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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED

Date: February 21, 2002

By: /s/ Arthur M. Siskind  
Arthur M. Siskind  
Director

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## EXHIBIT A

News Corporation Issues Shares And Pays Cash to WorldCom  
Satisfies Obligations In Connection With ASkyB Joint Venture

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NEW YORK, NY, February 21, 2002: News Corporation today announced that the Company will issue to a subsidiary of WorldCom, Inc. approximately 121.2 million preferred limited voting ordinary shares (NYSE: NWS.A, ASX: NCPDP), with a value of US\$680 million, and will pay WorldCom US\$250 million in cash.

This share issuance and cash payment satisfy News Corporation's obligation to issue redeemable preferred stock to WorldCom (formerly MCI Communications Corporation) in connection with the unwinding of their former American Sky Broadcasting direct broadcast satellite joint venture (ASkyB). ASkyB's major assets were sold in 1999. News Corporation and WorldCom today also settled all claims relating to ASkyB.

The shares issued to a subsidiary of WorldCom may initially be sold only pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933; however, for a period of 90 days after the shares are issued, WorldCom may request that they be registered for sale in the United States.

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The News Corporation Limited (NYSE: NWS, NWS.A; ASX: NCP, NCPDP; LSE: NEWCP) is one of the world's largest media companies with total assets as of December 31, 2001 of approximately US\$47 billion and total annual revenues of approximately US\$14 billion. News Corporation's diversified global operations in the United States, Canada, continental Europe, the United Kingdom, Australia, Latin America and the Pacific Basin include the production and distribution of motion pictures and television programming; television, satellite and cable broadcasting; the publication of newspapers, magazines and books; the production and distribution of promotional and advertising products and services; the development of digital broadcasting; the development of conditional access and subscriber management systems; and the creation and distribution of popular on-line programming.

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