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OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

| | Consolidated | | | Company | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | % Change | 2005 | 2004 | % Change |
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ | |
| Total revenues from ordinary activities | 13,765,807 | 21,049,709 | -35% (Down) | 301,291 | 1,533,361 | -80% (Down) |
| Total expenses from ordinary activities | (12,741,695) | (2,366,571) | 438% (Up) | (696,538) | 768,851 | -191% (Down) |
| Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before tax | 1,024,112 | 18,683,138 | -95% (Down) | (395,247) | 2,302,212 | -117% (Down) |
| Income tax relating to ordinary activities | (330,922) | (1,003,436) | -67% (Down) | - | - | - unchanged |
| Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax | 693,190 | 17,679,702 | -96% (Down) | (395,247) | 2,302,212 | -117% (Down) |
| Net profit attributable to outside equity interests | (516,213) | (9,353,792) | -94% (Down) | - | - | - unchanged |
| Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | -98% (Down) | (395,247) | 2,302,212 | -117% (Down) |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (cents) | 0.60 | 28.31 | -98% (Down) | (1.34) | 7.83 | -117% (Down) |
| Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents) | 0.37 | 17.20 | -98% (Down) | (0.82) | 4.76 | -117% (Down) |
| Undiluted post tax NTA backing per share (cents) | 42.08 | 41.47 | 1% (Up) | 42.08 | 41.47 | 1% (Up) |
| Diluted post tax NTA Backing per share (cents) | 33.41 | 33.04 | 1% (Up) | 33.41 | 33.04 | 1% (Up) |

NTA backings at the Consolidated Entity level are reported net of Outside Equity interests.

Brief Explanation of Results

At the Company level:

Revenues from ordinary activities include:

- (1) \$295,745 gross proceeds from the sale of equity investments (2004: \$989,671);
- (2) \$2,135 dividend income (2004: \$415,341).

Expenses from ordinary activities include:

- (1) \$283,480 costs of disposal of equity investments (2004: \$1,013,668);
- (2) \$259,273 personnel expenses (2004: \$267,941).

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report on Queste Communications Limited ("**Company**" or "**Queste**") and its controlled entities (the "**Consolidated Entity**") for the financial year ended 30 June 2005 ("**Balance Date**").

Queste is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Western Australia and has been listed on the Australian Stock Exchange ("**ASX**") since November 1998.

Queste has prepared a consolidated financial report incorporating the entities that it controlled during the financial year. Controlled entities are ASX listed investment company, Central Exchange Ltd ABN 77 000 742 843 ("**Central Exchange**") (controlled throughout the financial year).

ASX listed Central Exchange has been treated as a controlled entity pursuant to Accounting Standard AASB 1024 "Consolidated Accounts" by virtue of the Company being a 49.34% substantial shareholder of Central Exchange as at Balance Date (30 June 2004: 48.817%).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company during the financial year were the pursuit of opportunities to commercially exploit the Company's VoiceNet System Voice-over-Internet Protocol ("**VoIP**") technology and the management of its net assets/investments.

The principal activities of Central Exchange during the financial year were the management of its net assets/investments, including investments in listed securities, property development and resource projects.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

On 8 July 2004, Central Exchange was re-admitted to ASX as an investment entity (as defined under the ASX Listing Rules).

There was no other significant change in the state of affairs of the Company or the Consolidated Entity during the financial year other than that referred to in this Directors' Report or the financial statements or notes thereto.

OPERATING RESULTS

| | Consolidated | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total revenues from ordinary activities | 13,765,807 | 21,049,709 | 301,291 | 1,533,361 |
| Total expenses from ordinary activities | (12,741,695) | (2,366,571) | (696,538) | 768,851 |
| Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before tax | 1,024,112 | 18,683,138 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Income tax relating to ordinary activities | (330,922) | (1,003,436) | - | - |
| Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax | 693,190 | 17,679,702 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Net profit attributable to outside equity interests | (516,213) | (9,353,792) | - | - |
| Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |

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EARNINGS PER SHARE

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (cents) | 0.60 | 28.31 | (1.34) | 7.83 |
| Weighted average number of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company outstanding during the year used in the calculation of basic earnings per share | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 |
| Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents) | 0.37 | 17.20 | (0.82) | 4.76 |
| Weighted average number of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company outstanding during the year used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 |

The Company's 20,000,000 partly paid ordinary shares, to the extent that they have been paid (one cent per share), have been included in the determination of the basic earnings per share.

The Company's partly paid shares are included in the determination of diluted earnings per share on the basis that each partly paid share have become fully paid.

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FINANCIAL POSITION

| | 2005 | Consolidated Entity 2004 | 2005 | Company 2004 |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash | 125,106 | 18,201,976 | 56,014 | 94,737 |
| Current investments - equities | 11,171,686 | 4,973,171 | 3,036,946 | 2,987,876 |
| Non-current investments - equities | - | - | 9,291,929 | 8,718,968 |
| Investments - listed Associate entities | 7,085,260 | - | - | - |
| Inventory | 3,796,552 | - | - | - |
| Receivables | 435,092 | 34,482 | 78,273 | 429,890 |
| Deferred tax assets | 227,053 | - | - | - |
| Other assets | 70,957 | 89,609 | 27,957 | 33,980 |
| | 22,911,706 | 23,299,238 | 12,491,119 | 12,265,451 |
| Tax liabilities | (569,911) | (1,003,436) | - | - |
| Other payables and liabilities | (448,680) | (737,674) | (118,502) | (70,548) |
| Net assets | 21,893,115 | 21,558,128 | 12,372,617 | 12,194,903 |
| Contributed Equity | 6,087,927 | 6,087,927 | 6,087,927 | 6,087,927 |
| Reserves | 2,138,012 | 2,138,012 | 8,725,366 | 8,152,405 |
| Outside equity interest | 9,520,970 | 9,362,960 | - | - |
| Accumulated profit/(losses) | 4,146,206 | 3,969,229 | (2,440,676) | (2,045,429) |
| Total Equity | 21,893,115 | 21,558,128 | 12,372,617 | 12,194,903 |

NET TANGIBLE ASSET BACKING

The effects of the Company's 20,000,000 partly paid ordinary shares (which were issued at a price of 20 cents each and have been partly paid to one cent each and have an outstanding amount payable of 19 cents per partly paid share) on the net tangible asset ("**NTA**") backing of the Company and Consolidated Entity have been considered below.

The Directors also note that:

- The Company's NTA at Balance Date includes a valuation of the Company's 8,303,779 shares in Central Exchange (representing a 49.4% interest) at Central Exchange's post tax NTA backing at Balance Date of \$1.12 per CXL share.
- The Consolidated Entity's NTA at Balance Date also includes the effects of the NTA position of Central Exchange as a controlled entity.
- NTA backings at the Consolidated Entity level are reported net of Outside Equity interests.

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The undiluted (which includes a representation of the extent (1/20th) to which the partly paid shares have been paid) and diluted (which includes the full effects of all partly paid shares) NTA backing per share as at the Balance Date are as follows.

(1) UNDILUTED FOR PARTLY PAID SHARES

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| NTA (pre tax) | \$12,715,003 | \$13,198,604 | \$12,372,617 | \$12,194,903 |
| NTA (post tax) | \$12,372,145 | \$12,195,168 | \$12,372,617 | \$12,194,903 |
| Share capital base of the Company: | | | | |
| Fully paid ordinary shares | 28,404,879 | 28,404,879 | 28,404,879 | 28,404,879 |
| Portion of 20,000,000 partly paid ordinary shares (representing the extent to which such shares have been paid, being one cent per share with a balance of the call of 19 cents per share) | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Adjusted undiluted total fully paid ordinary share capital | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 |
| Undiluted pre-tax NTA backing per share | \$0.43 | \$0.45 | \$0.42 | \$0.41 |
| Undiluted post-tax NTA backing per share | \$0.42 | \$0.41 | \$0.42 | \$0.41 |

(2) DILUTED FOR PARTLY PAID SHARES

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Proceeds on conversion of 20,000,000 partly paid ordinary shares into fully paid ordinary shares | \$3,800,000 | \$3,800,000 | \$3,800,000 | \$3,800,000 |
| Diluted NTA (pre tax) | \$16,515,003 | \$16,998,604 | \$16,172,617 | \$15,994,903 |
| Diluted NTA (post tax) | \$16,172,145 | \$15,995,168 | \$16,172,617 | \$15,994,903 |
| Share capital base of the Company: | | | | |
| Fully paid ordinary shares | 28,404,879 | 28,404,879 | 28,404,879 | 28,404,879 |
| Conversion of 20,000,000 partly paid ordinary shares into fully paid ordinary shares | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Fully diluted total fully paid ordinary share capital of the Company | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 |
| Diluted pre-tax NTA backing per share | \$0.34 | \$0.35 | \$0.33 | \$0.33 |
| Diluted post-tax NTA backing per share | \$0.33 | \$0.33 | \$0.33 | \$0.33 |

DIRECTORS' REPORT

DIVIDENDS

The Company has not declared or paid any dividends during the financial year. The Company is not in a position to pay a further dividend for the year ended 30 June 2005.

On 13 September 2005, Central Exchange announced the declaration of a dividend in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2005:

| Dividend Rate | Record Date | Payment Date | Franking | Total Dividends Paid |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1.50 cent per share | 30 September 2005 | 7 October 2005 | Fully franked | \$267,216 |

The Company entitlement to such Central Exchange dividend is \$124,557, which will be accounted for as income for the year ended 30 June 2006.

During the financial year, Central Exchange paid the following dividends in respect of the last financial year ended 30 June 2004:

| Dividend Rate | Record Date | Payment Date | Franking | Total Dividends Paid |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 5 cent per share | 6 July 2004 | 9 July 2004 | 60% franked | \$861,000 |

The Company's entitlement to such Central Exchange dividend was \$415,189 – which was accounted for as income for the year ended 30 June 2004.

Dividend Policy

The Company's dividend policy is to pay dividends from the dividend, interest and other income it receives from its investments and the gains on its investments, to the extent permitted by law and prudent business practices. Dividends will be franked to the extent that available franking credits permit.

SECURITIES IN THE COMPANY

At the date of this report, the Company has the following securities on issue:

- (i) 28,404,879 listed fully paid ordinary shares;
- (ii) 20,000,000 unlisted partly paid ordinary shares, each paid to one cent with 19 cents per partly paid ordinary share outstanding.

There were no securities issued or granted by the Company during or since the financial year.

The terms of issue of the Company's 20,000,000 partly paid shares were disclosed in the Prospectus for the initial public offering of shares in the Company dated 6 August 1998 and are attached to this Directors' Report.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

1. Voicenet System VoIP Technology

The Company continues to seek opportunities for the commercial exploitation of its VoiceNet System VoIP telephony technology. The Company has not had any results from the commercial exploitation of its VoiceNet System VoIP technology during the financial year.

During the financial year, the Company entered into two non-exclusive agreements with parties to licence the Company's VoiceNet System VoIP technology. As at the date of this report, due diligence examination of the Company's technology is still continuing and no final agreement has been concluded with either party.

2. Central Exchange Limited (CXL)

2.1. Current Status

The Company holds 8,303,779 shares in Central Exchange, being 49.4% of its issued ordinary share capital (30 June 2004: 8,303,779 shares and 48.2%).

In light of such significant shareholding, Central Exchange has been recognised as a controlled entity and included as part of the Consolidated Entity since 1 July 2002.

On 8 July 2004, Central Exchange was re-admitted to ASX as an investment entity (as defined under the ASX Listing Rules).

Queste shareholders are advised to refer to the 2005 Full Year Reports and monthly NTA disclosures lodged by Central Exchange for further information about the current status and affairs of such company.

Information concerning CXL may be also viewed from its website: www.centralexchange.com.au and CXL's market announcements may be viewed from the ASX website (www.asx.com.au) under ASX code "CXL".

Sections 2.2 to 2.9 below contain information extracted from Central Exchange's public statements.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

2.2. Performance for year ended 30 June 2005

| Central Exchange Consolidated Entity | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Total revenues from ordinary activities | 2,363,939 | 14,201,324 |
| Total expenses from ordinary activities | (1,047,128) | 5,078,376 |
| Profit from ordinary activities before tax | 1,316,811 | 19,279,700 |
| Income tax relating to ordinary activities | (330,922) | (1,003,436) |
| Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members | 985,889 | 18,276,264 |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share | 5.79 | 206.52 |
| Pre-tax NTA backing per share | 1.139 | 1.108 |
| Post-tax NTA backing per share | 1.119 | 1.050 |

Central Exchange has accounted for the following investments at Balance Date as investments in an Associate entity (on an equity accounting basis) pursuant to Accounting Standard AASB 1016 "Accounting for Investment in Associates":

- (1) 25.5% interest in ASX listed Scarborough Equities Limited ("**SCB**") (20.4% from 4 May 2005 to 30 June 2005; 26.6% from 15 July 2005);
- (2) 19% interest in ASX listed Bentley International Limited ("**BEL**") from 30 June 2005 (24.9% from 1 July 2005).

Revenues from ordinary activities comprise:

- (1) \$1,491,273 net profit from share trading portfolio (including dividend income of \$98,766);
- (2) \$111,965 net profit from options portfolio;
- (3) \$512,069 interest income; and
- (4) \$167,225 share of Associate entities' net profits (being SCB from 4 May 2005 to 30 June 2005) and \$81,407 dividends received from Associate entities (being SCB).

