

ANNOUNCEMENT TO AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED

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The Manager
Company Announcements
Australian Stock Exchange Limited

Dear Sir

Share Purchase Plan – Extension of Offer

The Board of Benitec Limited is pleased to announce a two-week extension of the Share Purchase Plan, application forms for which were mailed to shareholders on 9 August 2006. The offer will now close at 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 8 September 2006. As a result of this extension the Allotment Date will now be 15 September 2006, and the Dispatch Date 20 September 2006.

Whilst the Plan is doing well, we would like to give all shareholders the opportunity properly to consider the recent announcement concerning the new arrangement with CSIRO and the benefits this will deliver to the Company.

Yours sincerely



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