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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/11/2006			F	5,223	D	\$ 31.04	264,340	D	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HENHURST HARRY J			Chief		

ASH 2140 LAKE PARK BOULEVARD RICHARDSON, TX 75080

Administrative Officer

Relationships

Signatures

By: William F. Stoll, Jr. For: Harry J. 12/13/2006 Ashenhurst

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Attorney-in-fact pursuant to the power of attorney dated April 23, 2004.

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Total from investment operations	
	3.63
)	(8.32
	6.86
	2.88
	2.16
Distributions from:	

Net investment income	
	(0.31
)	(0.24
)	(0.53
)	(0.48
)	(0.51
Long-term capital gains	
	(0.84
	(0.98

	(0.90
	(0.54
)	
Tax return of capital	
	(0.73
)	
	(0.76
)	
Total distributions	
	(1.04
)	
	(1.84
)	
	(1.51
)	
	(1.38
	(1.05

Edgar Filing: LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC - Form 4) Payment by shareholder of short-swing profit (Note 5) (3) Increase resulting from Fund share repurchase (0.07)

Net asset value, end of year

\$

	10.96
\$	8.37
\$	18.53
\$	13.25
\$	11.75
Market value, end of year	
\$	11.40
\$	8.60
\$	18.25
\$	14.00

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Total Investment Return Based on(2):

Market value

%	50.76
)%	(45.57
	43.46
%	20.09
%	38.98
%	
Net asset value	
	48.92
%	(47.83
)%	53.91
%	25.66
%	
	21.11
% Ratio to Average Net Assets/Supplementary Data:	

Net assets, end of year (000 omitted)	
\$	
	210,866
\$	
	160,886
\$	
	354,970
\$	
	223,588
\$	197,421
	197,421
Average net assets (000 omitted)	
\$	
	163,795

\$	282,702
\$	283,749
\$	209,507
\$	194,946
Net expenses	
%	1.73
%	1.26
%	1.44
%	1.45
%	1.48
Expenses without reimbursement	
	1.73

%	1.26
%	1.51
% «	1.55
%	1.48
Net investment income	
	3.41
%	3.46
%	
	2.56
%	3.31
%	
	3.21
% D	
Portfolio turnover	
	16
%	
%	22
70	30

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Explanation of Responses:

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. (the Fund) is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland on September 30, 1985. The Fund s principal investment objective is long-term capital appreciation through investment primarily in equity securities of Australian companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange Limited. The Fund s secondary investment objective is current income. In order to comply with a rule adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the 1940 Act regarding fund names, the Board of Directors has adopted an investment policy that, for as long as the name of the Fund remains Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc., it shall be the policy of the Fund normally to invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock and convertible stock, of Australian companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange Limited. For these purposes, Australian companies means companies that are tied economically to Australia. This 80% investment policy is a non-fundamental policy of the Fund and may be changed by the Board of Directors upon 60 days prior written notice to shareholders.

1. Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The financial statements of the Fund are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The United States dollar is used as both the functional and reporting currency. However, the Australian dollar is the functional currency for Federal tax purposes. (see Taxes on page 14).

Securities Valuation:

The Fund s Board of Directors has adopted Valuation and Liquidity Procedures (the Procedures) to be used in determining the value of the assets held by the Fund. These Procedures were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on December 9, 2008. In accordance with the Procedures, investments are stated at current fair market value. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last quoted closing price on the date of determination as obtained from a pricing source. If no such trade price is available, such investments are valued at the last quoted bid price as obtained from a pricing agent or broker selected by the Fund s Manager.

Short-term debt securities which mature in more than 60 days are valued at current market quotations as described above. Short-term debt securities of sufficient credit quality which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost using a pricing source quote that approximates amortized cost.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available (including investments which are subject to limitations as to their sale) are to be valued at fair value. As a general rule, whether or not the Fund is required to fair value price an asset is dependent on the ready availability of current market quotes or, even if readily available, the reliability of such quotes. Any assets for which market quotations are not readily available or for which available prices are not reliable, shall be determined in a manner that most fairly reflects the asset s (or group of assets) fair value (i.e., the amount that the Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the asset upon its current sale) on the valuation date, based on a consideration of all available information.

In situations when there is movement between the opening and closing prices of the iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund that exceeds the tolerance specified in the Procedures, the independent pricing source utilized by the Fund shall calculate the market value of the Fund s Investments by determining a fair value for each of the equity securities in the Fund s portfolio using factors provided by an independent pricing source

The Procedures provide that in certain instances, including without limitation, if there is a stale price for a portfolio security, in an emergency situation, or if a significant event occurs after the close of trading of a portfolio security, but before the calculation of the Fund s net asset value, the security may be valued at its fair value.

For the year ended October 31, 2009, there have been no significant changes to the Procedures.

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The valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs in determining fair value. The inputs used for valuing the Fund s investments are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Funds own assumptions in determining fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the inputs used to value each of the Fund s investments as of October 31, 2009. For further information, please refer to the Portfolio of Investments that begins on page 6.

Investments	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equity Investments	\$	\$ 201,847,127	\$
Short-Term Investment		264,000	
Total Investments	\$	\$ 202,111,127	\$

In April 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Codification 820-10-35, Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly (ASC 820-10-35, formerly FAS 157-4). ASC 820-10-35 provides additional guidance for estimating fair value in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification 820, Fair Value Measurements (ASC 820, formerly FAS 157), when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased as well as guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. ASC 820-10-35 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods ending after June 15, 2009. Management has concluded that the adoption of ASC 820-10-35 did not materially impact the financial statement amounts.

Repurchase Agreements:

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements. It is the Fund s policy that its custodian/counterparty segregate the underlying collateral securities, the value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. The repurchase price generally equals the price paid by a Fund plus interest negotiated on the basis of current short-term rates. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the collateral is valued on a daily basis to determine its adequacy. If the counterparty defaults and the value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the counterparty of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited. There were no repurchase agreements outstanding as of October 31, 2009.

Foreign Currency Translation:

Australian dollar amounts are translated into United States dollars on the following basis:

(ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses—at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund isolates that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities held at the end of the reporting period. Similarly, the Fund isolates the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of portfolio securities sold during the reporting period.

Net exchange gain/(loss) is realized from sales and maturities of portfolio securities, sales of foreign currencies, settlement of securities transactions, dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund—s books. Net unrealized foreign exchange appreciation/(depreciation) include changes in the value of portfolio

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securities and other assets and liabilities arising as a result of changes in the exchange rate. The net realized and unrealized foreign exchange gain/(loss) shown in the composition of net assets represent foreign exchange gain/(loss) for book purposes that may not have been recognized for tax purposes.

Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin, including unanticipated movements in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income:

Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized and unrealized gains/(losses) from security and currency transactions are calculated on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except for certain dividends on foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed after the ex-dividend date; interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts:

A forward foreign currency exchange contract (Forward Contract) involves an obligation to purchase and sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. The Fund may enter into Forward Contracts in connection with security transactions or to hedge the U.S. dollar value of portfolio securities denominated in a particular currency. The Forward Contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses until the contract settlement date. The Fund could be exposed to risks if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar. There were no Forward Contracts outstanding as of October 31, 2009.