Expenses from ordinary activities include:

- (1) \$276,588 legal and professional fees (including \$266,642 in relation to SCB);
- (2) \$261,180 personnel costs (including directors' fees);
- (3) \$150,149 costs incurred in relation to investment in SCB;
- (4) \$68,348 brokerage costs; and
- (5) \$60,759 for costs of consultants.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

2.3. Portfolio Details as at 30 June 2005

Asset Weighting

| | <u>% of Net Assets</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Australian equities | |
| - Investments in Associate entities | 38% |
| - Other Australian equities | 43% |
| Property | 20% |
| International equities | - + |
| Net cash/other assets | <u>(1%)</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>100%</u> |

Top 15 Equity Holdings

| <u>Equities</u> | <u>% of Net Assets</u> | <u>ASX Code</u> | <u>Industry Sector Exposures</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Scarborough Equities Limited * | 22.8% | SCB | Diversified Financials |
| 2. Technology Investment Fund | 21.2% | TIF | Diversified Financials |
| 3. Bentley International Limited *+ | 14.9% | BEL | Diversified Financials |
| 4. Oilex NL | 5.0% | OEX | Energy |
| 5. Rio Tinto Limited | 2.4% | RIO | Diversified Metals & Mining |
| 6. Flight Centre Limited | 1.9% | FLT | Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines |
| 7. MMC Contrarian Limited | 1.7% | MMA | Diversified Financials |
| 8. Independence Group NL | 1.4% | IGO | Metals & Mining - Gold |
| 9. Global Mining Investments Limited | 1.4% | GMI | Diversified Financials |
| 10. CMA Corporation Limited | 1.3% | CMV | Capital Goods |
| 11. Fleetwood Corporation Limited | 1.3% | FWD | Automobile Manufacturers |
| 12. Telstra Corporation Limited | 1.1% | TLS | Diversified Telecommunication Services |
| 13. PMP Limited | 1.1% | PMP | Commercial Services & Supplies |
| 14. Hunter Hall Global Value Limited | 1.0% | HHV | Diversified Financials |
| 15. Golden Cross Resources Ltd | <u>0.5%</u> | GCR | Metals & Mining |
| TOTAL | <u>78.9%</u> | | |

* BEL and SCB have been accounted for as Associate entities of Central Exchange

+ BEL is an ASX listed investment company wholly invested in securities listed on overseas markets

DIRECTORS' REPORT

2.4. Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of Central Exchange are to:

- Achieve a consistent high real rate of return, comprising both income and capital growth, whilst operating within acceptable risk parameters set by the Board of Central Exchange;
- Deliver a regular income stream for Central Exchange shareholders in the form of franked dividends;
- Preserve and protect the capital of Central Exchange.

2.5. Investment Strategy

Central Exchange will seek to implement an actively managed investment strategy undertaking investments typically into one of two broad investment categories:

- Strategic Investments; and
- Non-strategic Investments.

Central Exchange does not seek to allocate a fixed proportion of funds into each or any of the above investment categories, since it believes that complete flexibility to invest across these categories is key to maximising long-term value growth for its shareholders.

(a) Strategic Investments

Central Exchange will seek to undertake investments in which it can reasonably expect to exert a degree of influence, including board representation or through playing an active role alongside management in order to enhance or realise shareholder value.

Investments will include those that have the potential for turnaround in profitability or capital appreciation through the introduction of new management, capital, improved business practices, industry rationalisation, and/or improved investor relations.

Strategic investments by their nature will rely heavily on Central Exchange's ability to identify, attract and exploit unique opportunities.

(b) Non-Strategic Investments

Central Exchange will seek to make non-strategic investments in entities where attractive investment opportunities develop due to market sentiment or mispricing or where Central Exchange sees other potential for generating positive returns. In contrast to strategic investments, with non-strategic investments Central Exchange does not envisage that it will take an active role in the management of the investment.

For each strategic and non-strategic investment, Central Exchange will expect to receive a level of return that is commensurate with the level of risk associated with such investment. In each investment and for its investment portfolio in aggregate, Central Exchange will at least aim to achieve a return that is consistently in excess of an appropriate benchmark share index and or a return which could be earned from investments in cash, bills of exchange or negotiable instruments drawn or endorsed by a bank, non-bank financial institution or a government.

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2.6. Portfolio Allocation

In executing its investment strategy, Central Exchange may, from time to time, hold a high proportion of net assets in cash, preferring to be patient and selective rather than filling its investment portfolio with mediocre or underperforming investments for the sake of becoming "fully-invested".

Central Exchange will not be limited to the principles of broad diversification; in other words, the company may invest a significant proportion of funds in any single investment that represents an exceptional opportunity.

Every investment made by Central Exchange will be continuously monitored and formally reviewed on a periodic basis. Central Exchange will be willing to move quickly to realise investments when a view is formed that an investment is overvalued or there has been a material adverse change in an investment's circumstances or prospects – Central Exchange recognises the importance of being nimble and responsive to material changes affecting its investments.

Central Exchange recognises that in some cases, investments take significant periods of time to provide acceptable returns. As such investments may be relatively illiquid, Central Exchange will seek to minimise potential loss in the investment's value where a rapid or unplanned exit from that investment is sought.

Central Exchange may also decide to dispose of shares in an entity if in Central Exchange's view, maintaining the investment is not in the best long-term interests of Central Exchange or an alternative, superior investment opportunity arises.

2.7. Investment Sectors

Investments may be made by Central Exchange in Australia or an overseas market and into any underlying industry, business or sector, in accordance with Central Exchange's stated investment objectives and strategies.

In this regard, Central Exchange has a history of activity in the resource sector. Investments undertaken in this sector will continue to provide Central Exchange with a window into the highly prospective resources sector domestically and globally. Such opportunities can provide the possibility for exceptional growth and returns for relatively small levels of investment.

Resource investments may span large mining companies that produce base metals and precious metals, industrial minerals and bulk commodities to junior explorers with exposure to highly prospective projects or tenements. From time to time the Portfolio may have exposure to oil and gas opportunities.

Investments in the resources sector component of the portfolio may be undertaken:

- Directly – through pegging of tenements, entering into joint ventures, taking options over and acquiring tenements, projects and joint venture interests;
- Indirectly – through placements and initial public offerings in existing companies (private, listed, or those seeking admission to ASX); or
- Actively – Central Exchange recognises funding of exploration and resources development can be a problem for small and medium-sized resource companies (in Australia and overseas) and will seek to assist carefully selected companies in this sector to optimise their opportunities through the provision of funds and a range of financial and management expertise or services as required.

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Central Exchange will also seek to engage geological consultants and other relevant advisers from time to time to assist in the assessment of investment opportunities in this sector.

2.8. Investment Classes

In pursuit of the investment objectives and strategies outlined above, Central Exchange will have absolute discretion in applying its equity and any debt funds to a universe or range of potential investments in assets, businesses, securities, hybrid securities, cash, bills of exchange, other negotiable investments, debentures and other investments and structures.

2.9. Management of Investments

Central Exchange's implementation of its investment strategies in accordance with its investment objectives and investment decisions in this regard will be carried out by its Board of Directors and its Investment Committee (in conjunction with external consultants and advisers where appropriate) and not an external investment manager.

The Chairman and Managing Director of Queste, Farooq Khan, has been a member of the CXL Investment committee since 8 July 2004.

Where necessary, Central Exchange's Investment Committee will engage additional specialist resource(s) to assist with the identification, evaluation and management of particular investment opportunities. This includes specialist consultants and advisers, analysts and brokers.

3. CORPORATE

3.1. Altera Capital Limited (AEA) and Sofcom Limited (SOF)

The Company is currently the second largest shareholder in ASX listed Altera Capital Limited ("**AEA**") with a holding of 10,699,428 shares (17.25%) acquired at a cost of \$560,363.

On 22 July 2005, the Company received its entitlements under an AEA equal return of capital, being:

- (a) 254,348 shares in CXL; and
- (b) 6,255,349 shares in ASX listed Sofcom Limited ("**SOF**").

AEA currently has minimal net assets and has been suspended from the ASX since 13 June 2003 and has advised that its suspension will continue until the company is recapitalised and re-complies with admission requirements under the ASX Listing Rules.

After the AEA return of capital, the Company has become the second largest shareholder in SOF with 14% of its total issued share capital.

SOF currently has minimal net assets and has been suspended from the ASX since 29 June 2005 and has advised that its suspension will continue until the company is recapitalised and re-complies with admission requirements under the ASX Listing Rules.

The Company is seeking to sell a whole or part of its shareholding in both such companies.

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In order to facilitate a sale of the Company's shareholding in AEA, the Company has agreed to provide financial accommodation in the amount of up to \$17,000 to AEA to assist that company in its working capital requirements pending a possible recapitalisation and re-listing of its shares on ASX.

3.2. Technology Investment Fund (TIF)

The Company maintained its investment in the Technology Investment Fund ("TIF") during the financial year. Central Exchange also acquired TIF units during the year.

At Balance Date, a summary of the Company and Central Exchange's position in TIF is as follows:

| | Queste | Central Exchange | Queste and Central Exchange Combined |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Holdings in TIF (units) | 6,325,000 | 8,560,814 | 14,885,814 |
| % of interest in TIF | 8.50% | 11.49% | 19.99% |
| Market value based on TIF closing price on ASX of \$0.465 | \$2,941,125 | \$3,980,779 | \$6,921,904 |
| Cost of holding | \$2,912,482 | \$4,064,097 | \$6,976,579 |
| Unrealised gain on investment based on market value | \$28,643 | (\$83,318) | (\$54,675) |
| Value based on TIF NTA backing of \$0.52 | \$3,289,000 | \$4,451,623 | \$7,740,623 |
| Unrealised gain on investment based on NTA backing | \$376,518 | \$387,527 | \$764,045 |

On 21 July 2005, TIF obtained unit holder approval to de-list from ASX and operate as an unlisted managed fund structure with redemptions at the prevailing NTA backing of TIF (less commission on sale).

Based on the 1 August redemption price of \$0.5479:

| | Queste | Central Exchange | Queste and Central Exchange Combined |
|--|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Value of holding at TIF redemption price of \$0.5479 | \$3,465,468 | \$4,690,470 | \$8,155,937 |
| Unrealised gain on investment | \$552,986 | \$626,373 | \$1,178,859 |

During August 2005:

- (a) QUE redeemed 229,796.6 units realising gross proceeds of \$125,000 at an average redemption price of \$0.544 per unit;
- (b) CXL redeemed 1,022,356.2 units realising gross proceeds of \$550,000 at an average redemption price of \$0.538 per unit.

As at 7 September 2005, the TIF NTA backing was \$0.5359 per unit and the redemption price was \$0.5344 per unit, valuing the balance of:

- (a) QUE's 6,095,203.4 units at \$3,257,277;
- (b) CXL's 7,538,457.8 units at \$4,028,552.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

3.3. Partly Paid Shares

The Company currently has 20,000,000 partly paid shares on issue which are paid up to 1 cent, with 19 cents still payable (20 cents in total) (the "**Partly Paid**" shares). The Company's undiluted Net Tangible Assets per share ("**NTA**") is approximately 42 cents per share and its fully diluted NTA per share (taking into account the effect of the immediate conversion of the Partly Paid shares) is approximately 33 cents per share, as at 30 June 2005.

The Directors believe that the existence of such a large number of outstanding Partly Paid shares relative to the Company's total issued capital may create a negative sentiment amongst shareholders and investors towards the Company's stock.

In particular, the effect of conversion of such Partly Paid shares dilutes the NTA per fully paid share of the Company and given the significant number of such Partly Paid shares on issue, any future increase in the NTA backing of the Company creates the opportunity for a value shift from the holders of fully paid shares to the holder of the Partly Paid shares.

Whilst the Company is able to progressively make calls for the payment of the unpaid portion of the Partly Paid shares, the terms of their issue are such that it could, theoretically, take over 30 years for the Partly Paid shares to become fully paid.

The Directors have therefore, as a capital management exercise, entered into discussions with the holder of the Partly Paid shares (which is an entity associated with Azhar Chaudhri, a director of the Company) (the "**Holder**") with a view to reach a settlement whereby, in exchange for cash and/or ordinary fully paid shares in the Company, the Partly Paid shares are wholly or partially cancelled.

If agreement between the Company and the Holder is reached, then a settlement proposal (the "**Settlement Proposal**") will be put to shareholders for approval at a general meeting. An Independent Expert Report ("**IER**") will be commissioned by the independent Directors to consider the terms of the Settlement Proposal to ensure it is fair and reasonable to the Company. The IER will be given to shareholders as part of the general meeting documentation.

At the date of this Directors' Report, the Holder is still considering its position in relation to this matter. The Company will advise the market and shareholders if and when a Settlement Proposal has been reached between the Holder and the independent Directors of the Company.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Disclosure of information regarding likely developments in the operations of the Consolidated Entity in future financial years and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Consolidated Entity. Accordingly, this information has not been disclosed in this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND PERFORMANCE

To the extent that any aspect of the activities of the Consolidated Entity are subject to any environmental regulation under either Commonwealth or State legislation, the Directors are not aware of any breach by the Consolidated Entity of such regulations during or since the financial year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

DIRECTORS

Information concerning Directors in office during or since the financial year are:

Farooq Khan — **Executive Chairman and Managing Director**

Appointed — 10 March 1998

Qualifications — BJuris, LLB. (*Western Australia*)

Experience — Mr Khan is a qualified lawyer having previously practised principally in the field of corporate law. Mr Khan has extensive experience in the securities industry, capital markets and particularly capital raisings, mergers and acquisitions and investments. Mr Khan has also led the executive management of a number of ASX listed companies through their establishment and growth

Relevant interest in shares — 6,108,061 shares

Special Responsibilities — Chairman of the Board and Managing Director

Other current directorships in listed entities — Current Chairman and Managing Director of:

- (1) Fast Scout Limited (since 9 September 1999);
- (2) Altera Capital Limited (since 26 November 2001);
- (3) Sofcom Limited (since 3 July 2002).

Current Chairman of:

- (4) Bentley International Limited (director since 2 December 2003).
- (5) Scarborough Equities Limited (since 29 November 2004)

Former directorships in other listed entities in past 3 years — Formerly Chairman and Managing Director of Central Exchange Limited (4 October 1999 to 4 July 2003).

Azhar Chaudhri — **Non-Executive Director**

Appointed — 4 August 1998

Qualifications — Bachelor of Science degree in Maths and Physics and a Masters degree in Economics and postgraduate computer studies

Experience — Mr Chaudhri has considerable expertise in computer systems, analysis and design and advanced programming experience, particularly with respect to business and information technology systems and Data Base computing. In particular Mr Chaudhri has formed and led software development teams creating integrated database and management information systems for utilities, local government land tax departments, hospitals, libraries and oil terminals

Relevant interest in shares — 3,693,500 shares
20,000,000 partly paid shares

Special Responsibilities — None

Other current directorships in listed entities — Current Director of:

- (1) Fast Scout Limited (since 9 September 1999)

Former directorships in other listed entities in past 3 years — None

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Yaqoob Khan — Non-Executive Director

Appointed 10 March 1998

Qualifications — BCom (*Western Australia*), Master of Science in Industrial Administration (*Carnegie Mellon*)

Experience — After working for several years in the Australian Taxation Office, Mr Khan completed his postgraduate Masters degree and commenced work as a senior executive responsible for product marketing, costing systems and production management. Mr Khan has been founding Executive Director of 2 ASX floats – Queste Communications Limited in 1998 and Fast Scout Limited in 2000. He was an integral member of the team responsible for the pre-IPO structuring and IPO promotion and has been actively involved in the executive management of such companies since their floats. Mr Khan brings considerable international experience in key aspects of corporate finance and the strategic analysis of listed investments

Relevant interest in shares — 157,920 shares

Special Responsibilities None

Other current — Current Director of:

- directorships in listed entities*
- (2) Fast Scout Limited (since 9 September 1999);
 - (3) Central Exchange Limited (since 5 November 1999).

