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

500 Bourke Street

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Yes

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This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 (No. 333-6632) of National Australia Bank Limited and to be part thereof from the date on which this Report, is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

Group Corporate Affairs

National Australia
Bank Limited
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ASX Announcement

Melbourne, Tuesday 27th January 2004

National focuses on strategic priorities

The National Australia Bank has sold its shareholdings in St George Bank, AMP Limited and HHG Plc.

The AMP and HHG shareholdings have been sold in block trades to Merrill Lynch. The St George shares are being sold in an overnight book-build which has been fully underwritten by Merrill Lynch.

Final details of the sale will be announced following the completion of the book-build.

The Chief Executive Officer of the National, Mr Frank Cicutto, said an in-principle decision to dispose of the shareholdings subject to market conditions and final approval was made late last year.

Current market conditions have facilitated the sale of the shareholdings at an attractive profit to the National, he said.

Going forward, our priorities will be further integrating our banking and wealth management businesses, developing our European business and rebuilding market confidence in our risk management systems.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED

/s/

Susan E Crook

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Date: 27 January 2004

Title: *Associate Company Secretary*
