

### **COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED (ASX:CPU)**

# FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FULL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### 12 August 2015

NOTE: All figures (including comparatives) are presented in US Dollars (unless otherwise stated).

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**Melbourne**, **12 August 2015** – Computershare Limited (ASX:CPU) today reported Statutory Basic Earnings per Share (EPS) of 27.61 cents for the twelve months ended 30 June 2015, a decrease of 38.9% on FY14.

Management Earnings per Share were 59.82 cents in FY15, a decrease of 0.7% over the prior corresponding period (pcp). On a constant currency basis Management Earnings per Share were 61.39 cents, 1.9% higher than FY14.

A final dividend of AU 16 cents per share, 25% franked, has been declared, an increase of AU 1 cent from the final dividend in FY14.

#### Headline Statutory Results (see Appendix 4E) for FY15 were as follows:

	FY15
Earnings per Share (post NCI)	27.61 cents

FY14	FY15 versus FY14
45.20 cents	Down 38.9%

Total Revenues & other income	\$1,984.0m
Total Expenses	\$1,738.5m
Statutory Net Profit (post NCI)	\$153.6m

\$2,048.6m	Down 3.2%
\$1,721.9m	Up 1.0%
\$251.4m	Down 38.9%

#### Headline Management Results for FY15 were as follows:

	FY15
Management Earnings per Share (post NCI)	59.82 cents

FY14	FY15 versus FY14
60.24 cents	Down 0.7%

FY15 at FY14 exchange rates	FY15 at FY14 exchange rates versus FY14
61.39 cents	Up 1.9%

Total Operating Revenues	\$1,976.1m
Operating Costs	\$1,419.7m
Management Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA)	\$554.1m
EBITDA margin	28.0%
Management Net Profit (post NCI)	\$332.7m
Cash Flow from Operations	\$372.1m
Free Cash Flow	\$343.7m
Days Sales Outstanding	48 days
Capital Expenditure	\$38.6m
Net Debt to EBITDA ratio	2.10 times
Final Dividend	AU 16 cents
Final Dividend franking amount	25%

\$2,022.6m	Down 2.3%
\$1,480.9m	Down 4.1%
\$540.6m	Up 2.5%
26.7%	Up 130bps
\$335.0m	Down 0.7%
\$409.3m	Down 9.1%
\$392.8m	Down 12.5%
45 days	Up 3 days
\$19.8m	Up 94.9%
2.13 times	Down 0.03 times
AU 15 cents	Up 1 cent
20%	Up from 20%

\$2,051.8m	Up 1.4%
\$1,480.3m	Down 0.04%
\$5 <b>6</b> 9.1m	Up 5.3%
27.7%	Up 100bps
\$341.4m	Up 1.9%



#### **Reconciliation of Statutory Results to Management Results**

FY15	USD 000's
Net profit after tax as per Statutory Results	153,576
Management Adjustments (after tax)	
Amortisation	
Intangible assets amortisation	58,520
Acquisitions and disposals	
Gain on disposal	(7,631)
Acquisitions and disposals accounting adjustments	(6,583)
Acquisition and disposal related restructuring costs	6,014
Asset write-down	5,241
Acquisition and disposal related costs	3,552
Gain on bargain purchase	(670)
Other	100 50/
Voucher services impairment	109,536
Put option liability re-measurement	7,749
Marked to market adjustments on derivatives	2,204
Major restructuring costs	1,226
Total Management Adjustments	179,158
Net profit after tax as per Management Results	332,734

#### **Management Adjustments**

Management Results are used, along with other measures, to assess operating business performance. The Company believes that exclusion of certain items permits better analysis of the Company's performance on a comparative basis and provides a better measure of underlying operating performance. The items excluded from the Management Results in FY15 were as follows:

#### Amortisation

 Customer contracts and other intangible assets that are recognised on business combinations or major asset acquisitions are amortised over their useful life in the statutory results but excluded from management earnings. The amortisation of these intangibles for FY15 was \$58.5 million. Amortisation of intangibles purchased outside of business combinations (eg, mortgage servicing rights) is included as a charge against management earnings.