Former directorships in other listed entities in past 3 years — None

Michael van Rens — Non-Executive Director

Appointed 4 August 1998

Qualifications and Experience — Mr van Rens is a founding Director of the Company. He is also a director of Canadian listed company Exall Resources Limited, which holds gold and natural gas interests in Ontario and Alberta, Adelaide based unlisted IT company Rocksoft Limited, which markets technology in the data redundancy sector of the computer industry, and Project Biotech Limited, a Perth based unlisted company which has developed a range of chemical free cleaning products currently being marketed in Europe and South-East Asia. Mr van Rens brings an extensive marketing, sales and investment background to the Company, developed over the last 20 years in the financial services industry

Relevant interest in shares — 259,799 shares

Special Responsibilities None

Other current — Current Director of:

- directorships in listed entities*
- (1) Exall Resources Limited (TSX, Canada)

Former directorships in other listed entities in past 3 years — (1) European Goldfields Limited (TSX, Canada) (ceased December 2004)

At the Balance Date, Messrs Azhar Chaudhri and Yaqoob Khan were resident overseas.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

COMPANY SECRETARY

Information concerning the Company Secretary in office during or since the financial year are:

Victor P. H. Ho — **Company Secretary**

Appointed — 30 August 2000

Qualifications — BCom, LLB (*Western Australia*)

Experience — Mr Ho has been in company secretarial/executive roles with a number of public listed companies since early 2000. Previously, Mr Ho had 9 years experience in the taxation profession with the Australian Tax Office and in a specialist tax law firm. Mr Ho has been actively involved in the structuring and execution of a number of corporate transactions, capital raisings and capital management matters and has extensive experience in public company administration, corporations law and stock exchange compliance and shareholder relations.

Relevant interest in shares — 17,500 shares

Other positions held in listed entities — Current Executive Director and Company Secretary of:

- (1) Fast Scout Limited (Secretary since 9 March 2000 and Director since 12 October 2000);
- (2) Central Exchange Limited (Secretary since 2 August 2000 and Director since 4 July 2003);
- (3) Altera Capital Limited (Director since 9 November 2001 and Secretary since 26 November 2001);
- (4) Sofcom Limited (Director since 3 July 2002 and Secretary since 23 July 2003).

Current Company Secretary of:

- (5) Bentley International Limited (since 5 February 2004);
 - (6) Scarborough Equities Limited (since 29 November 2004).
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DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The following table sets out the numbers of meetings of the Company's Directors held during the financial year (including Directors' circulatory resolutions), and the numbers of meetings attended by each Director of the Company:

| Name of Director | Meetings Attended | Maximum Possible Meetings |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| F Khan | 7 | 7 |
| M van Rens | 7 | 7 |
| Y Khan | 7 | 7 |
| A Chaudhri | 7 | 7 |

There were no meetings of committees of the Board of the Company.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Board Committees

During the financial year and as at the date of this Directors' Report, the Company did not have separate designated Audit or Remuneration Committees. In the opinion of the Directors, in view of the size of the Board and nature and scale of the Consolidated Entity's activities, matters typically dealt with by an Audit or Remuneration Committee are dealt with by the full Board.

REMUNERATION REPORT

This report details the nature and amount of remuneration for each Director of the Company and Executive Officer of the Consolidated Entity.

(1) Remuneration Policy

The Board determines the remuneration structure of all Directors and Executive Officers having regard to the Consolidated Entity's nature, scale and scope of operations and other relevant factors, including the frequency of Board meetings, length of service, particular experience and qualifications.

The Executive and Non-Executive Directors of the Company are paid a fixed amount per annum plus employer superannuation contributions.

Pursuant to the Company's Constitution, each Director is also entitled to receive:

- (1) Payment for the performance of extra services or the undertaking of any executive or other work for the Company beyond his or her general duties.
- (2) Payment for travelling and other expenses properly incurred by a Director in attending meetings of the Company or the Board or in connection with the Company's business.

The Company does not presently have any equity (shares or options) based remuneration arrangements pursuant to any executive or employee share or option plan or otherwise.

The Company does not presently provide retirement benefits or incentive/performance based benefits to Directors or the sole Executive Officer.

The Company does not presently have formal service agreements or employment contracts with the Directors or the current sole Executive Officer.

The Company has not had during the financial year and does not currently have a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy which covers all Directors and officers of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

(2) Details of Remuneration of Directors

Details of the nature and amount of each element of remuneration of each Director of the Company paid or payable by the Consolidated Entity during the financial year are as follows:

| Name of Director | Office Held | Salary | Fees | Superannuation | Other Benefits | Total |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| F Khan | Chairman and Managing Director | 125,000 | - | 11,250 | - | 136,250 |
| M van Rens | Non-Executive Director | - | 15,000 | 1,350 | - | 16,350 |
| Y Khan | Non-Executive Director | - | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| A Chaudhri | Non-Executive Director | - | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |

The above table does not include the remuneration paid or payable by controlled entity, Central Exchange, to Yaqoob Khan (in his capacity as a Director of Central Exchange) and Farooq Khan (in his capacity as a member of the Central Exchange Investment Committee).

(3) Executive Officers

Details of the nature and amount of each element of remuneration of each Executive Officer paid or payable by the Consolidated Entity during the financial year are as follows:

Remuneration of Executive Officers of the Company

| Name of Executive Officer | Position Held | Salary | Superannuation | Other Benefits | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| V Ho | Company Secretary | 31,000 | 2,790 | - | 33,790 |

The above table does not include the remuneration paid or payable by controlled entity, Central Exchange, to Victor Ho, in his capacity as Company Secretary of Central Exchange.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

(4) Directors' Deeds

In addition to the rights of indemnity provided under the Company's Constitution (to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act), the Company has also entered into a deed with each of the Directors to regulate certain matters between the Company and each Director, both during the time the Directors holds office and after the Director ceases to be an officer of the Company (or wholly owned subsidiaries), including the following matters:

- (i) The Company's retention of and the Director's access to Board papers and company books (subject to confidentiality and privilege) both while the Director is a director of the Company and after the Director ceases to hold office, for the purposes expressly permitted by the deed.
- (ii) The Company's obligation to use its best efforts to ensure that so far as practical (having regard to the cost of coverage and its availability), that there is an appropriate directors' and officers' insurance cover (as permitted by the Corporations Act) for the period that each Director is a director of the Company and for 7 years after that Director ceases to hold office;
- (iii) The Company's obligation to indemnify a Director for liabilities or legal costs incurred as an officer of the Company (to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act);
- (iv) Subject to the terms of the deed and the Corporations Act, the Company may, at the request of the Director and on such terms as it thinks fit, advance monies to the Director to meet any costs or expenses of the Director incurred in circumstances relating to the indemnities provided under the deed and prior to the outcome of a legal proceeding. The Company cannot make such an advance to a Director in respect of legal costs incurred in a legal proceeding initiated by the Company against the Director. Advances must be repaid by the Director once the outcome of the legal proceeding is known, but may be set-off by indemnities from the Company (where permitted by the deed and the Corporations Act); and
- (v) the Company's and Director's rights and obligations in respect of confidential information, legal proceedings against the Director, disclosure of Director's benefits and notifiable interests, costs of independent advice and related party benefits.

(5) Other Directors' Benefits

No Director of the Company has, since the end of the previous financial year, received or become entitled to receive a benefit, other than a remuneration benefit as disclosed above, by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related entity with the Director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial interest.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITOR

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for audit and non-audit services provided during the financial year are set out below:

| Audit & Review Fees | Consolidated Entity Fees for Other Services | Total | Audit & Review Fees | Company Fees for Other Services | Total |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 21,178 | 6,520 | 27,698 | 9,345 | - | 9,345 |

There has been no provision of non-audit services to the Company by the auditor during the year.

The board of Central Exchange has advised that they are satisfied that the provision of non audit services by the auditor to Central Exchange (within the Consolidated Entity) during the year is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The board of Central Exchange was satisfied that the nature of the non-audit services disclosed above did not compromise the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and CPA Australia's Professional Statement F1: Professional Independence, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision making capacity for the company, acting as advocate for the company or jointly sharing economic risk and rewards.

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 forms part of this Directors Report and is set out on page 23. This relates to the Audit Report, where the Auditors state that they have issued an independence declaration.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

The Directors are not aware of any matters or circumstances at the date of this Directors' Report, other than those referred to in this Directors' Report (in particular, in Review of Operations) or the financial statements or notes thereto (in particular Subsequent Events Note 33), that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations, the results of operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.



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13 September 2005

The Directors
Queste Communications Ltd
Level 14, The Forrest Centre
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PERTH WA 6000

Dear Sirs

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY BDO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS TO
THE DIRECTORS OF QUESTE COMMUNICATIONS LTD**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of this Act in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to this audit.

Yours faithfully

BDO
Chartered Accountants & Advisers

BG McVeigh
Partner



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Signed for and on behalf of the Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Board.



Farooq Khan
Chairman

Perth, Western Australia

13 September 2005



Azhar Chaudhri
Director

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

| | Note | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Rendering of services | 2 | - | 659 | - | - |
| Cost of sales | 2 | - | (13,013) | - | - |
| Gross Profit | | - | (12,354) | - | - |
| Other revenue from ordinary activities | 2 | 13,598,582 | 21,049,050 | 301,291 | 1,533,361 |
| Share of Associate entities' profits | 2 | 167,225 | - | - | - |
| Cost of investments sold | 2 | (10,458,891) | (6,743,882) | (297,541) | (1,013,668) |
| (Write down) / write back of investments | 2 | (771,859) | 5,128,594 | (45,349) | 2,202,587 |
| Occupancy expenses | 2 | (45,661) | (54,200) | (26,835) | (27,771) |
| Finance expenses | 2 | (6,891) | (3,766) | (2,239) | (2,450) |
| Borrowing costs | 2 | (1,795) | (295) | (4) | (148) |
| Corporate expenses | 2 | (420,963) | (252,099) | (27,071) | (82,704) |
| Administration expenses | | | | | |
| - personnel | 2 | (520,453) | (316,848) | (259,273) | (267,941) |
| - others | 2 | (515,182) | (111,062) | (38,226) | (39,054) |
| Profit/ (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax expense | | 1,024,112 | 18,683,138 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities | 3 | (330,922) | (1,003,436) | - | - |
| Profit/ (loss) from ordinary activities after income tax expense | | 693,190 | 17,679,702 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Net profit attributable to outside equity interests | | (516,213) | (9,353,792) | - | - |
| Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of the company | 25 | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners | | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Earnings per share | | | | | |
| Basic earnings (cents per share) | 26 | 0.60 | 28.31 | (1.34) | 7.83 |
| Diluted earnings (cents per share) | 26 | 0.37 | 17.20 | (0.82) | 4.76 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in calculation of basic earnings per share | | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 |

The statements of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

| | Note | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|---|------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash | 28 | 125,106 | 18,201,976 | 56,014 | 94,737 |
| Receivables | 6 | 402,269 | 6,610 | 78,273 | 416,124 |
| Inventory | 7 | - | - | - | - |
| Other financial assets | 8 | 11,171,686 | 4,973,171 | 3,036,946 | 2,987,876 |
| Other | 9 | 1,736 | 1,663 | 893 | 1,663 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 11,700,797 | 23,183,420 | 3,172,126 | 3,500,400 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Receivables | 10 | 32,823 | 27,872 | - | 13,766 |
| Other financial assets | 11 | - | - | 9,291,929 | 8,718,968 |
| Investments in Associate entities (equity accounted) | 12 | 7,085,260 | - | - | - |
| Inventory | 13 | 3,796,552 | - | - | - |
| Property, plant and equipment | 14 | 53,599 | 63,915 | 27,064 | 32,317 |
| Intangibles | 15 | - | - | - | - |
| Tax assets | 16 | 227,053 | - | - | - |
| Other | 17 | 15,622 | 24,031 | - | - |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS | | 11,210,909 | 115,818 | 9,318,993 | 8,765,051 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 22,911,706 | 23,299,238 | 12,491,119 | 12,265,451 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Payables | 18 | 380,501 | 249,423 | 69,748 | 40,259 |
| Provisions | 19 | - | 445,811 | - | - |
| Current tax liabilities | 20 | 569,911 | 1,003,436 | - | - |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Provisions | 21 | 68,179 | 42,440 | 48,754 | 30,289 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 1,018,591 | 1,741,110 | 118,502 | 70,548 |
| NET ASSETS | | 21,893,115 | 21,558,128 | 12,372,617 | 12,194,903 |
| EQUITY | | | | | |
| Contributed equity | 22 | 6,087,927 | 6,087,927 | 6,087,927 | 6,087,927 |
| Reserves | 23 | 2,138,012 | 2,138,012 | 8,725,366 | 8,152,405 |
| Outside equity interest | 24 | 9,520,970 | 9,362,960 | - | - |
| Accumulated profit/(losses) | 25 | 4,146,206 | 3,969,229 | (2,440,676) | (2,045,429) |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 21,893,115 | 21,558,128 | 12,372,617 | 12,194,903 |

The statements of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

| | Note | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|-------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 28(a) | | | | |
| Receipts from customers | | - | 659 | - | - |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (2,063,784) | (486,981) | (284,971) | (380,377) |
| Payments to exploration and evaluation | | (10,404) | (24,031) | - | - |
| Sale proceeds from trading portfolio | | 11,910,799 | - | - | - |
| Purchase payments for trading portfolio | | (16,464,611) | - | - | - |
| Proceeds from writing options | | 240,140 | - | - | - |
| Payments to settle written options | | (81,794) | - | - | - |
| Deed settlement payment | | - | 19,051,014 | - | - |
| Income tax paid | | (991,500) | (3,844) | - | (3,844) |
| Income tax refunded | | - | 4,993 | - | 4,993 |
| Dividend received | | 182,308 | 2,386 | 417,324 | 152 |
| Interest received | | 515,480 | 606,111 | 3,410 | 128,349 |
| Interest paid | | (1,795) | (295) | (4) | (148) |
| NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | (6,765,161) | 19,150,012 | 135,759 | (250,875) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | | (3,797,666) | (1,757) | (557) | (878) |
| Payments for investment securities | | (7,387,215) | (5,749,142) | (469,180) | (3,682,470) |
| Proceeds from sale of investment securities | | 295,745 | 1,349,419 | 295,745 | 989,671 |
| NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | (10,889,136) | (4,401,480) | (173,992) | (2,693,677) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Payments to former unmarketable parcels' shareholders | | (2,039) | (367) | (490) | (367) |
| Dividend paid | | (420,534) | - | - | - |
| NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | (422,573) | (367) | (490) | (367) |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH ASSETS HELD | | (18,076,870) | 14,748,165 | (38,723) | (2,944,919) |
| Add opening cash assets brought forward | | 18,201,976 | 3,453,811 | 94,737 | 3,039,656 |
| CLOSING CASH ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD | 28(b) | 125,106 | 18,201,976 | 56,014 | 94,737 |

The statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2005

1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Framework

The Financial Report is a general purpose Financial Report, which has been prepared and is based on historical costs in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, and complies with other requirements of the law.

