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REFUND OF GST ON HOLDBACK

In 2005, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) released a determination stating that holdback payments received by motor vehicle dealers from manufacturers/distributors were not subject to GST.

On 28 February 2008, the Federal Court ruled in favour of a Motor Vehicle Dealer to require the ATO to refund GST paid on these holdback payments.

In a Decision Impact Statement issued by the ATO on 6 May 2008, the ATO confirmed that it accepts the view of the Federal Court and will not appeal the decision, and advises that motor dealers are entitled to seek recovery of any GST paid on holdback.

Adtrans Group Limited is currently finalising its claim of approximately \$2.5m to \$3m before income tax. The refund of over-paid GST will be assessable income in the current financial year. These claims may be subject to audit or review by the ATO in due course.

For further information, please contact:
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Current vehicle franchises held by Adtrans Group include:

Cars: Ford, Toyota, Hyundai, Kia, Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge

Trucks: Sterling, Freightliner, Mercedes-Benz, Iveco/International, Fuso, UD, Hino and BCI Buses

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Adrian Brien Ford
Rebel Ford - Elizabeth
Rebel Ford - Pooraka
Stillwell Hyundai

Adrian Brien Hyundai
Reynella Hyundai

Stillwell Kia
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Adrian Brien Chrysler/Jeep
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Cornes Toyota 4x4 Centre
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The Truck Centre

Adtrans Hino Pty Ltd SYDNEY

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- Gosford
- Camden

Adtrans Australia Pty Ltd MELBOURNE

Whitehorse Truck and Bus
Melbourne International Truck Centre

Adtrans Truck Centre Pty Ltd MELBOURNE

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