Distributions:

The Fund has a managed distribution policy of paying quarterly distributions at an annual rate, set once a year, that is a percentage of the rolling average of the Fund s prior four quarter-end net asset values. In March 2009, the Board of Directors determined the rolling distribution rate to be 10%, for the 12 month period commencing with the distribution payable in April 2009. This policy is subject to regular review by the Fund s Board of Directors. Under the policy, distributions will be made from current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital.

On an annual basis, the Fund intends to distribute its net realized capital gains, if any, by way of a final distribution to be declared during the calendar quarter ending December 31. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Income distributions and capital and currency gains distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments for foreign currencies.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements:

In June 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Codification 105-10, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162 (ASC 105-10, formerly SFAS 168). ASC 105-10 replaces SFAS No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and establishes the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP. All guidance contained in the Codification carries an equal level of authority. On the effective date of ASC 105-10, the Codification will supersede all then-existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. All other non-grandfathered non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification will become nonauthoritative. ASC 105-10 is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. Management has evaluated this new statement and has determined that it will not have a significant impact on the determination or reporting of the Funds financial statements.

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Federal Income Taxes:

For Federal income and excise tax purposes, substantially all of the Fund s transactions are accounted for using the Australian dollar as the functional currency. Accordingly, only realized currency gains/ (losses) resulting from the repatriation of Australian dollars into U.S. dollars are recognized for U.S. tax purposes.

The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the provisions available to certain investment companies, as defined in Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, and to make distributions of net investment income and net realized capital gains sufficient to relieve the Fund from all, or substantially all, federal income taxes. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

Management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. Since tax authorities can examine previously filed tax returns, the Fund s U.S. federal tax returns for each of the four years in the period ended October 31, 2009 are subject to such review.

Reclassification of Capital Accounts:

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. Accordingly, during the current year, \$437,726 has been reclassified between accumulated net realized losses on investment transactions and distributions in excess of net investment income, and \$1,831,569 has been reclassified between accumulated net realized losses on investment transactions and accumulated net realized foreign exchange gains as a result of permanent differences primarily attributable to foreign currency transactions and the sale of stock of passive foreign investment companies. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset values per share.

2. Agreements

Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (the Investment Manager) serves as investment manager to the Fund and Aberdeen Asset Management Limited (the Investment Adviser) serves as investment adviser to the Fund, pursuant to a management agreement and an advisory agreement, respectively. The Investment Adviser is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Investment Manager, which is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

The Investment Manager makes investment decisions on behalf of the Fund on the basis of recommendations and information furnished to it by the Investment Adviser, including the selection of, and responsibility for the placement of orders with, brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

The management agreement provides the Investment Manager with a fee, payable monthly, at the following annual rates: 1.10% of the Fund s average weekly Managed Assets up to \$50 million, 0.90% of Managed Assets between \$50 million and \$100 million and 0.70% of Managed

Assets in excess of \$100 million. Managed Assets are defined in the management agreement as net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes.

The Investment Manager pays fees to the Investment Adviser for its services rendered. The Investment Manager informed the Fund that it paid \$369,484 to the Investment Adviser during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009.

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. (AAMI), an affiliate of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser, is the Fund s Administrator, pursuant to an agreement under which AAMI receives a fee, payable monthly, at an annual rate of 0.085% of the Fund s average weekly managed assets up to \$600 million and 0.06% of the Fund s average weekly Managed Assets in excess of \$600 million. Managed Assets are defined as net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes.

Under terms of an Investor Relations Services Agreement, AAMI serves as the Funds investor relations services provider. This agreement provides AAMI with a monthly retainer fee of \$5,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009, the Fund incurred fees of approximately \$61,178 for the investor

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relations services of AAMI. Investor relations fees and expenses in the Statement of Operations include certain out-of-pocket expenses.

3. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of securities (excluding short-term securities) for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009 were \$25,595,244 and \$35,332,281, respectively.

4. Tax Information

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended October 31, 2009 and October 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Oc	October 31,2009		October 31, 2008	
Distributions paid from:					
Ordinary income	\$	5,947,218	\$	4,665,416	
Net long-term capital gains				16,118,089	
Tax return of Capital		14,032,189		14,525,139	
Total taxable distribution	\$	19,979,407	\$	35,308,644	

As of October 31, 2009, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income net	\$
Undistributed long-term capital gains net	
Total undistributed earnings	\$
Capital loss carryforward	(3,380,084)*
Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) net	75,417,752**
Total accumulated earnings/(losses) net	\$ 72,037,668

^{*} On October 31, 2009, the Fund had a net capital loss carryforward of \$3,380,084 which expires in 2017.

The United States federal income tax basis of the Fund s investments and net unrealized appreciation as of October 31, 2009 were as follows:

Tax Cost Appreciation Depreciation Net
Basis Unrealized

^{**} The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) is attributable to: the realization for tax purposes of unrealized gains on investments in passive foreign investment companies, differing treatments for foreign currencies, and the tax deferral of wash sales.

Appreciation

\$ 164,248,654 \$ 56,002,397 \$ 18,139,924 \$ 37,862,473

5. Capital

There are 30 million shares of \$0.01 par value common stock authorized. At October 31, 2009, there were 19,235,840 shares issued and outstanding.

On March 1, 2001, the Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program. The Board of Directors amended the program on December 12, 2007. The stock repurchase program allows the Fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common stock in the open market during any 12-month period if and when the discount to NAV is at least 8%. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2009 and October 31, 2008, the Fund repurchased 22,800 shares and 0 shares, respectively, through this program. The weighted average discount on shares repurchased by the Fund was 12.0% during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009.

Based upon filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, on December 1, 2009, Landesbank Berlin AG (LB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Landesbank Berlin Holding AG (formerly named Bankgesellschaft Berlin AG), was the beneficial owner of 1,367,574 shares of common stock (constituting approximately 7.1% of the Funds shares then outstanding).

6. Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through December 28, 2009, the date the Financial Statements were issued. Based on this evaluation, no adjustments were required to the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2009. However, the following are details relating to subsequent events that occurred since October 31, 2009.

The Fund declared a quarterly distribution of 22 cents per share payable on January 15, 2010 to shareholders of record on December 31, 2009.

At a meeting of the Fund s Board held on December 7, 2009, the Board approved a reduction of the Administration fee paid to AAMI as disclosed in Note 2. Effective February 1, 2010, the annual fee rate will be 0.08% of the Fund s average weekly Managed Assets up to \$500 million, 0.07% of the Fund s weekly Managed Assets between \$500 million and \$1.5 billion, and 0.06% of the Fund s average weekly Managed Assets in excess of \$1.5 billion. The Board also approved an amended Investor Relations Services Agreement that includes enhanced investor relation services for the Fund that will take effect on March 1, 2010. The fee that will be paid to AAMI for investor relations services is approximately \$90,000 per annum.

Based on Management s evaluation, no other adjustments were required to the Financial Statements and no other subsequent events required recognition or disclosure in the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2009 through December 28, 2009.