The Financial Report has been prepared on an accrual basis and on the basis of historical costs, and except where stated does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner that ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the Financial Report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

1.1. Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated Financial Statements are prepared by combining the Financial Statements of all the entities that comprise the Consolidated Entity, being the Company and its controlled entities. Control exists where the Company has the capacity to dominate the decision making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with the Company to achieve the objectives of the Company. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 11 to the Financial Statements.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the Consolidated Entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Outside interest in the equity and results of the entity that are controlled are shown as a separate item in the consolidated financial report.

1.2. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

i. Sale of Goods and Disposal of Assets

Revenue is recognised when the Consolidated Entity has passed control of the goods or other assets to the buyer. Control of goods or assets is considered to be passed to buyer upon delivery of asset to buyer or their agents.

ii. Contributions of Assets

Revenue arising from the contribution of assets is recognised when the Consolidated Entity gains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution.

iii. Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

iv. Dividend Revenue

Dividend revenue is brought to account on the applicable ex-dividend entitlement date.

v. Other Revenue

Other revenue is recognised on a receipts basis.

1.3. Income Tax

The Consolidated Entity adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense shown in the statement of financial performance is based on the operating profit from ordinary activities adjusted for any permanent differences.

Timing differences which arise due to the different accounting periods in which items of revenue and expense are included in the determination of operating profit before income tax and taxable income are brought to account as either a provision for deferred income tax or an asset described as future income tax benefit at the rate of income tax applicable to the period in which the benefit will be received or the liability will become payable.

Future income tax benefits are not brought to account unless realisation of the asset is assured beyond reasonable doubt. Future income tax benefits in relation to tax losses are not brought to account unless there is virtual certainty of realisation of the benefit.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the Consolidated Entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by law.

1.4. Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- i. Where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- ii. For receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST, the net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office, are classified as operating cash flows.

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1.5. Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave ("employee entitlements") when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably. Employee entitlements are expected to be settled within one year and have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements expected to be payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated cash flows to be made of those entitlements. Superannuation contributions are made by the Consolidated Entity in accordance with statutory obligations and are charged as expenses when incurred.

1.6. Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables are recorded at amounts due less any provision for doubtful debts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

1.7. Holdings of Securities

i. Balance Sheet Classification

The Consolidated Entity has three portfolios of investments in securities, the investments portfolio, the options portfolio and the trading portfolio. The investment portfolio relates to holdings of securities which the Directors intend to retain on a long-term basis, which is classified as a "non-current asset". The options portfolio contains exchange traded options contracts that are entered into in relation to underlying listed securities. The trading portfolio comprises securities held for trading purposes, which is classified as a "current asset".

ii. Valuation of Options Portfolio

Options written against underlying listed securities are initially brought to account at the amount received upfront for entering into the options contract (the option premium), which are included in Net Profit.

iii. Valuation of Trading Portfolio

Securities, including listed and unlisted shares, units and notes, are initially brought to account at cost and are revalued to market values at each balance date.

Any unrealised gains or losses at balance date are included in the Net Profit of the Consolidated Entity.

Where disposals are made from the trading portfolio the gain or loss arising from the difference between the proceeds and the carrying value is included in the Net Profit of the Consolidated Entity.

iv. Determination of Market Value

Market value for the purpose of valuing securities is determined by reference to market prices prevailing at balance date, where the securities are traded on an organised market. Where a security is unlisted or suspended, its fair value is determined by its net tangible asset value.

v. Income from Holdings of Securities

Distributions relating to listed securities are recognised as income when those securities are quoted in the market on an ex-distribution basis. Distributions relating to unlisted securities are recognised as income when received.

The premium received on options written against underlying listed securities (the options portfolio) is offset against these underlying listed securities until the option expires, is exercised or is repurchased from the holder. When one of these events occurs, the net gain or loss arising on the option contract is included in Net Profit.

1.8. Investments in Controlled Entities

Investments in controlled entities are recorded at their net tangible asset backing (post tax).

1.9. Investments in Associate Companies

Investments in associates are accounted for under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements and the cost method in the company financial statements.

1.10. Property held for Resale

Property held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost includes the cost of acquisition, development and holding costs until completion of development. Any borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development are expensed. Profits are brought to account on the signing of an unconditional contract of sale.

1.11. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant & equipment are brought to account at cost, independently or Directors' valuation, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation or amortisation. The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed bi-annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of such improvements. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their expected useful lives to the Consolidated Entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

| Class of Fixed Asset | Depreciation Rate | Depreciation Method |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Plant and Equipment | | |
| - acquired before 1 July 99 | 13%-27% | Straight Line |
| - acquired after 30 June 99 | 15%-50% | Diminishing Value |
| Leasehold Improvements | 15% | Diminishing Value |

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1.12. Valuation of Other Non Current Assets

The carrying amount of non-current assets are reviewed annually to determine whether they are in excess of the recoverable amount. Non-current assets are written down to recoverable amount where the carrying value of any non-current asset exceeds recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

1.13. Acquisition of Assets

Assets acquired are recorded at the cost of acquisition, being the purchase consideration determined as at the date of acquisition plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

1.14. Exploration, Evaluation and Development Expenditure

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are carried forward only if they relate to an area of interest for which rights of tenure are current and in respect of which:

- i. such costs are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation or from sale of the area; or
- ii. exploration and evaluation activities in the area have not, at balance date, reached a stage which permit a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active operations in, or relating to, the area are continuing.

Accumulated costs in respect of areas of interest, which are abandoned, are written off in full against profit in the year in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest.

1.15. Payables

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the Consolidated Entity becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

1.16. Provision for dividends

In accordance with *AASB 1044: Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, a provision can only be made for the amount of any dividend declared, determined or publicly recommended by the Directors on or before the end of the financial year, but not distributed at balance date.

1.17. Contributed Equity

Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Company. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

1.18. Financial Instruments Issued by the Company

i. Debt and Equity Instruments

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

ii. Transaction Costs on the Issue of Equity Instruments

Transaction costs arising on the issue of equity instruments are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the proceeds of the equity instruments to which the costs relate. Transaction costs are the costs that are incurred directly in connection with the issue of those equity instruments and which would not have been incurred had those instruments not been issued.

1.19. Earnings Per Share

i. Basic Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing the operating result after income tax by the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue during the financial year.

ii. Diluted Earnings per Share

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share by taking into account amounts unpaid on ordinary shares and any reduction in earnings per share that will probably arise from the exercise of options outstanding during the financial year.

1.20. Segment Reporting

Segment information is prepared in conformity with the accounting policies of the entity as disclosed in Note 1 and *AASB 1005: Segment Reporting*. Segment revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are those that are directly attributable to a segment and the relevant portion that can be allocated to the segment on a reasonable basis. Segment assets include all assets used by a segment and consist primarily of operating cash, receivables, property, plant and equipment and other assets, net of related provisions. Segment liabilities consist primarily of trade and other creditors, employee benefits and provisions.

1.21. The Impact of Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

The Consolidated Entity is preparing and managing the transition to Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) effective for the financial years commencing from 1 January 2005. The adoption of AIFRS will be reflected in the Consolidated Entity's and the parent entity's financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2006. On first adoption of AIFRS, comparatives for the financial year ended 30 June 2005 are required to be restated. The majority of the AIFRS transitional adjustments will be made retrospectively against retained earnings at 1 July 2004.

The Consolidated Entity's management, with the assistance of external consultants, have assessed the significance of the expected changes and have prepared for their implementation. The impact of the alternative treatments and elections under *AASB 1: First Time Adoption of*

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Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards has been considered where applicable.

The Directors are of the opinion that the key material differences in the Consolidated Entity's accounting policies on conversion to AIFRS and the financial effect of these differences where known, are as follows. Users of the financial statements should note, however that the amounts disclosed could change if there are any amendments by standard-setters to the current AIFRS or interpretation of the AIFRS requirements changes.

i. Income Tax

Currently, the Consolidated Entity adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense is based on the accounting profit adjusted for any permanent differences. Timing differences are currently brought to account as either a provision for deferred income tax or future income tax benefit.

Under the *AASB112: Income Taxes*, the Consolidated Entity will be required to adopt a "balance sheet approach" under which temporary differences are identified for each asset and liability rather than the effects of timing and permanent differences between taxable income and accounting profit.

The effect of this change in the accounting policy gives rise to a potential change in the net profit result.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Consolidated Entity | |
| Movement in Tax Expense | \$ |
| Opening balance | 330,922 |
| Increase in tax expense | 36,116 |
| Closing balance | <u>367,038</u> |
| Movement in Tax Provision | |
| Opening balance | 562,702 |
| Increase in tax provision | 23,082 |
| Closing balance | <u>585,784</u> |
| Movement in Deferred Tax Asset | |
| Opening balance | 227,053 |
| Decrease in deferred tax asset | (11,609) |
| Closing balance | <u>215,444</u> |
| Movement in Deferred Tax Liability | |
| Opening balance | 7,209 |
| Increase in deferred tax liability | - |
| Closing balance | <u>7,209</u> |
| Total movement in income tax expense | |
| Increase in tax expense | 36,116 |
| Increase in tax provision | (23,082) |
| Decrease in deferred tax asset | (11,609) |
| | <u>1,425</u> |
| Company | |
| Movement in Deferred Tax Liability | |
| Opening balance | - |
| Increase in deferred tax liability | 1,976,206 |
| Closing balance | <u>1,976,206</u> |
| Movement in Asset Revaluation Reserve | |
| Opening balance | 6,014,393 |
| Deferred tax liability | (1,976,206) |
| Closing balance | <u>4,038,187</u> |

ii. Inventories

Property held for resale falls under the definition of inventory based on *AASB 102: Inventory*. As the requirements of *AASB 102: Inventory* has remained the same to the superseded standard, there is no impact to its first time adoption and will not require restatement of its comparative information.

iii. Non-Current Investments

Under *AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, financial assets are required to be classified into four categories, which determines the accounting treatment of the item. The categories and various treatments are:

- Held to maturity, measured at amortised cost;
- Held for trading (or designated "as at fair value through profit and loss" upon initial recognition), measured at fair value with unrealised gains or losses charged to the profit and loss;
- Loans and receivables, measured at amortised cost; and
- Available for sale instruments, measured at fair value with unrealised gains or losses taken to equity.

The Consolidated Entity's "Current" financial assets (trading portfolio) will be classified as "trading securities" and are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position at fair value. "Non-current" financial assets will be classified as "at fair value through profit and loss" upon initial recognition and are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position at fair value. During the period changes in the fair value of all such financial assets will be recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance. The fair value of financial assets will be measured at bid price (where available) and last sale price (where bid price is not available) and will exclude disposal costs.

On transition to AIFRS this change will not impact net assets.

AASB 1 provides an election whereby the requirements of AASB 139 dealing with financial instruments are not required to be applied to the AIFRS comparative year, and the first time adoption of this standard will apply from 1 July 2005. The Consolidated Entity has decided that it will adopt this election and will not restate comparative information for the 30 June 2005 financial year.

| | Consolidated Entity | Company |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Reconciliation of Net Profit | \$ | \$ |
| Net profit under Australian Accounting Standards | 176,977 | (395,247) |
| <i>key transitional adjustments:</i> | | |
| - income tax expense (Note 1.21 (i)) | 1,425 | - |
| Net profit under AIFRS | <u>175,522</u> | <u>(395,247)</u> |
| Reconciliation of Equity | | |
| Total equity reported under Australian Accounting Standards | 21,893,115 | 12,372,617 |
| Decrease in current year profit resulting from transition to AIFRS | 1,425 | - |
| Decrease in asset revaluation reserves | - | (1,976,206) |
| Total equity under AIFRS | <u>21,891,690</u> | <u>10,396,411</u> |

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2. PROFIT/ (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The operating profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax includes the following items of revenue and expense:

