

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
March 07, 2008  
UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 21)**

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

318652104

(CUSIP Number)

Moritz Sell

Landesbank Berlin AG

Alexanderplatz 2

D-10178 Berlin

Germany

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

February 21, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 889050 10 0

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
Landesbank Berlin AG

IRS No.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
- |     |                       |
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| (a) | <input type="radio"/> |
| (b) | <input type="radio"/> |

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Federal Republic of Germany

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person with:

7. Sole Voting Power: 2,396,309

8. Shared Voting Power:

9. Sole Dispositive Power: 2,396,309

10. Shared Dispositive Power:

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,396,309

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 12.5%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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This Amendment No. 21 amends and supplements items 2, 4 and 5 of the Statement on Schedule 13D of Landesbank Berlin AG ( LB ), a wholly owned subsidiary of Landesbank Berlin Holding AG (the "Parent"), which is in turn controlled by Erwerbgsellschaft der S-Finanzgruppe mbH & Co. KG, a German limited partnership (the Partnership ), with respect to the shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"). Statements that are not modified in this amendment are not amended and remain as previously reported.

## **Item 2. Identity and Background**

The general partner of the Partnership is Regionalverbandsgesellschaft mbH, a German limited liability company ( RVG ) owned by several German regional savings bank associations. The amendment to Annex C attached hereto sets forth the name, address and principal occupation of each of the Executive Directors of RVG. Based on the information about such Executive Directors that is available to the Parent and LB pursuant to German law, neither the Parent nor LB is aware of any information to the effect that any such person has during the last five years been a party to any criminal or civil proceeding. All of the individuals listed on Annex C are citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The amendment to Annex B attached hereto sets forth the name, address and principal occupation of each director and executive officer of LB. Based on the information about the persons listed on Annex B that is available to the Parent and LB pursuant to German labor law (including a police certificate of no criminal record), neither the Parent nor LB is aware of any information to the effect that any such person has during the last five years been party to any such criminal or civil proceeding. All of the individuals listed on Annex B are citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany.

## **Item 4. Purpose of Transaction**

As previously reported, the Fund's Board of Directors authorized the preparation and filing by the Fund of a registration statement (the Registration Statement ), at LB's expense, to register LB's remaining shares of Common Stock for sale in a public offering pursuant to the registration provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act ). The Registration Statement was declared effective on September 14, 2007, and since that date LB has, as it stated its intention to do in Amendment No. 20 to this Statement on Schedule 13D, periodically engaged in at-the-market sales of shares of Common Stock pursuant to the plan of distribution set forth in the Registration Statement. LB's sales of Common Stock during the last 60 days are set forth in Item 5(c) below.

In addition to sales pursuant to the Registration Statement, LB reserves the right to make additional sales of its shares of Common Stock pursuant to rule 144 under the Securities Act, subject to the rule's filing requirements and limitations on the permitted volume of sales and the manner in which shares may be sold. Depending on market conditions, LB also reserves the right not to engage in sales of shares of Common Stock.

## **Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

(a) According to the Fund's definitive proxy statement filed on February 19, 2008, there were 19,184,686 shares of Common Stock outstanding at February 8, 2008. The percentage set forth in this Item 5(a) is derived using such number. LB has sole power to vote and dispose of 2,396,309 shares of Common Stock, which constitute approximately 12.5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(c) During the last sixty days, LB has effected the following sales of shares of Common Stock in at-the-market transactions on the American Stock Exchange pursuant to the Registration Statement:



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| Date       | Number of Shares | Price<br>(net of commissions) |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 01/03/2008 | 26,200           | 17.3776                       |
| 01/08/2008 | 27,732           | 16.7108                       |
| 01/09/2008 | 500              | 16.3                          |
| 01/14/2008 | 10,900           | 16.8022                       |
| 01/15/2008 | 300              | 16.41                         |
| 01/29/2008 | 10,400           | 15.9118                       |
| 01/30/2008 | 15,800           | 15.7501                       |
| 02/20/2008 | 10,000           | 16.1007                       |
| 02/21/2008 | 24,200           | 16.0702                       |

*Signature*

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 6, 2008

LANDESBANK BERLIN AG

By: /s/ Dirk Kipp

Name: Dirk Kipp

Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Moritz Sell

Name: Moritz Sell

Title: Director

**Annex B**

Unless otherwise indicated, the business address for all individuals listed in this Annex B is Landesbank Berlin AG, Alexanderplatz 2, D-10178 Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany.