7. Change in Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, (unaudited)

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), 300 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, an independent registered public accounting firm, was the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008. At the meetings held on June 9, 2009, the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors engaged KPMG LLP to replace PwC as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund.

The reports of the financial statements, previously issued by PwC for the Fund for each of the two most recent fiscal years ended October 31, did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. For the past two most recent fiscal years and through the date of the auditor change, there were no disagreements between the Fund and PwC on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures, auditing scope or procedures, or any other matter which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of PwC, would have caused PwC to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in connection with the issuance of PwCs reports on the financial statements of such periods.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Shareholders of
Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.
We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of the Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. (the Fund), as of October 31, 2009, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the year then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audit. The statement of changes in net assets for the year ended October 31, 2008, and the financial highlights for each of the years or periods in the four-year period ended October 31, 2008, were audited by other auditors. Those auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on the statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights in their report dated December 23, 2008.
We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2009, by correspondence with custodians and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights of the Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of October 31, 2009, and the results of its operations, changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania December 28, 2009
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Appendix A

THE ABERDEEN FUNDS

PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

AMENDED AND RESTATED [,]

I. Statement of Policy

I. Statement of Policy 34

The following are general proxy voting policies and procedures (Policies and Procedures) adopted by the Aberdeen investment companies that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (1940 Act), (Funds and each a Fund) and by the Boards of Directors (Boards) which oversee the Funds with respect to voting securities held by the Funds. These Policies and Procedures are adopted to ensure compliance with Rule 30b1-4 of the 1940 Act and other applicable obligations of the Funds under the rules and regulations of the SEC and interpretations of its staff (Staff). It is the policy of the Funds to seek to assure that proxies received by each Fund are voted in the best interest of each Fund s stockholders.

II. <u>Definitions</u>

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common interest that all stockholders have in seeing the value of a common investment increase over time.

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Best interest of Fund stockholders - means stockholders best economic interest over the long term, i.e., the

Stockholders may have differing political or social interests, but their best economic interest is generally uniform.	

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В. Conflict of interest - means circumstances when a proxy vote presents a conflict between the interests of Fund stockholders, on the one hand, and those of the Fund s investment manager, investment adviser, principal underwriter, or an affiliated person of the Fund, its Manager, Adviser, or principal underwriter, on the other, in how proxies are voted. In practical terms, these circumstances generally would arise when a Fund s Manager, Adviser or Subadviser knowingly does business with a particular proxy issuer or closely affiliated entity, and may appear to have a material conflict between its own interests and the interests of stockholders in how proxies of that issuer are voted. A conflict might exist in circumstances when the Fund s Manager or Adviser has actual knowledge of a material business arrangement between a particular proxy issuer (or closely affiliated entity) and the parent company or a corporate affiliate of the Fund s Manager, Adviser or Subadviser. The Funds believe that a conflict of interest generally would not arise merely because a proxy issuer has a material business arrangement with a Fund s principal underwriter, or with an affiliated person of the principal underwriter or the Funds (other than a Fund s Manager, Adviser or Subadviser or their respective parent company), because (1) each Fund s Manager or Adviser will generally make proxy voting decisions for the Fund under the delegation arrangements described below; (2) each Fund s principal underwriter is not affiliated with its Manager, Adviser or Subadviser and will not have any input into the Manager s. Adviser s or Subadvise s proxy voting decisions for the Fund; (3) other affiliated persons of the principal underwriter or the Fund (other than the Fund s Manager, Adviser or Subadviser) likewise will not have any input into proxy voting decisions for the Fund; and (4) each Fund s Manager, Adviser or Subadviser is unlikely to be aware of, or have any interest in, any business arrangement between the proxy issuer and the Fund s principal underwriter, or between the proxy issuer and an affiliated person of the principal underwriter or the Fund.

B.

III. <u>Delegation of Responsibility for Proxy Voting</u>

A. Each Fund s Board annually evaluates its Fund s contract with its Manager, Adviser and Subadviser, and decides				
whether to renew the contract. This process gives each Fund an annual opportunity to ensure that its Manager s, Adviser s and Subadviser s investment philosophy is generally consistent with its investment objectives and the best				
economic interests of its stockholders.				

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A. Each Fund s Board annually evaluates its Fund s contract with its Manager, Adviser and Subad5iser, an

B. Because the investment philosophy of each Fund s Manager, Adviser and Subadviser is generally consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and the best economic interests of Fund stockholders, investment decisions for each Fund should generally be consistent with its Manager s, Adviser s and Subadviser s philosophy. In proxy voting decisions, as in other investment decisions, each Fund s Manager, Adviser and Subadviser is in the best position to determine whether a particular proxy proposal is consistent with its philosophy, and therefore generally consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and the best economic interests of Fund stockholders.		

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Accordingly, each Fund has chosen to delegate all responsibility for proxy voting to its Manager and Adviser, C. provided that each Fund s Board has the opportunity to periodically review and approve their proxy voting policies and any material amendments (and that the policies contains provisions to address any conflicts of interest as described below). The Trade Processing Department of the Administrator will serve as the Proxy Administrator and will take responsibility for ensuring, among other things, that the vote for each proxy is cast in accordance with the proxy voting policies and procedures of the Manager, Adviser and Subadviser. A Proxy Committee of the Manager, Adviser and Subadviser will take responsibility for determining whether and how to vote each proxy, whether a conflict of interest exists, and how such conflicts are to be resolved in accordance with the proxy voting policies and procedures of the Manager, Adviser and Subadviser. Under this delegation, the Manager, Adviser and Subadviser may vote, abstain from voting, or take no action on proxies for a Fund in any manner consistent with the Manager s, Adviser s and Subadviser s proxy voting policies (subject to provisions for addressing conflicts of interest). Each Fund may revoke all or part of such delegation at any time by a vote of its Board. In the event that a Fund revokes the delegation of proxy voting responsibility to its Manager and Adviser, the Fund will assume full responsibility for ensuring that proxies are voted in the best interest of its stockholders, and will promptly notify stockholders of the revocation. Thereafter, such Fund will vote proxies of portfolio securities consistently with the policies of its Manager, Adviser and Subadviser, or develop its own basis for voting on particular matters.

anti-take structure manager Adviser substant Subadvi	his delegation generally applies to all proxy voting matters on which each Fund may vote, such as corporate ce matters (including changes in the state of incorporation, mergers and other corporate restructurings, and ver provisions such as staggered boards, poison pills, and supermajority provisions); changes to capital including increases and decreases of capital and preferred stock issuance; stock option plans and other ent compensation issues; and social and corporate responsibility issues. This delegation permits the Manager, and Subadviser to vote (or abstain from voting or take no action on) proxies relating to matters that may affect ally the rights or privileges of the holders of securities to be voted, and to vote based on the Adviser s and ser s decisions or on provisions of the Manager s, Adviser s and Subadviser s proxy policies that may support or to the views of management of a portfolio company.