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| (a) Operating revenue | | | | |
| Sales revenue | | | | |
| Rendering of services | - | 659 | - | - |
| Other revenue | | | | |
| Settlement deed payment | - | 19,051,014 | - | - |
| Dividend received | 182,308 | 2,386 | 2,135 | 415,341 |
| Interest received - other | 515,480 | 606,111 | 3,411 | 128,349 |
| Proceeds from sale of securities | | | | |
| - non-current investments portfolio | 295,745 | 1,349,419 | 295,745 | 989,671 |
| - trading portfolio | 12,152,192 | - | - | - |
| - options portfolio | 240,140 | - | - | - |
| Net unrealised gains on revaluation of investments | - | 40,120 | - | - |
| Gain from increase in control of subsidiary after share buy backs | 212,717 | - | - | - |
| Share of Associate entities' profits | 167,225 | - | - | - |
| Total revenue | 13,765,807 | 21,049,709 | 301,291 | 1,533,361 |
| (c) Expenses | | | | |
| Cost of sales and services | | | | |
| Cost of securities sold | | 13,013 | - | - |
| - non-current investments portfolio | 283,480 | 6,743,882 | 283,480 | 1,013,668 |
| - trading portfolio | 10,033,175 | - | - | - |
| - options portfolio | 87,155 | - | - | - |
| Cost of lapsed options | 55,081 | - | 14,061 | - |
| Net unrealised loss on revaluation of investments | 771,859 | - | 45,349 | - |
| Write back of diminution of investments | - | (5,128,594) | - | (2,202,587) |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Occupancy expenses | 45,661 | 54,200 | 26,835 | 27,771 |
| Finance expenses | 6,891 | 3,766 | 2,239 | 2,450 |
| Borrowing costs - interest paid | 1,795 | 295 | 4 | 148 |
| Corporate expenses | | | | |
| Consultancy | 66,651 | 120,357 | 5,891 | 25,319 |
| Professional fees | 277,561 | 49,180 | 973 | 20,501 |
| Other corporate expenses | 76,751 | 82,562 | 20,207 | 36,884 |
| Administration expenses | | | | |
| Depreciation | 11,430 | 14,080 | 5,810 | 7,121 |
| Personnel expenses | | | | |
| Employee entitlements | 25,739 | 51,984 | 18,465 | 41,178 |
| Other | 494,714 | 264,864 | 240,808 | 226,763 |
| Write off loans receivable | - | 92 | - | - |
| Write off loan to subsidiary | - | 1,713 | - | 1,713 |
| Investment costs | 216,285 | - | (2,212) | - |
| Doubtful debts provision/ (write back) | - | (1,486) | - | (1,486) |
| Other administrative expenses | 139,308 | 95,362 | 34,628 | 31,706 |
| Loss on dilution | 110,170 | - | - | - |
| Exploration expenses | 37,989 | 1,301 | - | - |
| | 12,741,695 | 2,366,571 | 696,538 | (768,851) |

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2. PROFIT/ (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

| (c) Sale of Assets | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Sale of assets in the ordinary course of business have given rise to the following gains and losses: | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Net Gain/ (Losses): | | | | |
| - non-current investments portfolio | 12,265 | (5,394,463) | 12,265 | (23,997) |
| - trading portfolio | 2,119,017 | - | - | - |
| - options portfolio | 152,985 | - | - | - |
| | <u>2,284,267</u> | <u>(5,394,463)</u> | <u>12,265</u> | <u>(23,997)</u> |

3. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

(a) The prima facie income tax on operating loss is reconciled to the income tax provided in the accounts as follows:

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Profit/ (loss) from ordinary activities | 1,024,112 | 18,683,138 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Income tax expense calculated at 30% (2004:30%) of operating losses. | <u>307,234</u> | <u>5,604,941</u> | <u>(118,574)</u> | <u>690,664</u> |

Permanent differences

| | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----|---------|
| Other non-deductible items | 3,747 | 1,723 | 51 | 117 |
| Other deductible items | - | (16,148) | - | (1,138) |
| Gain from increase in control of subsidiary after share buy backs | (63,815) | - | - | - |
| Loss on dilution | 33,051 | - | - | - |
| Share of Associates' profits | (50,168) | - | - | - |
| Other assessable items | 23,081 | - | - | - |

Timing differences

| | | | | |
|--|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Other non-deductible items | 37,764 | 14,508 | 23,026 | - |
| Other deductible items | (33,112) | (10,007) | (19,266) | - |
| Dividend income receivable | - | - | - | (124,602) |
| Diminution of investment | 231,558 | (1,538,578) | 13,605 | (660,776) |
| Investment costs | - | - | - | - |
| Software development tax depreciation | - | (2,617) | - | (2,617) |
| Exploration expenses | (4,687) | (7,209) | - | - |
| Prior year revenue losses brought to account | - | (2,296,594) | - | - |
| Prior year capital losses brought to account | - | (941) | - | - |
| Prior year revenue losses of controlled entities brought to account on tax consolidation | - | (161,000) | - | - |
| Capital losses of controlled entities brought to account on tax consolidation | - | (241) | - | - |
| Capital loss on termination of licence | - | (690,000) | - | - |
| Capital loss on share investments | - | (829) | - | - |
| Tax effect of timing differences not brought to account | - | 12,036 | - | - |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| Tax losses not brought to account as future income tax benefits | - | - | 101,158 | 98,352 |
|---|---|---|---------|--------|

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Income tax expense | 484,653 | 909,044 | - | - |
| Less franking credits | (76,938) | | | |
| (Under)/Overprovision of income tax payable | (76,793) | 94,392 | | |
| | <u>330,922</u> | <u>1,003,436</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

Aggregate income tax expense comprises:

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Current income tax provision | 562,702 | 991,400 | - | - |
| Deferred income tax provision | (12,036) | 12,036 | - | - |
| Future income tax benefit | (227,053) | - | - | - |
| Under/(over) provision in previous years | 7,309 | - | - | - |
| | <u>330,922</u> | <u>1,003,436</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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3. INCOME TAX EXPENSE (continued)

Company

The approximate total income tax benefits associated with prior year tax losses not brought to account are \$309,438 (2004: \$208,000).

This benefit of tax losses will only be obtained if:

- (i) the Company derives future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefit from the deductions for the losses to be realised,
- (ii) the Company continues to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by tax legislation, and
- (iii) no changes in tax legislation adversely affect the entity in realising the benefit from the deductions for the losses.

4. DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVES' DISCLOSURES

(a) Names and positions held of parent entity directors in office at any time during the financial year are:

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Farooq Khan | (Chairman & Managing Director) | Yaqoob Khan | (Non-Executive Director) |
| Michael J van Rens | (Non-Executive Director) | Azhar Chaudhri | (Non-Executive Director) |

(b) Specified Directors' Remuneration

| <u>Consolidated Entity</u> 2005 | Primary Salaries & Fees | Primary Superannuation | Primary Other Benefits | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Specified Directors | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Farooq Khan | 125,000 | 11,250 | - | 136,250 |
| Michael van Rens | 15,000 | 1,350 | - | 16,350 |
| Yaqoob Khan | 40,398 | - | - | 40,398 |
| Azhar Chaudhri | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| 2004 | | | | |
| Specified Directors | | | | |
| Farooq Khan | 177,885 | 16,009 | - | 193,894 |
| Michael van Rens | 15,000 | 1,350 | - | 16,350 |
| Yaqoob Khan | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| Azhar Chaudhri | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |

In addition, Farooq Khan received \$30,000 in fees and \$2,700 in superannuation from Central Exchange Limited (a controlled entity) in respect of services rendered on the Central Exchange Investment Committee.

| <u>Company</u> 2005 | Primary Salaries & Fees | Primary Superannuation | Primary Other Benefits | Total |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Specified Directors | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Farooq Khan | 125,000 | 11,250 | - | 136,250 |
| Michael van Rens | 15,000 | 1,350 | - | 16,350 |
| Yaqoob Khan | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| Azhar Chaudhri | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| 2004 | | | | |
| Specified Directors | | | | |
| Farooq Khan | 125,000 | 11,250 | - | 136,250 |
| Michael van Rens | 15,000 | 1,350 | - | 16,350 |
| Yaqoob Khan | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| Azhar Chaudhri | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |

The Directors have not received any post-employment remuneration or any equity based remuneration.

(c) Names and positions held of parent entity executives in office at any time during the financial year are:

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Victor P H Ho | (Company Secretary) |
|---------------|---------------------|

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4. DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVES' DISCLOSURES (continued)

(d) Specified Executives' Remuneration

| <u>Company</u> | Primary Salaries & Fees | Primary Superannuation | Primary Other Benefits | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 2005 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Specified Executives | | | | |
| Victor P H Ho | 31,000 | 2,790 | - | 33,790 |
| 2004 | | | | |
| Specified Executives | | | | |
| William M Johnson | 72,115 | 6,490 | - | 78,605 |
| Victor P H Ho | 31,000 | 2,790 | - | 33,790 |

The Specified Executives have not received any post-employment remuneration or any equity based remuneration.

The above disclosures of remuneration of specified directors and executives at the Consolidated Entity level includes (where applicable) remuneration paid by Central Exchange to the named persons in their capacity as directors and executives of Central Exchange.

(e) Number of fully paid shares held by Parent Entity Directors and Specified Executives

| | Balance at 1 July 2004 | Issued during the Year | Net Change | Balance at 30 June 2005 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Specified Directors | | | | |
| Farooq Khan | 11,841,031 | - | - | 11,841,031 |
| Michael van Rens | 323,549 | - | - | 323,549 |
| Yaqoob Khan | 11,841,031 | - | - | 11,841,031 |
| Azhar Chaudhri | 4,906,950 | - | - | 4,906,950 |
| Specified Executives | | | | |
| William M Johnson | 80,000 | - | - | 80,000 |
| Victor P H Ho | 23,100 | - | - | 23,100 |

The balance at 1 July 2004 in respect of Michael van Rens was incorrectly reported as 361,351 shares in the notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2004 due to a transcription and addition error.

(f) Number of partly paid shares held by Parent Entity Directors and Specified Executives

| | Balance at 1 July 2004 | Issued during the Year | Net Change | Balance at 30 June 2005 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Specified Directors | | | | |
| Farooq Khan | 20,000,000 | - | - | 20,000,000 |
| Michael van Rens | - | - | - | - |
| Yaqoob Khan | 20,000,000 | - | - | 20,000,000 |
| Azhar Chaudhri | 20,000,000 | - | - | 20,000,000 |
| Specified Executives | | | | |
| William M Johnson | - | - | - | - |
| Victor P H Ho | - | - | - | - |

The above disclosures of equity holdings are in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1046 (Director and Executive Disclosure by Disclosing Entities) which includes disclosure of direct and indirect holdings of spouses, relatives, spouses of relatives and entities under the control or significant influence of each of the same. There are instances of some overlap between the disclosed holdings in this regard.

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4. DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVES' DISCLOSURES (continued)

(g) Remuneration Practices

The Company's policy for determining the nature and amount of emoluments to directors of the Company is as follows: The Board determines the remuneration structure of all Directors and Executive Officers having regard to the Consolidated Entity's nature, scale and scope of operations and other relevant factors, including the frequency of Board meetings, length of service, particular experience and qualifications.

5. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Amounts received or due and receivable by the Consolidated Entity's auditors for: | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Audit and review of financial report | 21,178 | 24,145 | 9,345 | 9,530 |
| Other services | 6,520 | 3,725 | - | 475 |
| | <u>27,698</u> | <u>27,870</u> | <u>9,345</u> | <u>10,005</u> |

6. CURRENT RECEIVABLES

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Amounts receivable from | | | | |
| Deposits | 935 | - | 935 | - |
| Receivables on sale of investments | 241,392 | - | - | - |
| Amounts receivable from Director related entities | 57,357 | - | - | - |
| Other receivables | 95,215 | - | 77,338 | 416,124 |
| GST receivable | 7,370 | 6,610 | - | - |
| | <u>402,269</u> | <u>6,610</u> | <u>78,273</u> | <u>416,124</u> |

Please refer to Note 30 for details of amounts receivable from Director related entities.

7. CURRENT INVENTORY

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Inventory - at cost | 18,273 | 18,273 | 18,273 | 18,273 |
| Less: Write down of inventory | (18,273) | (18,273) | (18,273) | (18,273) |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

8. CURRENT OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Other financial assets comprises investments in: | | | | |
| Listed securities | 12,199,886 | 5,229,511 | 3,396,125 | 3,301,705 |
| Provision for diminution | (1,028,200) | (256,340) | (359,179) | (313,829) |
| | <u>11,171,686</u> | <u>4,973,171</u> | <u>3,036,946</u> | <u>2,987,876</u> |
| Market value of listed securities | <u>11,171,686</u> | <u>13,678,878</u> | <u>3,036,946</u> | <u>2,979,976</u> |

9. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Prepayments | <u>1,736</u> | <u>1,663</u> | <u>893</u> | <u>1,663</u> |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|

10. NON-CURRENT RECEIVABLES

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Bonds and guarantees | <u>32,823</u> | <u>27,872</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>13,766</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|

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| 11. NON-CURRENT OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|---|---------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Shares in controlled entities - at cost | - | - | 2,704,575 | 2,704,575 |
| Add: Revaluation of shares in CXL | - | - | 6,587,354 | 6,014,393 |
| | - | - | 9,291,929 | 8,718,968 |
| Market value of listed securities | - | - | 4,359,484 | 8,718,968 |

(a) Investment in Controlled Entities

| | Ownership Interest | |
|---|--------------------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| Central Exchange Limited (A.C.N. 000 742 843) ("CXL") | 49.39% | 48.22% |

CXL was valued based on its post-tax net tangible asset ("NTA") backing at balance date of \$1.119 per share (\$9,291,929) as the Directors' are of the opinion that CXL's NTA is more reflective of an appropriate value of the Company's investment in CXL given the nature of its assets (predominantly cash and investments in listed securities) and the ability of the Company to control the affairs of CXL including voting at general meetings of CXL.

12. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

The following interests in listed Associate entities are held by Central Exchange Limited (CXL), a controlled entity of the Company.

| Name of Associate | Principal Activity | Ownership Interest | | Consolidated Carrying Amount |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------|------------------------------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | | | | \$ |
| Scarborough Equities Limited (formerly Rivkin Financial Services Limited) | Investments | 25.49% | n/a | 4,285,489 |
| Bentley International Limited | Investments | 19.03% | n/a | 2,799,771 |
| | | | | 7,085,260 |

Movement in Investments in Associates

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Shares in listed Associate entities - at cost | 6,918,035 |
| Share of losses from ordinary activities before income tax expense | 80,411 |
| Share of income tax expense related to ordinary activities | 86,814 |
| Equity accounted amount of investment at the end of the financial year | 7,085,260 |
| Market value of listed Associate entities | 4,844,808 |
| Net tangible asset backing (post tax) value of listed Associate entities | 7,419,711 |

On 4 May 2005, Scarborough Equities Limited ("SCB") bought back and cancelled 24,999,314 shares, resulting in CXL's shareholding in SCB increasing to 20.36%. On 30 June 2005, CXL settled on the acquisition of 3,865,870 SCB shares, increasing CXL's shareholding to 25.49%. CXL has accounted for its investment in SCB on an equity accounting basis as an Associate entity from 4 May 2005.

On 30 June 2005, CXL settled on the acquisition of 2,100,000 shares in Bentley International Limited ("BEL"), increasing CXL's shareholding in BEL to 19.03%. On 1 July 2005, CXL settled on the acquisition of a further 2,300,000 shares in BEL (refer Note 30), increasing its shareholding in BEL to 24.9%. CXL has accounted for its investment in BEL on an equity accounting basis as an Associate entity from 30 June 2005.

