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Atom Funds Management Set For Growth via Fusion with Sanlam International Investments.

12 August 2008, Sydney, AU / Cape Town, SA – Atom Funds Management, a small cap investment manager announced today that it had concluded a strategic partnership with Sanlam International Investments (SII), a subsidiary of a leading South African money manager with more than \$50bn US in global FUM.

A relative new-comer to the Australian asset management space, Atom has \$10m in committed FUM. Atom is best known for its unique business model in which the majority of its large research team is based in Bangalore, India.

SII has provided working capital to accelerate Atom's growth towards its capacity of \$500m in small caps. In buying-out all non-executive Atom shareholders, SII now has a majority stake in Atom. SII's strategy is to empower owner/managed businesses and enhance their boutique qualities by lending corporate and investment resources to support and enhance growth.

David Shearwood, CIO and Atom co-founder said, "This is a win/win/win scenario; Atom Shareholders exit at a profit, SII establishes a beachhead in Australia, and Atom's corporate structure is strengthened so that it can continue doing what it does best – through the deepest research in the Australian small cap space, out-perform. As we say, *Better Research Wins.*"

Drew Wilson, MD and Atom co-founder said, "We are totally chuffed to be combining forces with such an impressive collection of international money managers. The opportunities for global knowledge sharing will deliver Atom a competitive advantage at home in Australia."

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About Atom

Atom Funds Management Pty Ltd is a Sydney based small cap investment specialist. With the more than 10 investment analysts looking at smaller Australian companies exclusively, Atom has one of the largest small cap research teams in the industry. Atom is the manager of the Atom Small Cap Fund, available to sophisticated investors only.

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About Sanlam Investments

Sanlam Investments is one of the three core clusters within the Sanlam group and consists of 15 specialised investment and wealth management businesses offering individual and institutional clients access to comprehensive expertise within one company. Each business within the Sanlam Investments cluster functions as an entrepreneurial entity with a shared focus on delivering leading performance and exceptional client service. This is achieved by instilling passionate ownership as an intrinsic value among the people working at Sanlam Investments.

It is based in Cape Town, with a strong presence in Africa and footprints in the United Kingdom, Europe, as well as in India. Its diverse client base includes retirement funds, corporations, financial institutions, individual investors, governments and government agencies.

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