D. This delegation generally applies to all proxy voting matters on which each Fund may vote, sucl5as corpo

IV. <u>Conflicts of Interest</u>

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A. Each Fund recognizes that in unusual circumstances, a conflict of interest in how proxies are voted may appear to exist, such as when its Manager, Adviser or Subadviser knowingly does business with a particular proxy issuer or closely affiliated entity or has actual knowledge of a material business arrangement between a particular proxy issuer or closely affiliated entity, and the adviser s parent or an affiliated subsidiary.	

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B. In those circumstances, to avoid any appearance concerns, each Fund believes it is appropriate for its Manager, Adviser or Subadviser to follow an alternative voting procedure rather than to vote proxies in the Manager s, Adviser s or Subadviser s sole discretion. Some examples of acceptable alternative voting procedures for resolving conflicts of interest include the following:

B. In those circumstances, to avoid any appearance concerns, each Fund believes it is appropriate for its Ma

(1) Causing the proxies to be stockholders;	echo voted or mirror v	oted in the same proportion	on as the votes of other proxy	holders that are not Fund
(2) Causing the proxies to be v Subadviser may use to assist it		ne recommendations of an i	ndependent service provider the	hat the Manager, Adviser and
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(3) Notifying a Fund s Board, a designated Board committee or a representative of either, of the conflict of interest and seeking a waiver of the conflict to permit the Manager, Adviser and Subadviser to vote the proxies as it chooses under its usual policy; or
(4) Forwarding the proxies to a Fund s Board, a designated Board committee or a representative of either, so that the Board, the committee or the representative may vote the proxies itself.
C. Each Fund generally delegates all responsibility for resolving conflicts of interest to the Fund's Adviser and Subadviser, provided that the Adviser's and Subadviser's proxy voting policy (as approved by the Fund's Board) includes acceptable alternative voting procedures for resolving material conflicts of interest, such as the procedures described above. Under this delegation, the Adviser may resolve conflicts of interest in any reasonable manner consistent with the alternative voting procedures described in its proxy voting policy. Each Fund may revoke all or part of this delegation at any time by a vote of its Board. In the event that a Fund revokes the delegation of responsibility for resolving conflicts of interest to the Adviser and Subadviser, the Fund will seek to resolve any conflicts of interest in the best interest of stockholders. In doing so, the Fund may follow any of the procedures described in Paragraph III.B., above.

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V. <u>Disclosure of Policy or Description/Proxy Voting Record</u>

A. Each Fund, unless it invests exclusively in non-voting securities, will disclose its proxy voting policy or a description of it (and its Manager s, Adviser s and Subadviser s proxy voting policy, or a description of them), in the Fund s annual report on Form N-CSR. The Fund will disclose that this proxy voting policy or a description of it (and the Manager s and Adviser s proxy voting policy or a description) is available without charge, upon request, (1) by calling, coll-free, 1-800-522-5465; and (2) on the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. Upon any request for a proxy voting policy or description of it, the policy or the description (or a copy of the most recent annual report containing the policy or description) will be sent by first-class mail or other equally prompt delivery method within three business days of receipt of the request.	

B. Each Fund will also disclose in its annual report that information is available about how the Fund voted proxies during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, (1) by calling, toll-free, 1-800-522-5465; and (ii) on the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. Upon any request for the Fund s proxy voting record, a copy of the information disclosed in its most recent Form N-PX will be sent by first-class mail or other equally prompt delivery method within three business days of receipt of the request.

B. Each Fund will also disclose in its annual report that information is available about how the Fun@5voted process.

C. Each Fund will file Form N-PX, completed and signed in the manner required, containing its proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 with the SEC.

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Each Fund will disclose the following information on Form N-PX for each matter relating to a pottolio section.

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- The name of the issuer of the portfolio security;
- The exchange ticker symbol of the portfolio security except to the extent not available through reasonably practicable means;
- The Council on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures (CUSIP) number for the portfolio security except to the extent not available through reasonably practicable means;
- The stockholder meeting date;
- A brief identification of the matter voted on;
- Whether the matter was proposed by the issuer or by a security holder;
- Whether the Fund cast its vote on the matter;
- How the Fund cast its vote (e.g., for or against proposal, or abstain; for or withhold regarding election of directors); and
- Whether the Fund cast its vote for or against management.

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Appendix B

ABERDEEN U.S. REGISTERED ADVISERS

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

The following are proxy voting policies and procedures (Policies and Procedures) adopted by affiliated investment advisers registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (Advisers Act), that are subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (AAM); including, specifically, Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., a Delaware Corporation, (Aberdeen US), Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, a Singapore Corporation (Aberdeen Singapore), Aberdeen Asset Management Limited, an Australian Corporation (Aberdeen AU), and Aberdeen Asset Management Investment Services Limited, a UK Corporation (AAMISL), (collectively referred to herein as Aberdeen Advisers and each an Aberdeen Adviser) (collectively with AAM, Aberdeen). These Policies and Procedures address proxy voting considerations under U.S. law and regulation and under Canadian securities laws. These Policies and Procedures do not address the laws or requirements of other jurisdictions.

Each of the Aberdeen Advisers provides advisory resources to certain U.S. clients, including substantive advice on voting proxies for certain equity securities. These Policies and Procedures are adopted to ensure compliance by the Aberdeen Advisers with Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act and other applicable fiduciary obligations under rules and regulations of the SEC and interpretations of its staff with respect to proxies for voting securities held by client portfolios.

Clients may consist of investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (1940 Act) (Funds and each a Fund), and other U.S. residents as well as non-U.S. registered funds or clients. Each Aberdeen Adviser follows these Policies and Procedures for each of its respective U.S. clients as required under the Advisers Act and other applicable law, unless expressly directed by a client in writing to refrain from voting that client is proxies or to vote in accordance with the client is proxy voting policies and procedures. Aberdeen Advisers who advise or subadvise the Funds follow both these Policies and Procedures and the proxy voting policies and procedures adopted by the Funds and their respective Boards of Directors or Trustees. Aberdeen Advisers located outside the U.S. may provide proxy voting services to their non-U.S. based clients in accordance with the jurisdiction in which the client is located. Aberdeen US, Aberdeen Singapore and Aberdeen AU will provide proxy voting services to Canadian investment funds in accordance with National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure.

I. Definitions

- A. Best interest of clients . Clients best economic interests over the long term that is, the common interest that all clients share in seeing the value of a common investment increase over time. Clients may have differing political or social interests, but their best economic interest is generally uniform.
- B. Material conflict of interest . Circumstances when an Aberdeen Adviser or any member of senior management, portfolio manager or portfolio analyst knowingly does business with a particular proxy issuer or closely affiliated entity, which may appear to create a material conflict between the interests of the Aberdeen Adviser and the interests of its clients in how proxies of that issuer are voted. A material conflict of interest might also exist in unusual circumstances when Aberdeen has actual knowledge of a material business arrangement between a particular proxy issuer or closely affiliated entity and an affiliate of an Aberdeen Adviser.

