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this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to

Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Act of 1934.]

Yes                      ý                      No                      ý

[If Yes is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with

Rule 12g3-2(b):82-    ]

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**Index to Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	<b>Media Release</b> Westpac sells stake in JDV

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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.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: August 18, 2005

By: /s/ Manuela Adl  
Manuela Adl  
SVP & Chief Operating Officer