**Landesbank Berlin AG**

**Members of the Managing Board**

**Name and Address**

Hans-Jörg Vetter

Serge Demolière

Dr. Johannes Evers

Hans Jürgen Kulartz

Martin Klaus Müller

Dr. Thomas Veit

**Principal Occupation**

Chairman of the Managing Board of  
Landesbank Berlin AG

Member of the Managing Board of  
Landesbank Berlin AG

Member of the Managing Board of  
Landesbank Berlin AG

Member of the Managing Board of  
Landesbank Berlin AG

Member of the Managing Board of  
Landesbank Berlin AG

Member of the Managing Board of  
Landesbank Berlin AG

**Executive Officers**

**Name and Address**

Alt, Volker

Landesbank Berlin AG

Recht

Bauer, Andrea Daniela

Landesbank Berlin AG

Client Business - Distribution

Berentin, Ronald

Landesbank Berlin AG

Berliner Sparkasse

Kredit Firmenkunden und Privatkunden

Brunnenstraße 111

D-13355 Berlin

**Principal Occupation**

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG





**Name and Address**

**Principal Occupation**

Boenke, Frank-Michael  
Landesbank Berlin AG  
Compliance

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Brunnenstraße 111  
D-13355 Berlin

Brummel, Beate

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Landesbank Berlin AG  
Kreditbereich Kapitalmarkt  
Strukturierte Finanzierungen/Projektfinanzierungen  
Kredit Immobilien (komm.)

Burmester, Dr. Christian  
Landesbank Berlin AG  
London Branch

General Manager of Landesbank Berlin AG  
London Branch

1 Crown Court  
Cheapside  
GB-London EC2V 6LR

Butzer, Arnold  
Landesbank Berlin AG

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Vertrieb Immobilienfinanzierung  
Berlin und Neue Bundesländer  
Corneliusstr, 7

D-10787 Berlin

Gottschalk, Gudrun

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Landesbank Berlin AG  
Datenschutz und Geldwäsche  
Brunnenstr. 111

D-13355 Berlin

Hirschhaeuser, Dr. Karl-Friedrich

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Landesbank Berlin AG  
Risikocontrolling  
Brunnenstraße 111

D-13355 Berlin

Jänichen, Michael

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Landesbank Berlin AG  
Berliner Sparkasse  
Firmenkunden

Badensche Str. 23

D-10715 Berlin

Kipp, Dirk

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Landesbank Berlin AG  
Treasury & Trading

Klein, Gerald

Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG

Landesbank Berlin AG  
Client Business - Production

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**Name and Address**

**Principal Occupation**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Lange, Axel<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Kreditbereich IBAG/IBG<br>Hardenbergstr. 20<br>D-10623 Berlin  | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Pritzsche, Wolfgang<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Finanzen<br>Brunnenstraße 111<br>D-13355 Berlin  | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Reutter, Dr. Georg<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Vertrieb Immobilienfinanzierung<br>Alte Bundesländer, Ausland und Konsortial-/Sondergeschäft<br>Corneliusstr, 7<br>D-10787 Berlin | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Richardt, Claus-Günther<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Berliner Sparkasse<br>Vermögensanlagen<br>Badensche Str. 23<br>D-10715 Berlin  | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Scheer, Heinz-Günter<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Unternehmensentwicklung   | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Schölper, Siegfried<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Controlling  | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Schroeder, Bartho<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Business Management  | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |
| Thanheiser, Michael<br>Landesbank Berlin AG<br>Berliner Sparkasse<br>Privatkunden<br>Badensche Str. 23<br>D-10715 Berlin  | Managing Director of Landesbank Berlin AG |



**Annex C**

**Regionalverbandsgesellschaft mbH**

**Executive Directors**

Unless otherwise indicated, the business address for all individuals listed in this Annex C is Regionalverbandsgesellschaft mbH, Charlottenstrasse 47, D-10117 Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany.

**Name and Address**

Manfred Üffing  
Carsten Steffan

Dr. Michael Schieble

**Principal Occupation**

Managing Director at Sparkassen- und Giroverband Hessen-Thüringen  
Department Head at Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverbandes e.V.  
(German savings bank association) ( DSGVeV )  
Department Head at DSGVeV