II. General Voting Policies

A. Client's Best Interest. These Policies and Procedures are designed and implemented in a way that is reasonably expected to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interests of clients. Proxies are voted with the aim

of furthering the best economic interests of clients, promoting high levels of corporate governance and adequate disclosure of company policies, activities and returns, including fair and equal treatment of stockholders.

- B. Shareholder Activism. Aberdeen Advisers seek to develop relationships with the management of portfolio companies to encourage transparency and improvements in the treatment of employees, owners and stakeholders. Thus, Aberdeen Advisers may engage in dialogue with the management of portfolio companies with respect to pending proxy voting issues.
- C. Case-by-Case Basis. These Policies and Procedures are guidelines. Each vote is ultimately cast on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the contractual obligations under the advisory agreement or comparable document, and all other relevant facts and circumstances at the time of the vote. Aberdeen Advisers may cast proxy votes in favor of management proposals or seek to change the views of management, considering specific issues as they arise on their merits. Aberdeen Advisers may also join with other investment managers in seeking to submit a shareholder proposal to a company or to oppose a proposal submitted by the company. Such action may be based on fundamental, social, environmental or human rights grounds.
- D. Individualized. These Policies and Procedures are tailored to suit Aberdeen s advisory business and the types of securities portfolios Aberdeen Advisers manage. To the extent that clients (e.g., investment companies, corporations, pension plans) have adopted their own procedures, Aberdeen Advisers may vote the same securities differently depending upon clients directions.
- E. Material Conflicts of Interest. Material conflicts are resolved in the best interest of clients. When a material conflict of interest between an Aberdeen Adviser and its respective client(s) is identified, the Aberdeen Adviser will choose among the procedures set forth in Section IV.B.2. below to resolve such conflict.
- F. Limitations. The circumstances under which Aberdeen may take a limited role in voting proxies, include the following:
- 1. No Responsibility. Aberdeen Advisers will not vote proxies for client accounts in which the client contract specifies that Aberdeen will not vote. Under such circumstances, the clients custodians are instructed to mail proxy material directly to such clients or the clients designees.
- 2. Limited Value. An Aberdeen Adviser may abstain from voting a client proxy if the Aberdeen Adviser determines that the effect on shareholders economic interests or the value of the portfolio holding is indeterminable or insignificant. Aberdeen Advisers may also abstain from voting the proxies of portfolio companies held in their passively managed funds. Proxies with respect to securities that have been sold before the date of the shareholders meeting and are no longer held by a client generally will not be voted.
- 3. Unjustifiable Costs. An Aberdeen Adviser may abstain from voting a client proxy for cost reasons (e.g., non-U.S. securities).

4. Securities Lending the securities are on loan.	g Arrangements. If voting securities are part of a securities lending program, Aberdeen may be unable to vote while
5. Share Blocking. Cexercising its voting author	Certain jurisdictions may impose share blocking restrictions at various times which may prevent Aberdeen from ity.
contract or similar documen	tions. Aberdeen s responsibilities for voting proxies are determined generally by its obligations under each advisor at. If a client requests in writing that an Aberdeen Adviser vote its proxy in a manner inconsistent with these Policies are Adviser may follow the client s direction or may request that the client vote the proxy directly.
	ation. The Aberdeen Advisers may conduct research internally and/or use the resources of an independent research Advisers may consider legislative materials, studies of
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-	governance and other proxy voting issues, and/or analyses of shareholder and management proposals by a certain sector of companies, une 500 companies.
portfolio subadviso	Subadvisers. To the extent that an Aberdeen Adviser may rely on subadvisers, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, to manage any client on a discretionary basis, the Aberdeen Adviser may delegate responsibility for voting proxies to the subadviser. However, such ers will be required either to follow these Policies and Procedures or to demonstrate that their proxy voting policies and procedures are t with these Policies and Procedures or otherwise implemented in the best interests of the Aberdeen Advisers clients.
	Availability of Policies and Procedures. Aberdeen Advisers will provide clients with a copy of these Policies and Procedures, as rom time to time, upon request.
were vote	Disclosure of Vote. As disclosed in Part II of each Aberdeen Adviser s Form ADV, a client may obtain information on how its proxies ed by requesting such information from its Aberdeen Adviser. Aberdeen Advisers do not generally disclose client proxy votes to third ther than as required for Funds, unless specifically requested, in writing, by the client.
III.	Specific Voting Policies
A.	General Philosophy.
•	Support existing management on votes on the financial statements of a company and the election of the Board of Directors;
	Vote for the acceptance of the accounts unless there are grounds to suspect that either the accounts as presented or audit procedures not present an accurate picture of company results; and
	Support routine issues such as the appointment of independent auditors, allocation of income and the declaration of stock (scrip) proposals provided there is a cash alternative.
factors as include the	Anti-takeover Measures. Aberdeen Advisers vote on anti-takeover measures on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration such a the long-term financial performance of the target company relative to its industry competition. Key measures of performance will be growth rates for sales, operating income, net income and total shareholder returns. Other factors which will be considered include nalysis, cash flow and debt levels.

such fact proxy co	Proxy Contests for Control. Aberdeen Advisers vote on proxy contests for control on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration ors as long-term financial performance of the target company relative to its industry, management s track record, background to the ntest, qualifications of director nominees, evaluation of what each side is offering shareholders as well as the likelihood that the objectives and goals can be met, and stock ownership positions.
•	Contested Elections. Aberdeen Advisers vote on contested elections on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration such factors as fications of all director nominees. Aberdeen Advisers also consider the independence of board and key committee members and the governance practices of the company.
E. factors as	Executive compensation proposals. Aberdeen Advisers consider such proposals on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration such a sexecutive pay and spending perquisites, particularly in conjunction with sub-par performance and employee layoffs.
	Shareholder Proposals. Aberdeen Advisers consider such proposals on a case-by-case basis. Aberdeen Advisers support those is which will improve the company is corporate governance or business profile at a reasonable cost, but may oppose proposals which significant cost being incurred with little or no benefit to the company or its shareholders.

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IV. Proxy Voting Procedu	ires
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This section applies to each	h Aberdeen Adviser	except to the extent	that certain	procedures are	e identified a	as applicable o	only to a sp	pecific
Aberdeen Adviser.								

