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NEWS RELEASE

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**ANSELL LIMITED ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF
OFF MARKET BUY-BACK**

Ansell Limited announced the final results of its buy-back, or tender offer, to purchase up to A\$155,000,000 worth of its Ordinary Shares (including Ordinary Shares held as American Depository Shares ("ADSs")). The offer expired at 5:00 p.m., Melbourne time, which was 1:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Standard time, on Friday, December 10, 2004.

Based on the final count of the number of Ordinary Shares (including those underlying ADSs) accepted/tendered in the offer, 31,509,539 Ordinary Shares (including 45,239 Ordinary Shares held as ADSs) were properly tendered and not withdrawn at a price per share of A\$9.20.

As the total number of Ordinary Shares (including Ordinary Shares held as ADSs) tendered into the Buy-Back exceeded A\$155 million, a scale back was applied as set out in paragraph 4.1(a) of the Buy-Back Booklet and as amended by announcement to the ASX on 25 November 2004, resulting in the purchase of 16,847,345 Ordinary Shares (including those held as ADSs) pursuant to the offer. After completion of the Buy Back, Ansell will have approximately 159,475,741 Ordinary Shares (including those held as ADSs) issued and outstanding.

It is expected that the buy-back proceeds will be mailed to shareholders participating in the buy-back by 21 December 2004.

This press release includes a "forward-looking statement" (within the meaning of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) and information that is based on management's beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to management. The forward-looking statement relates to our expectations and beliefs regarding a future event, specifically, the number of Ordinary Shares that will be outstanding following the completion of the offer, which is beyond our control. We believe that a number of important factors, risks and uncertainties could cause our actual results to differ from statements made in this release, including, without limitation, any variation in the number of Ordinary Shares accepted/tendered as determined by our share register, and other risk factors detailed in our filings with the SEC and ASX. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, planned for, estimated, expected or projected.

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Ansell Limited is a global leader in healthcare barrier protective products. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying sexual health products and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at <http://www.ansell.com>.

Appendix 3F

Final share buy-back notice (except minimum holding buy-back)

Introduced 1/9/99. Origin: Appendices 7D and 7E. Amended 30/9/2001.

Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Name of entity	ABN
Ansell Limited	89 004 085 330

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Description of buy-back

1	Type of buy-back	Off-market equal access
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Details of all shares bought back

2	Number of shares bought back	16,847,345
3	Total consideration paid or payable for the shares	\$154,995,574
4	If buy-back is an on-market buy-back - highest and lowest price paid	highest price: date: N/A lowest price: date: N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Compliance statement

1. The company is in compliance with all Corporations Act requirements relevant to this buy-back.
2. There is no information that the listing rules require to be disclosed that has not already been disclosed, or is not contained in, or attached to, this form.

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(Director/Company secretary)

Date: 13th December, 2004

Print name: **Robert Bartlett**

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