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ANZ named lead bank globally in Dow Jones Sustainability Index for third successive year

ANZ today announced it has been named as the most sustainable bank globally in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for 2009. This is the third consecutive year ANZ has been recognised for its global leadership in corporate responsibility.

The DJSI assesses business management practices such as corporate governance, risk management, customer relations, brand management, human resources, corporate community investment, climate change mitigation and environmental performance.

ANZ's assessment was 90% - an improvement on its 2007 and 2008 result. This year, the average assessment for banks globally was 51%.

ANZ Chief Executive Officer Mike Smith said: "This assessment recognises that we have maintained and strengthened our focus on responsible business practices during a period of global economic instability.

"Our new global Code of Conduct and Ethics, brand strategy, programs to create a risk-aware culture across the organisation and support for customers facing financial hardship were highly rated by the DJSI as clear evidence that we are embedding responsible practices into everything we do.

"ANZ is now at a turning point and the time is right for us to build on our DJSI leadership position as we work to expand our business in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific. We will work to achieve our business objectives while making a positive and sustainable contribution in each of our markets," Mr Smith said.

Further information about ANZ's corporate responsibility programs and results can be found at anz.com

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