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Dear Sir or Madam

Asciano Releases September Quarter Statistics

Please see the attached announcement for the immediate release to the market.

Yours faithfully

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Asciano Group has today released details of its key operating statistics for the Quarter ended 30 September 2008.

Operating Division	Sept. Qtr 2008/09	Sept. Qtr 2007/08	% Change
Patrick Container Ports			
Container Lifts ('000)	504	481	4.8%
Patrick Auto, Bulk & General			
Autocare – Vehicles Carried ('000)	290	294	(1.5%)
Autocare – Vehicles Stored ('000)	4,109	2,748	49.6%
Bulk & General Tonnes ('000)	7,400	6,389	15.8%
Pacific National – Intermodal (excl. Tasmania)			
Net Tonne Kilometres ('000)	6,718	6,652	1.0%
Pacific National – Bulk			
Coal -Net Tonne Kilometres ('000)	3,369	3,029	11.2%
Grain/Industrial Net Tonne Kilometres ('000)	762	749	1.7%

Commenting on the quarterly statistics, Asciano Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mark Rowsthorn, said, "We are very pleased with the solid results achieved by our overall business during the Quarter."

Looking briefly at each division, our Container Ports volume growth was below that achieved during the last financial year. However, it is important to note that, as previously advised, a realignment of shipping consortia during the 2007/08 financial year has resulted in Patrick's share of total container lifts through its terminals declining by approximately 2% of total volumes (i.e. approximately 4% of Patrick's overall market share). After adjusting for this realignment, Patrick's total container lifts across its four ports increased by approximately 9%, which is in line with overall industry growth.

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In our Auto, Bulk & General Ports business, the Autocare business experienced a 1.5% decline in overall vehicles carried. A minor increase in stevedoring volumes was offset by a small decline in deliveries to dealers, reflecting the recent weakening in new car sales. As a result, motor vehicle storage levels increased significantly. Particularly strong bulk volumes lead to a significant increase in the total tones handled in our Bulk and General stevedoring business.

For our Pacific National rail business, Intermodal volumes grew by 1%, slightly below the 2% growth achieved in the 2008 Financial Year. Flat volumes in the core Intermodal business were enhanced by another strong performance in our premium service “Express” business.

Coal haulage volumes were strong, reflecting a combination of continued customer demand and operating benefits associated with a number of track infrastructure improvements completed late in the last financial year. Other bulk volumes were slightly firmer overall, with improved grain volumes offsetting a slight decline in the volume of industrial products hauled.

“Overall, the business is tracking to expectations. These solid results in uncertain economic times serve to highlight the benefits of the diversity in our business and customer base. The diversity, scale and strategic positioning of our operations, should ensure Asciano remains relatively resilient to the impacts of the current economic cycle”, said Mr Rowsthorn.

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Further information about Asciano can be found on our internet site: www.asciano.com

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