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12. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD (continued)

| Summarised Financial Position of Associates | 2005 |
|--|----------------------|
| Current assets: | |
| Cash | 1,664,228 |
| Receivables | 646,949 |
| Investments | 18,331,397 |
| Other | 6,979 |
| Non-current assets: | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 11,774 |
| Investments | 13,444,034 |
| Deferred tax asset | 7,230 |
| Current liabilities: | |
| Payables | (271,005) |
| Provisions | (225,427) |
| Net assets | <u>33,616,159</u> |
| Share of net assets at 30 June 2005 | <u>7,435,385</u> |
| Net profit | <u>2,483,662</u> |

Expenditure Commitments

Bentley International Limited

(i) On 18 May 2004, BEL entered into an investment management agreement with Constellation Capital Management Limited for an initial term of 2 years, with following management fees (exclusive of goods and services tax) payable to Constellation:

(a) A base fee of \$69,000 per annum; and

(b) A variable fee of:

- 0.5% per annum of portfolio value up to \$15m; and

- 0.4% per annum of portfolio value in excess of \$15m.

No performance related fees are payable to Constellation. Management fees accrues daily and are paid quarterly.

(ii) On 20 August 2004, BEL entered into a custody agreement with National Australia Bank Limited for NAB to provide custodian services for an initial term of 2 years. Various fees are payable by BEL for the provision of custodial and reporting services by NAB. The minimum fees payable are \$26,400 (exclusive of GST) per annum.

Scarborough Equities Limited

On 9 December 2004, FSP Equities Management Limited ("FSP") was appointed to manage SCB's investment funds for an initial two-year term, pursuant to an investment management agreement. FSP holds an Australian Financial Services Licence to manage its FSP Equities Leaders' Fund ("FSP Fund"). The management fees normally payable by participants in the FSP Fund are a 1% per annum base management fee and a performance fee of 20% of the performance of the fund in excess of the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index benchmark. The board of SCB has advised that they have negotiated a variable fee structure that represents a favourable rebate to the normal fees charged by the FSP Fund, whilst still providing a material incentive to the Investment Manager for investment out performance of the benchmark.

Contingent Liabilities

Scarborough Equities Limited

SCB has provided indemnity to IWL Limited and IWL Broking Solutions Limited ("IWL") with respect to the acquisition by IWL of SCB's shareholding in Avcol Stockbroking Pty Ltd ("Avcol") on 29 April 2005. This indemnity covers contingent claims in relation to the operations of Avcol. The SCB Directors have advised that they believe these contingent claims are not material (not exceeding \$100,000 in aggregate) in terms of its potential negative effect on SCB's net asset position.

| 13. NON-CURRENT INVENTORY | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------|------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Property held for resale - at cost | 3,796,552 | - | - | - |

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14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| CONSOLIDATED ENTITY | Plant and Equipment | Leasehold Improvements | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Gross Carrying Amount | | | |
| Balance at 30 June 2004 | 262,659 | 43,575 | 306,234 |
| Additions | 1,114 | - | 1,114 |
| Balance at 30 June 2005 | <u>263,773</u> | <u>43,575</u> | <u>307,348</u> |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | | |
| Balance at 30 June 2004 | (220,383) | (21,936) | (242,319) |
| Depreciation expense | (8,184) | (3,246) | (11,430) |
| Balance at 30 June 2005 | <u>(228,567)</u> | <u>(25,182)</u> | <u>(253,749)</u> |
| Net Book Value | | | |
| As at 30 June 2004 | 42,276 | 21,639 | 63,915 |
| As at 30 June 2005 | <u>35,206</u> | <u>18,393</u> | <u>53,599</u> |
| COMPANY: | | | |
| Gross Carrying Amount | | | |
| Balance at 30 June 2004 | 79,520 | 21,787 | 101,307 |
| Additions | 557 | - | 557 |
| Balance at 30 June 2005 | <u>80,077</u> | <u>21,787</u> | <u>101,864</u> |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | | |
| Balance at 30 June 2004 | (58,023) | (10,967) | (68,990) |
| Depreciation expense | (4,187) | (1,623) | (5,810) |
| Balance at 30 June 2005 | <u>(62,210)</u> | <u>(12,590)</u> | <u>(74,800)</u> |
| Net Book Value | | | |
| As at 30 June 2004 | 21,497 | 10,820 | 32,317 |
| As at 30 June 2005 | <u>17,867</u> | <u>9,197</u> | <u>27,064</u> |

Aggregate depreciation during the year is recognised as an expense and disclosed in Note 2 of the Financial Statements.

| 15. INTANGIBLES | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| VoiceNet System VoIP Technology - at cost | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| VoiceNet System VoIP Licence - at cost | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (1,100,000) | (1,100,000) | (1,100,000) | (1,100,000) |
| Less: Write-down of VoiceNet Technology | (900,000) | (900,000) | (900,000) | (900,000) |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

16. TAX ASSETS

Future income tax benefit is made up of the following estimated tax benefits:

- timing differences

| | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|
| 227,053 | - | - | - |
|---------|---|---|---|

17. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

| Deferred Exploration Expenditure | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at beginning of the year | 24,031 | - | - | - |
| Direct expenditure | 10,404 | 24,031 | - | - |
| Direct expenditure written off | (18,813) | - | - | - |
| Balance at end of the year | <u>15,622</u> | <u>24,031</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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18. CURRENT PAYABLES

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trade creditors | 20,551 | 6,665 | 3,715 | 1,409 |
| Payables on purchase of investments | 205,894 | 152,933 | - | - |
| Amounts payable from Director related entities | 3,630 | - | 21,628 | - |
| Other creditors and accruals | 124,917 | 89,825 | 44,173 | 38,850 |
| Dividend payable | 25,277 | - | - | - |
| GST payable | 232 | - | 232 | - |
| | <u>380,501</u> | <u>249,423</u> | <u>69,748</u> | <u>40,259</u> |

19. CURRENT PROVISIONS

| | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Dividend payable | - | 445,811 | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>445,811</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

20. CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Provision for income tax | 562,702 | 991,400 | - | - |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 7,209 | 12,036 | - | - |
| | <u>569,911</u> | <u>1,003,436</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

21. NON-CURRENT PROVISIONS

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Provision for employee entitlements | <u>68,179</u> | <u>42,440</u> | <u>48,754</u> | <u>30,289</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

Number of employees (including Executive Directors and Officers) at balance date

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|

22. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

| Issued and Paid-Up Capital | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 28,404,879 (2004: 28,404,879) fully paid ordinary shares | 5,887,927 | 5,887,927 | 5,887,927 | 5,887,927 |
| 20,000,000 (2004: 20,000,000) partly paid ordinary shares | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| | <u>6,087,927</u> | <u>6,087,927</u> | <u>6,087,927</u> | <u>6,087,927</u> |

(a) Movement in Issued Ordinary Share Capital

(i) Fully paid ordinary shares

| | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance at beginning of financial year | 5,887,926 | 5,887,926 | 5,887,926 | 5,887,926 |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at end of the year | <u>5,887,926</u> | <u>5,887,926</u> | <u>5,887,926</u> | <u>5,887,926</u> |

There were no movements during the period for fully paid ordinary shares.

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22. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY (continued)

(ii) Partly paid ordinary shares

There were no movements during the year for partly paid ordinary shares.

The Company's 20,000,000 unlisted partly paid ordinary shares are each paid to one cent with 19 cents per share outstanding.

At any meeting, each shareholder present in person or by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote for each ordinary fully paid share held either upon a show of hands or by a poll. Holders of partly paid shares have a fraction of a vote for each partly paid share held with the fractional vote of each share being equivalent to the proportion which the amount actually paid (not credited) for that share is of the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited) for that share. Amounts paid in advance of a call are ignored when calculating proportions. The holder of a partly paid share is not entitled to vote at a meeting in respect of those shares on which calls are outstanding.

The profits of the Company, which the Directors may from time to time determine to distribute to shareholders by way of a dividend, will be divisible amongst the shareholders in proportion to the amounts paid on the shares held by them. An amount paid in advance of a call is not to be included as an amount paid on a share for the purposes of calculating entitlement to dividends for such share.

| 23. RESERVES | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Option Premium Reserve | 2,138,012 | 2,138,012 | 2,138,012 | 2,138,012 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the year | - | - | 6,014,393 | 6,014,393 |
| Revaluation of CXL investment | - | - | 572,961 | - |
| Balance at end of financial year | - | - | 6,587,354 | 6,014,393 |
| Total Reserves | 2,138,012 | 2,138,012 | 8,725,366 | 8,152,405 |

The Option Premium Reserve comprise consideration received by the Company on the issue of options in prior years which have lapsed.

The Asset Revaluation Reserve relates to a revaluation of the Company's investment in CXL from a cost of \$2,704,575 to a carrying value of \$9,291,929 at Balance Date. Please refer to Note 11 for further details about the carrying value of such investment at Balance Date.

| 24. OUTSIDE EQUITY INTERESTS | Consolidated Entity | |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Outside equity interests in controlled entity comprises: | | |
| Contributed equity | 14,533,911 | 15,002,284 |
| Accumulated losses | (5,012,941) | (6,739,131) |
| Reserves | - | 1,099,807 |
| | 9,520,970 | 9,362,960 |

| 25. ACCUMULATED LOSSES | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at beginning of the year | 3,969,229 | (4,356,681) | (2,045,429) | (4,347,641) |
| Net profit/(loss) | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Balance at end of financial year | 4,146,206 | 3,969,229 | (2,440,676) | (2,045,429) |

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26. EARNINGS PER SHARE

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------|------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Basic earnings per share (cents) | 0.60 | 28.31 | (1.34) | 7.83 |
| Diluted earnings per share (cents) | 0.37 | 17.20 | (0.82) | 4.76 |

(a) Basic earnings per share

The earnings and weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share are as follows:

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net Profit/(Loss) (\$) | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 |

- (i) The Company's partly paid shares, to the extent that they have been paid (one cent per share), have been included in the determination of the basic earnings per share.

The Company's options and partly paid shares, to the extent of the balance of the call (19 cents per share), have not been included in the determination of basic earnings per share. These securities are included in the determination of diluted earnings per share on the basis that each option will convert to one ordinary share and each partly paid share will become fully paid.

(b) Diluted earnings per share

The earnings and weighted average number of ordinary and potential ordinary shares used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share are as follows:

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Net Profit/(Loss) (\$) | 176,977 | 8,325,910 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares (i) | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 |

- (i) The weighted average number of ordinary shares and potential ordinary shares used in calculation of diluted earnings per share reconciles to the weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share as follows:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic EPS | 29,404,879 | 29,404,879 |
| Portion of partly-paid ordinary shares that remain unpaid | 19,000,000 | 19,000,000 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of diluted EPS | 48,404,879 | 48,404,879 |

27. CONSOLIDATED SEGMENT REPORTING

The Consolidated Entity operates predominantly within Australia and in one industry segment, being investments.

| Segment Revenues & Results | External Revenue | | Operating results | |
|--|------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Investments | 13,250,327 | 20,442,939 | 1,655,133 | 18,827,651 |
| Unallocated | 515,480 | 606,770 | (631,021) | (144,513) |
| | 13,765,807 | 21,049,709 | | |
| Profit from ordinary activities before income | | | 1,024,112 | 18,683,138 |
| Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities | | | (330,922) | (1,003,436) |
| Loss from ordinary activities after income tax | | | 693,190 | 17,679,702 |

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27. CONSOLIDATED SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

| Segment Assets & Liabilities | Assets | | Liabilities | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Investments | 22,310,512 | 4,997,202 | (205,894) | (152,933) |
| Unallocated | 601,194 | 18,302,036 | (812,697) | (1,588,177) |
| | <u>22,911,706</u> | <u>23,299,238</u> | <u>(1,018,591)</u> | <u>(1,741,110)</u> |

| Other Segment Information | Investments | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Acquisition of segment assets | 23,808,335 | 5,893,794 |
| Other non-cash expenses | | |
| Diminution of segment assets | 771,859 | (5,128,594) |

28. STATEMENTS TO CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Loss from Ordinary Activities after Tax to Net Cash Flows from Operations

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Operating income/ (loss) after tax | 693,190 | 17,679,702 | (395,247) | 2,302,212 |
| Depreciation | 11,430 | 14,080 | 5,810 | 7,121 |
| Net unrealised loss/ (gains) on revaluation of share investments | 771,859 | (40,120) | 45,349 | - |
| Doubtful debts provision/ (write back) | - | (1,486) | - | (1,486) |
| Diminution (write back) of investments | - | (5,128,594) | - | (2,202,587) |
| Write off loan to subsidiary | - | 1,713 | - | 1,713 |
| Loss on sale of investment | (12,265) | 5,394,463 | (12,265) | 23,997 |
| Cost of lapsed options | 55,081 | - | 14,061 | - |
| Share of Associate Companies' profits | (167,225) | - | - | - |
| Increase/ (decrease) in income tax payable | (433,525) | 1,003,436 | - | - |
| Increase/ (decrease) in deferred tax asset | (227,053) | - | - | - |
| (Increase)/decrease in assets: | | | | |
| Receivables | (323,391) | 1,252 | 429,607 | (408,831) |
| Investments | (7,275,177) | - | - | - |
| Other assets | 8,336 | 192,808 | - | (639) |
| Increase/(decrease) in liabilities: | | | | |
| Payables | 133,117 | 6,396 | 29,979 | 13,416 |
| Provision | 462 | 26,362 | 18,465 | 14,210 |
| Net cash flows from operating activities | <u>(6,765,161)</u> | <u>19,150,012</u> | <u>135,759</u> | <u>(250,874)</u> |

(b) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash at bank | 101,768 | 1,740,508 | 32,676 | 72,414 |
| Term deposit | 23,338 | 22,323 | 23,338 | 22,323 |
| Bank bills | - | 16,439,145 | - | - |
| | <u>125,106</u> | <u>18,201,976</u> | <u>56,014</u> | <u>94,737</u> |

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28. STATEMENTS TO CASH FLOWS (continued.)