- A. Obtain Proxy. Registered owners of record, e.g., trustees or custodian banks, that receive proxy materials from the issuer or its information agent, are instructed to sign physical proxy cards in blank and forward directly to the relevant Aberdeen Adviser s designated proxy administrator (PA). Proxies may also be delivered electronically by custodians using proxy services such as ProxyEdge. Each proxy received is matched to the securities to be voted.
- B. Material Conflicts of Interest.
- 1. Identify the existence of any material conflicts of interest relating to the securities to be voted or the issue at hand. Portfolio managers and research analysts (Analysts) and senior management of each Aberdeen Adviser have an affirmative duty to disclose any personal conflicts such as officer or director positions held by them, their spouses or close relatives in the portfolio company or attempts by the portfolio company to exert influence over such person with respect to their vote. Conflicts based on business relationships or dealings of affiliates of any Aberdeen Adviser will only be considered to the extent that the Aberdeen Adviser has actual knowledge of such business relationships.
- 2. When a material conflict of interest between an Aberdeen Adviser s interests and its clients interests appears to exist, the Aberdeen Adviser may choose among the following options to eliminate such conflict: (1) vote in accordance with these Policies and Procedures if it involves little or no discretion; (2) vote as recommended by a third party service if the Aberdeen Adviser utilizes such a service; (3) echo vote or mirror vote the proxies in the same proportion as the votes of other proxy holders that are not Aberdeen clients; (4) if possible, erect information barriers around the person or persons making voting decisions sufficient to insulate the decision from the conflict; (5) if practical, notify affected clients of the conflict of interest and seek a waiver of the conflict; or (6) if agreed upon in writing with the client, forward the proxies to affected clients allowing them to vote their own proxies.
- C. Analysts. The proxy administration process is carried out by the Global Voting Team based in Scotland (PA-UK). The PA-UK ensures that each proxy statement is directed to the appropriate Analyst. If a third party recommendation service has been retained, the PA-UK will forward the proxy statement to the Analyst with the recommendation highlighted. The Analyst will determine whether to vote as recommended by the service provider or to recommend an alternative and shall advise the PA-UK. The Analyst may consult with the PA-UK as necessary. If the Analyst recommends voting against the third party recommendation, he or she is responsible for documenting the reasons for such recommendation and that no conflict of interest influenced such recommendation. If no third party recommendation service is utilized or if no recommendation is provided, the Analyst is responsible for documenting the rationale for his or her vote recommendation.
- D. Vote. The following describes the breakdown of responsibilities between the designated PA and the Corporate Governance Group (CGG) of each Aberdeen Adviser in voting portfolio securities and the extent to which the Aberdeen Advisers rely on third party service providers.

The US Fund Administration group (PA-US), and the PA-UK, are responsible for ensuring that votes for Aberdeen Advisers clients are cast and cast in accordance with these Policies and Procedures. The PA-US is primarily responsible for administering proxy votes for the Funds which are advised or sub-advised by the Aberdeen Advisers, the US closed-end Funds for which Aberdeen Singapore is the Manager, and the Canadian investment funds.

Responsibility for considering the substantive issues relating to any vote and for deciding how shares will be voted resides with the relevant Analyst whether located in Aberdeen US, Aberdeen UK, Aberdeen AU or Aberdeen Singapore.

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In the event that a material conflict of interest is identified by any Analyst, whether in Aberdeen US, Aberdeen UK, Aberdeen AU, Aberdeen Singapore, or AAMISL, decisions on how to vote will be referred to the Corporate Governance Group (CGG). The CGG includes the Chief Investment Officer, the head of the Socially Responsible Research, and representatives from Aberdeen US, Aberdeen UK, Aberdeen AU, AAMISL and Aberdeen Singapore s portfolio management teams,. The CGG meets as needed to consider material conflicts of interest or any other items raising unique issues. If the CGG determines that there is no material conflict of interest, the vote recommendation will be forwarded to the appropriate proxy administrator, either the PA-US or PA-UK. If a material conflict of interest is identified, the CGG will follow the conflict of interest procedures set forth in Section IV.B.2., above.

The Aberdeen Advisers have engaged ProxyEdge, a third party service provider, to cast votes electronically for certain clients and to maintain records of such votes electronically. Custodians for certain clients provide the PA-US with access to ProxyEdge. PA-UK helps facilitate and coordinate proxy voting for certain U.S. clients of the Aberdeen Advisers. Aberdeen UK has engaged Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), a third party service provider, to provide (1) notification of impending votes; (2) research into non-routine votes, including shareholder resolutions; (3) voting recommendations which may be viewed on-line; and (4) web-based voting. In the absence of any material conflict of interest, the Aberdeen Advisers may either vote in accordance with the ISS recommendation or decline to follow the ISS recommendation based on its own view of the agenda item provided that decisions to vote contrary to the ISS recommendation are documented as set forth in Section IV.C., above. For clients on the ISS system, votes are automatically entered in accordance with ISS recommendations unless the PA-UK expressly changes the vote prior to the voting deadline with appropriate analyst documentation. In the event of a material conflict of interest, the Aberdeen Advisers will follow the procedures outlined in Section IV.B.2, above.

E.	Review.	PA-UK are responsible for ensuring that proxy materials are received in a timely manner and reconciled against holdings on
the recor	d date of	client accounts over which the Aberdeen Adviser has voting authority to ensure that all shares held on the record date, and for
which a	oting obl	igation exists, are voted.

- V. Documentation, Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements
- A. Documentation.

The Aberdeen US Chief Compliance Officer is responsible for implementing and updating these Policies and Procedures;

The PA-UK and PA-US are responsible for:

- 1. Overseeing the proxy voting process;
- Consulting with portfolio managers/analysts for the relevant portfolio security; and

providers such as ISS and ProxyEdge.

Maintaining manual proxy voting records, if any, and overseeing and reviewing voting execution and recordkeeping by third party

В.	Record Keeping.
electroni	Each Aberdeen Adviser maintains or procures the maintenance of records of all proxies it has voted. As permitted by Rule 204-2(c), c proxy statements and the record of each vote cast by each client account will be maintained by either ISS and Proxy Edge, depending ient account.
containir Adviser	nd s proxy voting record must be filed with the SEC on Form N-PX. Form N-PX must be completed and signed in the manner required ag a fund s proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30th (beginning August 31, 2004). If an Aberdeen delegates this reporting responsibility to a third party service provider such as ISS or Proxy Edge, it will ensure that the third party provider files Form N-PX accordingly. Aberdeen Advisers shall obtain and maintain undertakings from both ISS
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and Proxy Edge to provide it with copies of proxy voting records and other documents relating to its clients	votes promptly upon request.
Aberdeen Advisers, ISS and Proxy Edge may rely on the SEC s EDGAR system to keep records of certain p	proxy statements if the proxy
statements are maintained by issuers on that system (e.g., large U.Sbased issuers).	

- 2. As required by Rule 204-2(c), such records will also include: (a) a copy of the Policies and Procedures; (b) a copy of any document created by the Aberdeen Adviser that was material to making a decision on how to vote proxies on behalf of a client or that memorializes the basis for that decision; and (c) each written client request for proxy voting records and the Aberdeen Adviser s written response to any (written or oral) client request for such records.
- 3. Duration. Proxy voting books and records will be maintained in an easily accessible place for a period of five years, the first two in an appropriate office of the Aberdeen Adviser.
- C. Reporting. The Aberdeen Advisers will initially inform clients of these Policies and Procedures by summary disclosure in Part II of their respective Forms ADV. Upon receipt of a client s request for more information, the Aberdeen Advisers will provide to the client a copy of these Policies and Procedures and/or, in accordance with the client s stated requirements, how the client s proxies were voted during the period requested subsequent to the adoption of these Policies and Procedures. Such periodic reports, other than those required for Funds, will not be made available to third parties absent the express written request of the client. However, to the extent that any Aberdeen Adviser may serve as a subadviser to another adviser to a Client, such Aberdeen Adviser will be deemed to be authorized to provide proxy voting records on such Client accounts to such other adviser.

