

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD  
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# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON DC 20549

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## **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 April 2005**

## **National Australia Bank Limited**

**ACN 004 044 937**

(Registrant's Name)

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Yes ☐

No ☒

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**ASX Announcement**

*Melbourne, Thursday 14 April 2005*

**MLC to Acquire Remaining Interests in HKMLC Holdings Limited**

MLC Limited (MLC) said it would acquire the remaining interests in HKMLC Holdings Limited (HKMLC), the joint venture holding company of the National Group's Hong Kong wealth management business.

MLC currently owns approximately 62% of HKMLC and the transaction will take its ownership to 100%. The cost of this transaction to MLC is expected to be approximately A\$145 million.

MLC said it was pleased the minority shareholders had exercised an option requiring MLC to purchase all of the outstanding interests in HKMLC.

The option was part of the joint venture documentation agreed in November 2000.

The transaction is subject to receiving all applicable regulatory approvals.

There is no impact on jobs as a result of the transaction. Customer relationships, policies and benefits are also unaffected by the change.

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**ASX Announcement**

*Melbourne, Monday 18 April 2005*

**NAB to re-open its Foreign Exchange Options Desk**

National Australia Bank (NAB) announced today it will re-open its foreign exchange options desk on 9 May 2005.

The re-opening of the foreign exchange options desk has been approved by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and follows the completion of the specific requirements stipulated for reopening the desk.

In respect of the overall APRA remedial actions program, 72 of the 81 requirements have been submitted to APRA to date. Of these, 30 items have closed.

John Stewart, Chief Executive, said 'We have reached a milestone in the remedial actions program and will continue to work closely with APRA to complete the program. We have made good progress but we envisage that it will take some time to close out the remaining actions.'

Commenting on the re-opening Mr John Hooper, Executive General Manager, Institutional Markets & Services, said: 'We look forward to restoring our presence and meeting the broader foreign exchange needs of our client base.'

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IMS consists of the following divisions:

Markets

Structured Products

Credit Products

Portfolio Management & Loan Syndications

Financial Institutions

New York Branch

Services

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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**



*Susan Crook*

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Date:

18 April 2005

Title:

*Associate Company Secretary*