(c) Non-cash Financing and Investing Activities

On 30 June 2005, controlled entity, Central Exchange Limited (CXL), issued 812,810 fully paid ordinary shares (at \$1.0343 per share, being CXL's reported NTA (post tax) backing as at 31 May 2005) as part consideration for the settlement of:

(i) The acquisition of 3,167,152 shares in Scarborough Equities Limited (SCB) from Sofcom Limited (SOF) pursuant to CXL's exercise under an Option Deed between CXL and SOF dated 2 May 2005 (as amended by Deed of Variation dated 30 May 2005) – the total consideration was \$669,219 (based on SCB's last published NTA backing (post tax) as at 31 May 2005 of \$0.2113 per share) satisfied by the payment of \$200,000 cash and the issue of 453,659 fully paid ordinary shares in CXL to SOF;

(ii) The acquisition of 2,100,000 shares in Bentley International Limited (BEL) from SOF pursuant to a First Tranche BEL Share Sale Agreement between SOF and CXL (dated 30 May 2005) – the total consideration was \$946,470 (based on BEL's last published NTA backing (post tax) as at 31 May 2005 of \$0.4507 per share) satisfied by the payment of \$575,000 cash and the issue of 359,151 fully paid ordinary shares in CXL to SOF,

as approved by SOF shareholders on 30 June 2005.

On 1 July 2005, CXL acquired a further 2,300,000 shares in BEL in consideration for the issue of 1,002,233 shares to SOF. Please refer to Note 33 for further details.

29. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk Exposure

| | Average Interest Rate | Variable Interest Rate | Fixed Interest Rate | Non-Interest Bearing | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 2005 | | | | | |
| Financial assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 5.63% | 101,768 | 23,338 | - | 125,106 |
| Receivables | | - | - | 402,269 | 402,269 |
| Shares in listed companies | | - | - | 11,171,686 | 11,171,686 |
| | | <u>101,768</u> | <u>23,338</u> | <u>11,573,955</u> | <u>11,699,061</u> |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | |
| Payables | | - | - | (380,501) | (380,501) |
| Employee entitlements | | - | - | (68,179) | (68,179) |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(448,680)</u> | <u>(448,680)</u> |
| Net financial assets | | <u>101,768</u> | <u>23,338</u> | <u>11,125,275</u> | <u>11,250,381</u> |
| 2004 | | | | | |
| Financial assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 4.50% | 1,740,508 | 16,461,468 | - | 18,201,976 |
| Receivables | | - | - | 6,610 | 6,610 |
| Shares in listed companies | | - | - | 4,973,171 | 4,973,171 |
| | | <u>1,740,508</u> | <u>16,461,468</u> | <u>4,979,781</u> | <u>23,181,757</u> |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | |
| Payables | | - | - | (249,423) | (249,423) |
| Employee entitlements | | - | - | (42,440) | (42,440) |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(291,863)</u> | <u>(291,863)</u> |
| Net financial assets | | <u>1,740,508</u> | <u>16,461,468</u> | <u>4,687,918</u> | <u>22,889,894</u> |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

29. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

| Reconciliation of net financial assets to net assets | Consolidated Entity | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Net financial assets as above | 11,250,381 | 22,889,894 |
| Non-financial assets and liabilities | | |
| Non-current receivables | 32,823 | 27,872 |
| Inventory | 3,796,552 | - |
| Associate companies | 7,085,260 | - |
| Property, plant and equipment | 53,599 | 63,915 |
| Other assets | 244,411 | 25,694 |
| Provisions | - | (445,811) |
| Current tax liabilities | (569,911) | (1,003,436) |
| | <u>21,893,115</u> | <u>21,558,128</u> |

(b) Credit Risk Exposure

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the Financial Statements, net of any provisions for losses, represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk.

(c) Net Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Except as detailed below, the carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the Financial Statements represents their respective net fair values, determined in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The net fair value of financial assets with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market prices.

| Financial Assets | Carrying Amount | | Net Fair Value | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Traded on Organised Markets | | | | |
| Shares on listed companies | 11,171,686 | 4,973,171 | 11,171,686 | 13,678,878 |
| Shares on listed associated company | 7,085,260 | - | 4,844,808 | - |

30. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Names of parent entity directors in office at any time during the financial year are:

- Farooq Khan (Chairman & Managing Director)
- Yaqoob Khan (Non-Executive Director)
- Michael J van Rens (Non-Executive Director)
- Azhar Chaudhri (Non-Executive Director)

During the financial year, there were transactions between the Company, Central Exchange (a controlled entity), Altera Capital Limited, Fast Scout Limited and Sofcom Limited (being entities in which some of the Company's Directors are also directors), pursuant to shared office and administration expense arrangements, on a cost recovery basis. At balance date, the following amounts were outstanding. Interest is not charged on such outstanding amounts.

| Entity | Amounts Payable |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ |
| Central Exchange Limited | 17,998 |
| Altera Capital Limited | 3,630 |
| | <u>21,628</u> |

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31. LEASE COMMITMENTS

| | Consolidated Entity | | Company | |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-cancellable operating lease commitments: | | | | |
| Not longer than one year | 124,033 | 129,972 | - | - |

The lease is in relation to the office premises of Central Exchange Limited and includes all outgoings. Such expenditure is shared equally with other companies, including Queste Communications Limited pursuant to shared office and administration expense arrangements.

32. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

The Consolidated Entity does not have any material contingent assets or liabilities at Balance Date.

33. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- (a) On 1 July 2005, controlled entity, Central Exchange Limited (CXL) issued 1,002,233 shares (at \$1.0343 per share, being CXL's reported NTA (post tax) backing as at 31 May 2005) as consideration for the settlement of the acquisition of 2,300,000 shares in Bentley International Limited (BEL) from Sofcom Limited (SOF) pursuant to a Second Tranche BEL Share Sale Agreement between SOF and CXL (dated 30 May 2005) – the total consideration was \$1,036,610 (based on BEL's last published NTA backing (post tax) as at 31 May 2005 of \$0.4507 per share) satisfied by the issue of 1,002,233 fully paid ordinary shares in CXL to SOF, as approved by SOF shareholders on 30 June 2005 and BEL shareholders on 1 July 2005.
- (b) On 22 July 2005, the Company received its entitlements under an Altera Capital Limited (AEA) equal return of capital, being:
- 254,348 shares in Central Exchange Limited (CXL); and
 - 6,255,349 shares in ASX listed Sofcom Limited (SOF). The Company has become the second largest shareholder in SOF with 14% of SOF's total issued share capital.

SOF currently has minimal net assets and has been suspended from ASX since 29 June 2005 and has advised that its suspension will continue until the company is recapitalised and re-complies with admission requirements under the ASX Listing Rules.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising the Statements of Financial Performance, Position and Cash Flows, and accompanying notes as set out on pages 25 to 46, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2005 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. The Directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* by the Executive Chairman, the person who performs the chief executive function, and by the Company Secretary, the person who performs the chief financial officer function, for the purposes of section 295A, who have each declared that:
 - (a) the financial records of the Company for the financial year have been properly maintained in accordance with section 286 of the *Corporations Act 2001*;
 - (b) the financial statements are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001 and give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2005 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (c) the financial statements are founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control which implements the policies adopted by the Board. The Company's risk management and internal compliance and control systems are operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



Farooq Khan
Chairman



Azhar Chaudhri
Director

Perth, Western Australia

13 September 2005

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QUESTE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED

Scope

The Financial Report and Directors' Responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors' declaration for both Queste Communications Limited (the company) and the consolidated entity, for the year ended 30 June 2005. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled during that year.

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We have conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the company. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position, and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

The independence declaration given to the directors in accordance with section 307C.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Queste Communications Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2005 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

BDO

Chartered Accountants



B G McVeigh

Partner

Perth
13 September 2005

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

1. Framework and Approach to Corporate Governance and Responsibility

The Board is committed to maintaining the highest standards of Corporate Governance. Corporate Governance is about having a set of core values and behaviours that underpin the Company's activities and ensure transparency, fair dealing and protection of the interests of stakeholders.

The Board of Directors supports the Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations developed by the ASX Corporate Governance Council ("Council"). The Company's practices are largely consistent with the Council's guidelines - the Board considers that the implementation of some recommendations are not appropriate having regard to the nature and scale of the Company's activities and size of the Board. The Board uses its best endeavours to ensure exceptions to the Council's guidelines do not have a negative impact on the Company and the best interests of shareholders as a whole.

Details of all of the Council's recommendations can be found on the ASX website at http://www.asx.com.au/about/CorporateGovernance_AA2.shtm.

2. Board of Directors - Role and responsibilities

In general, the Board is responsible for, and has the authority to determine, all matters relating to the policies, practices, management and operations of the Company. The Board is also responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Company, and recognises the need for the highest standards of behaviour and accountability in acting in the best interests of the Company as a whole. The Board also ensures that the Company complies with all of its contractual, statutory and any other legal or regulatory obligations. The Board has the final responsibility for the successful operations of the Company.

Where the Board considers that particular expertise or information is required, which is not available from within their number, appropriate external advice may be taken and reviewed prior to a final decision being made by the Board.

Without intending to limit the general role of the Board, the principal functions and responsibilities of the Board include the following.

- (1) formulation and approval of the strategic direction, objectives and goals of the Company;
- (2) the prudential control of the Company's finances and operations and monitoring the financial performance of the Company;
- (3) the resourcing, review and monitoring of executive management;
- (4) ensuring that adequate internal control systems and procedures exist and that compliance with these systems and procedures is maintained;
- (5) the identification of significant business risks and ensuring that such risks are adequately managed;
- (6) the timeliness, accuracy and effectiveness of communications and reporting to shareholders and the market;

- (7) the establishment and maintenance of appropriate ethical standards;
- (8) responsibilities typically assumed by an audit committee including:
 - (a) reviewing and approving the audited annual and reviewed half yearly financial reports;
 - (b) reviewing the appointment of the external auditor, their independence, the audit fee, and any questions of resignation or dismissal;
- (9) responsibilities typically assumed by a remuneration committee including:
 - (a) reviewing the remuneration and performance of both Executive and Non-Executive Directors;
 - (b) setting policies for Executives' remuneration, setting the terms and conditions of employment for Executives, undertaking reviews of Executive's performance, including, setting goals and reviewing progress in achieving those goals;
 - (c) reviewing the Company's Executive and employee incentive schemes and making recommendations on any proposed changes.
- (10) responsibilities typically assumed by a nomination committee including:
 - (a) devising criteria for Board membership, regularly reviewing the need for various skills and experience on the Board and identifying specific individuals for nomination as Directors;
 - (b) oversight of Board and Executive succession plans.

3. Board of Directors – Composition, Structure and Process

The Board has been formed so that it has effective composition, size and commitment to adequately discharge its responsibilities and duties given its current size and the scale and nature of the Company's activities. The names of the Directors and their qualifications and experience are stated in the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2005.

3.1. Skills, knowledge and experience

Directors are appointed based on the specific corporate and governance skills and experience required by the Company. The Board should contain Directors with a relevant blend of personal experience in accounting and finance, law, financial and investment markets, financial management and public company administration, and Director-level business or corporate experience, having regard to the scale and nature of activities of the Company.

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3.2. Non-Executive Directors

The Company recognises the importance of Non-Executive Directors and the external perspective and advice that Non-Executive Directors can offer. Three of the current Board's four Directors are Non-Executive Directors – Messrs Yaqoob Khan, Michael van Rens and Azhar Chaudhri, whose qualifications and experience are stated in the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2005

3.3. Chairman and Managing Director

The Chairman leads the Board and has responsibility for ensuring the Board receives accurate, timely and clear information to enable Directors to perform their duties as a Board. The Company's Executive Chairman and Managing Director is Mr Farooq Khan, whose qualifications and experience are stated in the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2005.

3.4. Company Secretary

The Company Secretary is appointed by the Board and is responsible for developing and maintaining the information systems and processes that are appropriate for the Board to fulfil its role and is responsible to the Board for ensuring compliance with Board procedures and governance matters. The Company Secretary is also responsible for overseeing and coordinating disclosure of information to the ASX as well as communicating with the ASX. The Company Secretary is currently Mr Victor Ho, whose qualifications and experience are stated in the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2005.

3.5. Independence

An independent Director, in the view of the Company, is a Non-Executive Director who:

- (1) is not a substantial shareholder of the Company or an officer of, or otherwise associated directly with, a substantial shareholder of the Company;
- (2) within the last 3 years has not been employed in an Executive capacity by the Company, or been a Director after ceasing to hold any such employment;
- (3) within the last 3 years has not been a principal of a material professional adviser or a material consultant to the Company, or an employee materially associated with a service provider;
- (4) is not a material supplier or customer of the Company, or an officer of or otherwise associated directly or indirectly with a material supplier or customer;
- (5) has no material contractual relationship with the Company other than as a Director of the Company;
- (6) has not served on the Board for a period which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the Director's ability to act in the best interests of the Company; and
- (7) is free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the Director's ability to act in the best interests of the Company.

Mr Farooq Khan (Executive Chairman and Managing Director) and Mr Azhar Chaudhri are not regarded as independent Directors as both do not meet the above criteria for independence adopted by the Company, being (directly and indirectly) substantial shareholders of the Company. Mr Yaqoob Khan is a relative of both Messrs Farooq Khan and Azhar Chaudhri. Mr Michael van Rens is considered to be an independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.

The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity to justify the appointment and further expense of a majority of independent Non-Executive Directors. The Board believes that the individuals on the Board can make, and do make, quality and independent judgments in the best interests of the Company on all relevant issues.

If the Company's activities increase in size, nature and scope the size of the Board will be reviewed periodically and the optimum number of Directors required for the Board to properly perform its responsibilities and functions.

3.6. Conflicts of Interest

To ensure that Directors are at all times acting in the interests of the Company, Directors must:

- (1) disclose to the Board actual or potential conflicts of interest that may or might reasonably be thought to exist between the interests of the Director and the interests of any other parties in carrying out the activities of the Company; and
- (2) if requested by the Board, within 7 days or such further period as may be permitted, take such necessary and reasonable steps to remove any conflict of interest.

If a Director cannot or is unwilling to remove a conflict of interest then the Director must, as per the Corporations Act, absent himself from the room when Board discussion and/or voting occurs on matters about which the conflict relates (save with the approval of the remaining Directors and subject to the Corporations Act).

3.7. Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions include any financial transaction between a Director and the Company as defined in the Corporations Act or the ASX Listing Rules. Unless there is an exemption under the Corporations Act from the requirement to obtain shareholder approval for the related party transaction, the Board cannot approve the transaction. The Company also discloses related party transactions in its financial report as required under relevant Accounting Standards.