For Canadian investment funds, Aberdeen US, Aberdeen AU and Aberdeen Singapore will assist in preparing annual proxy voting records for the period ending June 30 of each year and will post an annual proxy voting record on each Canadian investment fund s website no later than August 31 of each year. Upon receipt of a client or securityholder s request, Aberdeen US, Aberdeen AU or Aberdeen Singapore will make available a copy of these Policies and Procedures and the Canadian investment fund s proxy voting record, without charge, to any client or securityholder upon a request made by the client or securityholder after August 31.

D. Review of Policies and Procedures. These Policies and Procedures will be subject to review on a periodic basis as deemed appropriate by the Aberdeen Advisers. Any questions regarding the Policies and Procedures should be directed to the Compliance Department of the respective Aberdeen Adviser.

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PART C

Item 25. Financial Statements and Exhibits

1. Financial Statements

- (i) Financial Highlights
- (ii) Portfolio of Investments as of October 31, 2009
- (iii) Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of October 31, 2009
- (iv) Statement of Operations for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009
- (v) Statement of Cash Flows for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009
- (vi) Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009 and for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008
- (vii) Notes to the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009
- (viii) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm dated December 28, 2009

2. Exhibits:

- (a)(1) Articles of Incorporation filed September 30, 1985.
- (a)(2) Change of Address of Resident Agent filed November 17, 1997.
- (a)(3) Articles Supplementary dated as of August 16, 2000.(1)
- (a)(4) Articles of Amendment effective May 1, 2001.
- (a)(5) Articles of Amendment filed June 27, 2003.(2)
- (a)(6) Articles Supplementary dated as of May 12, 2006.
- (b) Bylaws as amended and restated through June 7, 2006.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- $(d)(1) \qquad \text{Form of Share Certificate for Registrant } \ s \ Common \ Stock.$
- (e) Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g)(1) Investment Management Agreement between the Registrant and Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (the Investment Manager) dated as of March 8, 2004.

(g)(2) Investment Advisory Agreement among the Registrant, the Investment Manager and Aberdeen Asset Management Limited (the Investment Adviser) dated as of March 8, 2004.
(h) Form of Underwriting Agreement, dated as of [], 2010, between [] and the Registrant.**
(i) Not applicable.
(j)(1) Custodian Contract between the Registrant and State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street) dated as of November 25, 1985.
(j)(2) Amendment to Custodian Contract between Registrant and State Street dated December 4, 1998.(1)
(j)(3) Second Amendment to Custodian Contract between Registrant and State Street dated as of July 8, 2005.

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- (k)(1) Administration Agreement between the Registrant and Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., dated as of September 30, 2004.
- (k)(2) Investor Relations Services Agreement between the Registrant and EquitiLink USA, Inc., dated as of March 1, 2000.
- (k)(3) Assignment and Assumption of Investor Relations Services Agreement between EquitiLink USA, Inc. and Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. dated as of January 1, 2002.
- (k)(4) Stock Transfer Agency Agreement by and between the Registrant and The Bank of New York dated as of July 19, 2004.
- (k)(5) Amendment to Stock Transfer Agency Agreement between the Registrant and The Bank of New York dated November 10, 2004.
- (k)(6) Sub-administration Agreement between Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. and State Street Bank and Trust Company dated as of January [], 2010.**
- (l)(1) Opinion and Consent of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.**
- (l)(2) Opinion and Consent of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel.**
- (1)(3) Opinion and Consent of [], underwriters counsel.**
- (m)(1) Form ADV, Non-Resident Investment Adviser Execution Page for Registrant s Investment Adviser executed on December 8, 2009.*
- (m)(2) Form ADV, Non-Resident Investment Adviser Execution Page for Registrant s Investment Manager executed on November 11, 2009.*
- (n)(1) Opinion and Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Accountants.**
- (o) Not applicable.
- (p) Not applicable.
- (q) Not applicable.
- (r)(1) Code of Ethics for Registrant.
- (r)(2) Code of Ethics for Investment Manager and Investment Adviser.
- (s) Powers of Attorney.*

Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant s registration statement filed on Form N-2 with the SEC via EDGAR on August 8, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.

Previously filed as an exhibit to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant s registration statement filed on Form N-2 with the SEC via EDGAR on November 29, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.

Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant s registration statement filed with the SEC via EDGAR on July 18, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.

- (1) Previously filed as an exhibit to Post-Effective Amendment No. 13 to the Registrant s registration statement filed with the SEC via EDGAR on August 30, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Previously filed as an exhibit to Post-Effective Amendment No. 15 to the Registrant s registration statement filed with the SEC via EDGAR on August 8, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference.
- * Filed herewith.
- ** To be filed by further pre-effective amendment.

Item 26. Marketing Arrangements

Item 27. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth estimated expenses to be incurred in connection with the offering described in the Registration Statement:

Registration fees	\$
Printing	\$
Fees and expenses of qualification under state securities laws (including fees of counsel)	\$
Legal fees and expenses	\$
Auditing fees and expenses	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
Total	\$

Item 28. Persons Controlled by or Under Common Control

None.

Item 29. Number of Holders of Securities

As of [], 2010:

	NUMBER OF
	RECORD
TITLE OF CLASS	HOLDERS
Common Stock (\$.01 par value per share)	[]

Item 30. Indemnification

Section 2-418 of the General Corporate Law of Maryland, the state in which the Registrant was organized, empowers a corporation, subject to certain limitations, to indemnify its directors and officers against expenses (including attorney s fees, judgments, fines and certain settlements), including the advancement of expenses, actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any suit or proceeding to which they are a party. In order to obtain advancements on expenses a director or officer must, among other requirements stated in the Registrant s bylaws, provide a written affirmation of good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification has been met and a written undertaking to repay any advance if it is determined that such standard was not met. Indemnification of directors and officers will not be provided when a director or officer shows willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of their office. The indemnification of directors and officers continues after such person has ceased being a director or officer, with regard to the duties performed while employed or in offices with the Registrant, and the benefits of indemnification inure to the heirs, executors

and administrators of such person. Employees and agents who are not directors or officers of the Registrant may be indemnified.

Article IX of the Registrant s bylaws (as amended to date) provides:

Section 1. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The Corporation shall indemnify its Directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law and the Investment Company Act. The Corporation shall indemnify its Directors and officers who, while serving as Directors or officers, also serve at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, agent or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise or employee benefit plan to the fullest extent consistent with law. The indemnification and other rights provided by this Article shall

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continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person. This Article shall not protect any such person against any liability to the Company or any stockholder thereof to which such person would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office (disabling conduct).

