

## **RELEASE TO AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE ("ASX")**

## THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2011

## UNITED STATES OFFICE

- 1. The Board of Directors of IMF (Australia) Ltd is pleased to announce the incorporation of a wholly owned US subsidiary (Bentham Capital LLC) to operate in the US litigation funding market from offices in New York.
- 2. The establishment of this US office will enable IMF to expand its international investment activities and develop a broader range of investment opportunities.
- 3. The US litigation market is the largest in the world. With only a few dedicated litigation finance entities operating in the US, this is a particularly opportune moment to enter and establish our presence there.
- 4. As we have previously reported, our past matters in the US have been profitable and we expect our US expansion to assist us to build a more predictable and robust deal flow.
- 5. We will target a case flow from the US operations which will produce at least one third of our new cases within the next three years. To assist with that target the company has now employed Mr Ralph Sutton a pre-eminent US litigation funder to head up Bentham Capital.

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