3.8. Share Dealings and Disclosures

The Company's policy regarding Directors, Executives and employees dealing in its securities, is set by the Board. The Board restricts Directors, Executives and employees from acting on material information until it has been released to the market and adequate time has been given for this to be reflected in the security's prices. Executives and employees and Directors are required to consult the Chairman and the Board respectively, prior to dealing in securities in the Company or other companies in which the Company has a relationship.

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Dealings are not permitted at any time whilst in the possession of price sensitive information not already available to the market. In addition, the Corporations Act prohibits the purchase or sale of securities whilst a person is in possession of inside information.

3.9. Board Nominations

The Board will consider nominations for appointment or election of Directors that may arise from time to time having regard to the corporate and governance skills required by the Company and procedures outlined in the Constitution and the Corporations Act.

3.10. Terms of Appointment as a Director

The current Directors of the Company have not been appointed for fixed terms. The constitution of the Company provides that a Director other than the Managing Director may not retain office for more than three calendar years or beyond the third annual general meeting following his election, whichever is longer, without submitting himself for re-election. One third of the Directors (save for a Managing Director) must retire each year and are eligible for re-election. The Directors who retire by rotation at each annual general meeting are those with the longest length of time in office since their appointment or last election.

3.11. Performance Review and Evaluation

It is the policy of the Board to ensure that the Directors and Executives of the Company be equipped with the knowledge and information they need to discharge their responsibilities effectively, and that individual and collective performance is regularly and fairly reviewed. Although the Company is not of a size to warrant the development of formal processes for evaluating the performance of its Board, individual Directors and Executives, there is on-going monitoring by the Chairman and the Board. The Chairman also speaks to Directors individually regarding their role as a Director.

3.12. Meetings of the Board

The Chairman and Company Secretary generally schedules monthly formal Board meetings. In addition, the Board meets whenever necessary to deal with specific matters requiring attention between scheduled monthly meetings. Circulatory Resolutions are also utilised where appropriate either in place or in addition formal Board meetings. Board meetings are held predominantly by telephone conferencing as not all Directors are resident in the one city. However, the Board will convene face to face meetings from time to time as is appropriate based on the particular items of business for consideration.

Each member of the Board is committed to spending sufficient time to enable them to carry out their duties as a Director of the Company.

It is recognised and accepted that Board members may also concurrently serve on other boards, either in an executive or non-executive capacity.

3.13. Independent Professional Advice

Subject to prior consultation with the Chairman, each Director has the right to seek independent legal and other professional advice at the Company's expense concerning any aspect of the Company's operations or undertakings in order to fulfil their duties and responsibilities as Directors.

3.14. Access to Company Information and Confidentiality

All Directors have the right of access to all relevant Company books and to the Company's Executive Management. In accordance with legal requirements and agreed ethical standards, Directors and Executives of the Company have agreed to keep confidential, information received in the course of the exercise of their duties and will not disclose non-public information except where disclosure is authorised or legally mandated.

3.15. Directors' Deeds

The Company has also entered into a deed with each of the current Directors to regulate certain matters between the Company and each Director, both during the time the Directors holds office and after the Director ceases to be an officer of the Company (or wholly owned subsidiaries). A summary of the terms of such deed is contained within the Remuneration Report in the Director's Report for the year ended 30 June 2005.

4. Management

4.1. Executives

The Managing Director is responsible and accountable to the Board for the Company's management.

The Company's Executive Chairman and Managing Director roles are fulfilled by one person – Mr Farooq Khan. The Company presently has one other Executive Officer being the Company Secretary.

The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity to justify the expense of the appointment of an independent Non-Executive Chairman.

The Board is of the opinion that all Directors exercise and bring to bear an unfettered and independent judgement towards their duties and the Board is satisfied that Mr Farooq Khan as both Chairman and as Managing Director plays an important role in the continued success and performance of the Company and is able and does bring quality and independent judgment to all relevant issues falling within the scope of the role of a Chairman and does not consider that his dual role in any way diminishes the efficient organisation and conduct of the Board's overall function.

The Company does not presently have a Chief Financial Officer ("CFO").

The Board has determined that the Executive Chairman and Managing Director and the Company Secretary are the appropriate persons to make the chief executive and CFO declarations respectively, as required under section 295A and recommended by the Council.

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4.2. Board and Management Committees

In view of the current composition of the Board (which comprises one Executive and three Non-Executive Directors) and the nature and scale of the Company's activities, the Board has considered that establishing formally constituted committees for audit, board nominations and remuneration would contribute little to its effective management.

Accordingly audit matters, the nomination of new Directors and the setting, or review, of remuneration levels of Directors and Executives are reviewed by the Board as a whole and approved by resolution of the Board (with abstentions from relevant Directors where there is a conflict of interest). That is, matters typically dealt with by an audit, nominations and remuneration committee are dealt with by the full Board.

5. Remuneration Policy

Please refer to the Remuneration Report in the Director's Report for the year ended 30 June 2005.

6. Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards

The Company is not of a size that warrants the establishment of a formal code of conduct that guides compliance with all levels of legal and other obligations to stakeholders. However, the Company's policies are focussed on ensuring that all Directors, Executives, and employees act with the utmost integrity and objectivity in carrying out their duties and responsibilities, striving at all times to enhance the reputation and performance of the Company.

7. Internal Control and Risk Management

The Board is responsible for the identification, monitoring and management of significant business risks and the implementation of appropriate levels of internal control, recognising however that no cost effective internal control system will preclude all errors and irregularities. The Board regularly reviews and monitors areas of significant business risk.

The Board has determined that the Executive Chairman and Managing Director and the Company Secretary are the appropriate persons to make the chief executive and CFO declarations respectively, on the risk management and internal compliance and control systems recommended by the Council.

8. Communications

8.1. Communications to Market and Shareholders

The Board recognises its duty to ensure that its shareholders are informed of all major developments affecting the Company's state of affairs. Information is communicated to shareholders and the market through:

- (1) The Annual Report which is distributed to shareholders (usually with the Notice of Annual General Meeting);
- (2) The Annual General Meeting and other general meetings called to obtain shareholder approvals as appropriate;

- (3) The Half-Yearly Directors' and Financial Reports;
- (4) Other announcements released to ASX as required under the continuous disclosure requirements of the ASX Listing Rules and other information that may be mailed to shareholders.

The Company actively promotes communication with shareholders through a variety of measures, including the use of the Company's website and email. The Company's reports and ASX announcements may be viewed and downloaded from its website: www.queste.com.au or the ASX website: www.asx.com.au under ASX code "QUE". The Company also maintains an email list for the distribution of the Company's announcements via email in a timelier manner.

8.2. Continuous Disclosure to ASX

The Board has designated the Company Secretary as the person responsible for overseeing and coordinating disclosure of information to the ASX as well as communicating with the ASX. In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules the Company immediately notifies the ASX of information:

- (1) concerning the Company that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities; and
- (2) that would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether to acquire or dispose of the Company's securities.

TERMS OF ISSUE OF PARTLY PAID SHARES

The Company has on issue 20,000,000 ordinary shares at an issue price of 20 cents each which have been partly paid to 1 cent each and upon which there is an outstanding amount payable of 19 cents per share. Such partly paid shares were issued on 3 August 1998. The total outstanding liability of the holders of these shares is the sum of \$3,800,000.

The terms of issue of such partly paid shares (as disclosed in the Company's initial public offering prospectus dated 6 August 1998) are as follows:

1. No call will be made by the Directors on such partly paid shares until the expiry of at least two years from the date of issue of such shares;
2. No more than two (2) calls will be made upon such shares in any one financial year and no call within any one financial year will be made within six (6) months from the date of a previous call;
3. No call may be made for more than Ten Percentum (10%) of the then outstanding amount due and payable for such shares;
4. The Directors may with the prior written consent of a particular holder of such shares vary as for that particular holder the foregoing terms upon which the Directors shall be entitled to make a call;
5. Nothing shall prevent the holders of such shares pre-paying up from time to time or at any one time the whole or part of the amount unpaid on such shares even though no amount has been called to be paid up by the Directors;
6. Dividends of the Company shall be paid to the holders of such shares in the proportion which the amount paid (not credited) on the share is of the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited) on such share held by them. An amount paid in advance of a call is not to be included as an amount paid on that share for the purposes of calculating entitlement to dividends for such a share;
7. Where the Company shall be listed upon the ASX, the Company will not whilst there shall remain any outstanding liability with respect to such shares apply for Official Quotation of the same with the ASX;
8. Upon such shares being fully paid for in accordance with calls made by the Directors such that there shall be no outstanding liability with respect to the same, such shares will rank in all respects *pari passu* with the existing ordinary fully paid shares in the capital of the Company then on issue;
9. Where the Company shall be listed upon the ASX, upon such shares being fully paid for in accordance with calls made by the Directors such that there shall be no outstanding liability with respect to the same, the Company will within three (3) business days from receipt of the monies fully paying up such shares, apply for Official Quotation of all such shares, in accordance with the Corporations Law and the Listing Rules of the ASX;
10. Where the Company shall reorganise its capital, the number of such partly paid shares must be reorganised in the same proportions as other classes of shares and the reorganisation must not involve cancellation or reduction of the total amount payable and unpaid by the holder of such shares;
11. The holders of such shares shall have a fraction of a vote for each partly paid share held with the fractional vote of each share being equivalent to the proportion which the amount actually paid (not credited) for that share is of the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited) for that share. An amount paid in advance of a call is not to be included as an amount paid up on that share for the purposes of calculating the voting entitlement of such a share;
12. The holders of such shares shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting in respect of those shares on which calls are outstanding and unpaid;
13. Where there is any inconsistency between the terms of issue of these partly paid shares and the terms of the Listing Rules of the ASX (in circumstances where the Company shall be listed upon the ASX) the terms of the Listing Rules of the ASX shall prevail; and
14. Save for the specific terms of issue of these partly paid shares as referred to above (and subject to the Listing Rules of the ASX) in all other respects, the terms of issue of such partly paid shares shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Company.

The partly paid shares are also subject to the Company's Constitution.

ADDITIONAL ASX INFORMATION

as at 12 October 2005

DISTRIBUTION OF LISTED ORDINARY FULLY PAID SHARES

| Spread | of | Holdings | Number of Holders | Number of Units | % of Total Issue Capital |
|--------------|----|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | - | 1,000 | 12 | 6,876 | 0.024 |
| 1,001 | - | 5,000 | 96 | 323,204 | 1.137 |
| 5,001 | - | 10,000 | 109 | 1,015,187 | 3.573 |
| 10,001 | - | 100,000 | 173 | 4,853,432 | 17.086 |
| 100,001 | - | and over | 27 | 22,206,180 | 78.177 |
| Total | | | 417 | 28,404,879 | 100% |

Marketable Parcel

| Spread | of | Holdings | Number of Holders | Number of Units | % of Total Issue Capital |
|--------------|----|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | - | 2,702 | 46 | 74,092 | 0.26% |
| 2,703 | - | over | 371 | 28,330,787 | 99.74% |
| Total | | | 417 | 28,404,879 | 100% |

An unmarketable parcel is considered, for the purposes of the above table, to be a shareholding of 2,702 shares or less, being a value of \$500 or less in total, based upon the Company's closing share price on 12 October 2005 of 18.5 cents per share.

DISTRIBUTION OF UNLISTED PARTLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES

| Name | No. of Partly Paid Shares |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chi Tung Investments Ltd | 20,000,000 |

These 20,000,000 ordinary shares were issued at a price of 20 cents per share and have been partly paid to one cent each and have an outstanding amount payable of 19 cents per share.

VOTING RIGHTS

Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares (at present there are none), at meetings of shareholders of the Company:

- (1) each shareholder entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy, attorney or representative;
- (2) on a show of hands, every person present who is a shareholder or a proxy, attorney or corporate representative of a shareholder has one vote;
- (3) on a poll, every person present who is a shareholder or a proxy, attorney or corporate representative of a shareholder shall, in respect of each fully paid share held by such person, or in respect of which such person is appointed a proxy, attorney or corporate representative, have one vote for that share;
- (4) The Company's partly paid shares have a proportional voting entitlement in accordance with the amount paid up for that share.

ADDITIONAL ASX INFORMATION

as at 12 October 2005

TOP TWENTY ORDINARY FULLY PAID SHAREHOLDERS

| Rank | Shareholder | Total Shares | % Issued Capital |
|--------------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 | * ISLAND AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 3,668,577 | 12.915 |
| 2 | * BELL IXL INVESTMENTS LIMITED | 3,174,549 | 11.176 |
| 3 | * RENMUIR HOLDINGS LTD | 2,633,500 | 9.271 |
| 4 | * FAROOQ KHAN | 2,399,484 | 8.447 |
| 5 | * MANAR NOMINEES PTY LTD | 1,865,663 | 6.568 |
| 6 | * CELLANTE SECURITIES PTY LIMITED | 1,838,782 | 6.473 |
| 7 | * CHI TUNG INVESTMENTS LTD | 1,050,000 | 3.696 |
| 8 | * CLEOD PTY LTD <CELLANTE SUPER FUND A/C> | 867,644 | 3.052 |
| 9 | FAST SCOUT LTD | 826,950 | 2.911 |
| 10 | MR DONALD GORDON MACKENZIE & MRS GWENNETH EDNA MACKENZIE | 652,364 | 2.296 |
| 11 | MR EDWARD JAMES STEPHEN DALLY & MRS SELINA DALLY <LEKDAL FAMILY A/C> | 433,700 | 1.526 |
| 12 | MRS AMBREEN CHAUDHRI | 386,500 | 1.360 |
| 13 | MS ROSANNA DE CAMPO | 268,100 | 0.943 |
| 14 | DR PETER JOHN CARROLL <DR P J CARROLL NO 3 A/C> | 224,000 | 0.788 |
| 15 | MRS AFIA KHAN | 215,000 | 0.756 |
| 16 | MR AYUB KHAN | 215,000 | 0.756 |
| 17 | MR MARK JAMES DAVIDSON | 204,768 | 0.720 |
| 18 | TOMATO 2 PTY LTD | 190,000 | 0.668 |
| 19 | DR ABE ZELWER <ZELWER SUPERFUND ACCOUNT > | 180,500 | 0.635 |
| 20 | MR KEITH FRANCIS OATES & MRS LINDA ANN OATES | 175,000 | 0.616 |
| Total | | 21,470,081 | 75.573% |

* Substantial shareholder of the Company

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