

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC  
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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 DOCUMENT  
 SEQUENCE NO.

**ATTENTION:** *Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.*

CUSIP NUMBER

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

(b) IRS IDENT. (c) S.E.C. FILE NO.  
 NO.

WORK LOCATION

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

811-04438

1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(e) TELEPHONE NO.  
 AREA NUMBER  
 CODE

800 Scudders Mill Road Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536

839-5205  
 866

2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT  
 THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD

(b) IRS IDENT  
 NO.

(c) RELATIONSHIP  
 TO ISSUER

(d) ADDRESS STREET  
 Alexanderplatz 2

CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
 Berlin, 2M D10178

Landesbank Berlin AG

Affiliate  
 through  
 securities  
 ownership

*INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number.*

3 (a)	(b)	SEC USE ONLY (c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whom the Securities are to be Offered or Each Market Maker	Broker-Dealer File Number	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value (See Instr. 3(d))	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding (See Instr. 3(e))	Approximate Date of Sale (See Instr. 3(f))	Name of Each Securities Exchange (See Instr. 3(g))
						(MO. DAY YR.)	

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who is Acquiring the Securities	(See Instr. 3(c))			
Common Stock, Raymond James & Associates par value \$.01 per share	192,297	\$1,486,455	19,229,769	01/13/2009 and AMEX subsequent
880 Carillon Parkway  St. Petersburg, Fl. 33702		based on closing price on 1/9/09		

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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1. (a) Name of issuer
  - (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number
  - (c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any
  - (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
  - (e) Issuer's telephone number including area code
2. (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold
  - (b) Such person's I.R.S. identification number, if such person is an entity
  - (c) Such person's relationship to the Issuer (e.g., officer, director, 10% stockholder, or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing)
  - (d) Such person's address, including zip code
3. (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold
  - (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold
  - (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)
  - (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to the filing of this notice
  - (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by the issuer
  - (f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold
  - (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold.

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**TABLE I SECURITIES TO BE SOLD**

*Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold*

*and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:*

Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Name of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Person from Whom Acquired Securities (If gift, also give date donor acquired)	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment
Common stock of Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.	October 17, 2002	Purchase Agreement	Mira, L.P.	5,348,149	October 22, 2002	Cash

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments, describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

**TABLE II SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS**

*Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.*

Name and Address of Seller	Title of Securities Sold	Date of Sale	Amount of Securities Sold	Gross Proceeds
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**REMARKS:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

See the definition of person in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

January 15, 2009

By: /s/ Moritz Sell

Moritz Sell, Director

**ATTENTION:**

*The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date..*

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/s/ Claudia Fritze \_\_\_\_\_

Claudia Fritze, Director

DATE OF NOTICE

(SIGNATURE)

*The notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be manually signed.*

*Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.*

**ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)**

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