

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 December 2004

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

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Form 20-F

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Yes

No

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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National Australia Bank Limited and to be part thereof from the date on which this Report, is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.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
ABN 12004044937

500 Bourke Street
Melbourne
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ASX Announcement

Melbourne, Wednesday, 7 December 2004

National Australia Bank and Ion Limited

The National Australia Bank has an exposure in relation to Australian auto parts company, Ion Limited, whose Board has today appointed Mr Colin Nicol of McGrath Nicol + Partners as voluntary administrator for the company and its Australian subsidiaries.

The National was part of a syndicate with four other banks to provide funding for Ion. The total exposure for the National is approximately \$135 million, including approximately \$100 million in syndicated unsecured credit.

The National will be liaising with the voluntary administrator, its fellow syndicate members and other creditors to better understand the administrator's options and proposals for any potential restructuring of the Ion Group and the potential impacts on the National's position (including the need to make specific provision for its exposure).

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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

Date: 8 December 2004

/s/ Susan Crook

Title: *Associate Company Secretary*