Section 2. Advances. Any current or former Director or officer of the Corporation seeking indemnification within the scope of this Article shall be entitled to advances from the Corporation for payment of the reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the matter as to which he is seeking indemnification in the manner and to the fullest extent permissible under the Maryland General Corporation Law and the 1940 Act, without a preliminary determination of entitlement to indemnification (except as provided below). The person seeking advances shall provide to the Corporation a written affirmation of his good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the Corporation has been met and a written undertaking to repay any such advance if it should ultimately be determined that the standard of conduct has not been met. In addition, at least one of the following additional conditions shall be met: (i) the person seeking advances shall provide security in form and amount acceptable to the Corporation for his undertaking; (ii) the Corporation is insured against losses arising by reason of the advance; or (iii) a majority of a quorum of Directors of the Corporation who are neither—interested persons—as defined in section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act nor parties to the proceeding (disinterested non-party directors), or independent legal counsel, in a written opinion, shall have determined, based on a review of facts readily available to the Corporation at the time the advance is proposed to be made, that there is reason to believe that the person seeking indemnification will ultimately be found to be entitled to indemnification.

Section 3. Procedure. At the request of any person claiming indemnification under this Article, the Board of Directors shall determine, or cause to be determined, in a manner consistent with the Maryland General Corporation Law and the 1940 Act, whether the standards required by this Article have been met. Indemnification shall be made only following: (i) a final decision on the merits by a court or other body before whom the proceeding was brought that the person to be indemnified was not liable by reason of disabling conduct or (ii) in the absence of such a decision, a reasonable determination, based upon a review of the facts, that the person to be indemnified was not liable by reason of disabling conduct by (A) the vote of a majority of a quorum of disinterested non-party directors or (B) an independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

Section 4. Indemnification of Employees and Agents. Employees and agents who are not officers or Directors of the Corporation may be indemnified, and reasonable expenses may be advanced to such employees or agents, as may be provided by action of the Board of Directors or by contract, subject to any limitations imposed by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Section 5. Other Rights. The Board of Directors may make further provision consistent with law for indemnification and advance of expenses to Directors, officers, employees and agents by resolution, agreement or otherwise. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other right, with respect to indemnification or otherwise, to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any insurance or other agreement or resolution of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Section 6. Amendments. References in the Article are to the Maryland General Corporation Law and to the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article IX, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of the Bylaws or Charter of the Corporation inconsistent with this Article IX, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of this Article IX with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption.

Section 7. Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or who, while a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise or employee benefit plan, against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person s position; provided that no insurance may be purchased by the Corporation on behalf of any person against any liability to the Corporation or to its stockholders to which he

would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office.

Reference is made to Section 3 of the Management Agreement, filed as Exhibit (g)(1), for provisions relating to limitation of liability of the Investment Manager. Reference is made to Section 3 of the Advisory Agreement, filed as Exhibit (g)(2), for provisions relating to limitation of liability of the Investment Adviser.

The Fund has entered into a separate agreement with each of the Fund s Directors, pursuant to which the Fund has agreed to indemnify each Director against expenses reasonably incurred by such Director in a proceeding arising out of or in connection with the Director s service to the Fund, to the maximum extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the 1933 Act, may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Item 31. Business and Other Connections of Investment Adviser

The Registrant s investment manager, Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (AAMAL), is a Singapore corporation. Additional information as to AAMAL and the directors and officers of AAMAL is included in AAMAL s Form ADV filed with the SEC (File No. 801-62020), which is incorporated herein by reference and sets forth the officers and directors of AAMAL and information as to any business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature engaged in by AAMAL and such officers and directors during the past two years.

The Registrant s investment adviser, Aberdeen Asset Management Limited (AAML), is an Australian corporation. Additional information as to AAML and the directors and officers of AAML is included in AAML s Form ADV filed with the SEC (File No. 801-62020), which is incorporated herein by reference and sets forth the officers and directors of AAML and information as to any business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature engaged in by AAML and such officers and directors during the past two years.

Item 32. Location of Accounts and Records

Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited	Aberdeen Asset Management Limited	Aberdeen Asset Management Inc	Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
21 Church Street	Level 6, 201 Kent Street	1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor	787 Seventh Avenue
#01-01 Capital Square Two	Sydney, NSW 2000,	Philadelphia, PA 19103	New York, NY 10019

Singapore 049480	Australia		
For records pursuant to Rule 31a-1(f) and Rule 31a-2(e)	For records pursuant to Rule 31a-1(b)(5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11)	For records pursuant to Rule 31a-1(f), Rule 31a-2(e), Rule 31a-2(a)(3) through (6)	For records pursuant to Rule 31a-1(b)(4) and
	Rule 31a-1(f)		Rule 31a-2(a)(4), (5), (6)
	Rule 31a-2(e)		
State Street Bank and Trust Company	The Bank of New York Mellon	State Street Bank and Trust Company	State Street Bank and Trust Company
500 College Road East	101 Barclay Street	500 College Road East	One Heritage Drive
Princeton, New Jersey 08536	New York, New York 10286	Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536	North Quincy, MA 02171

For records pursuant to Rule 31a-2(a)(1) and (2)	For records pursuant to	For records pursuant to	For records pursuant to
	Rule 31a- 1(b)(2)(iv)	Rule 31a-1(b)(1)	Rule 31a-1(b)(2)(i)(a), (b), (c) and (d)
		• With the exception of the market on which effected the name of the person through or from whom purchased or received or the whom sold or delivered the market on the market on the market on the market of the mar	and
		Rule 31a-1(b)(2) (i) (e) and (f) Rule 31a-1(b)(2)(ii)	
		Rule 31a-1(b)(2)(iii)	
		Rule 31a-1(b)(3)	
		Rule 31a-1(b)(8)	
		Rule 31a-1(b)(12)	
		Rule 31a-2(a)(1) and (2)	
Item 33. Management Service	s		
Not applicable.			
Item 34. Undertakings			
(1) The Registrant hereby undertake	es to suspend the offering of Share	s until the prospectus is amended if:	
(a) Subsequent to the effective date the effective date of this registration		net asset value declines more than ten p	percent from its net asset value as of
(b) The net asset value increases to	an amount greater than the net pro	ceeds as stated in the prospectus include	led in this registration statement.
(2) Not applicable.			
(3) Not applicable.			

(4) Not applicable.
(5) (a) The Registrant hereby undertakes that for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant under Rule 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
(b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
(6) The Registrant undertakes to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery, within two business days of receipt of a written or oral request, any Statement of Additional Information.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the State of Pennsylvania on this 31st day of December, 2009.

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC..

Christian Pittard
President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated:

* Neville J. Miles	Chairman	December 31, 2009
* Christian Pittard	President	December 31, 2009
* Andrea Melia	Treasurer, Principal Accounting Officer	December 31, 2009
* P. Gerald Malone	Director	December 31, 2009
* William J. Potter	Director	December 31, 2009
* Peter D. Sacks	Director	December 31, 2009
* Moritz Sell	Director	December 31, 2009
* Brian M. Sherman	Director	December 31, 2009
* John T. Sheehy	Director	December 31, 2009
* Hugh Young	Director	December 31, 2009

*By

/s/ JENNIFER NICHOLS
 Jennifer Nichols
 as Attorney-in-Fact

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Exhibit Index

- (m)(1) Form ADV, Non-Resident Investment Adviser Execution Page for Registrant s Investment Adviser.
- (m)(2) Form ADV, Non-Resident Investment Adviser Execution Page for Registrant s Investment Manager.
- (s) Powers of Attorney.

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