#### Acquisitions and disposals

- The disposal of ConnectNow, part of the Serviceworks Group, in June 2015 realised a gain of \$7.6 million.
- Acquisition accounting adjustments related to Registrar and Transfer Company, Shareowner Services,
   Specialized Loan Servicing and SG Vestia Systems Inc totalled \$6.6 million.
- Acquisition and disposal restructuring costs of \$6.0 million were incurred. These costs related to Registrar and Transfer Company, Homeloan Management Limited (HML), Olympia Corporate and Shareholder Services assets, SG Vestia Systems Inc, Valiant Trust Company assets and the Serviceworks Group.
- The assets of the Russian business were written down to fair value less costs of disposal on classification as 'held for sale' resulting in a loss of \$5.2 million.
- Acquisition and disposal related expenses of \$3.6 million were incurred associated with Olympia Corporate and Shareholder Services assets, Registrar and Transfer Company, HML, SG Vestia Systems Inc, Valiant Trust Company assets, European Global Stock Plan Services, VEM, the Russian business and Helios Switzerland.
- A gain of \$0.7 million was recorded related to the bargain purchase of Topaz Finance Limited in the UK.



#### **Other**

- An impairment charge of \$109.5 million was booked against the carrying value related to the voucher services business. For further information refer to note 11 of the 4E and the Company's market announcement dated 30 July 2014.
- The put option liability re-measurement resulted in an expense of \$7.7 million related to the Karvy joint venture arrangement in India.
- Derivatives that have not received hedge designation are marked to market at the reporting date and taken to profit and loss in the statutory results. The marked to market valuation resulted in a loss of \$2.2 million.
- Costs of \$1.2 million were incurred in relation to the major operations rationalisation underway in Louisville, USA.

#### Commentary (based on Management Results)

Computershare delivered Management EPS of 59.82 cents in FY15, modestly down 0.7% on FY14. Total revenues fell 2.3% versus FY14 to \$1,976.1 million, impacted by the strengthening US dollar. EBITDA margins improved 130bps on FY14 to 28.0%. Management EBITDA grew 2.5% to \$554.1 million, however Management Net Profit post NCI decreased marginally, 0.7% lower at \$332.7 million. Operating costs were down 4.1% on FY14 to \$1,419.7 million, benefiting in part from the stronger US dollar. On a constant currency basis, total revenues grew 1.4% and operating costs were flat. Cash flow from operations fell 9.1% to \$372.1 million.

Register maintenance revenues were down 2.8% year on year in actual USD terms. In local currency terms, Hong Kong, Canada, Russia, Germany and India all recorded growth, whilst the US and UCIA both saw revenue fall versus FY14. Australian register maintenance revenues were flat. Corporate Actions' revenues fell 6.5% in USD terms. In local currency terms, Corporate Actions' revenues were higher in Australia, Canada and Germany. In contrast, revenues fell year on year in Hong Kong, UCIA and India. The US also had lower Corporate Action revenue, impacted by the deposit facility maturity at the end of 1H14.

Employee plans' revenues, in USD terms, fell 4.6% on FY14. Hong Kong and Canada achieved revenue growth year on year in local currency terms, whilst UCIA, the US and Australia recorded lower revenues versus FY14. Lower margin income contribution and weaker transactional volumes impacted the segment. Stakeholder relationship management revenues fell significantly on the prior corresponding period, driven largely by the sale of the Pepper Group in June 2014. Communication Services' revenues were down 7.7% on FY14 in USD terms, severely impacted by currency translation due to the significant AUD revenues in this segment. In local currency, Communication Services' Australian revenue fell while Canadian, US and UK revenues were higher than last year.

The business services segment experienced a 6.4% increase in revenue in USD terms year on year. Australian revenues were materially lower than FY14 as a result of the loss of Serviceworks' largest client due to takeover. The UCIA region witnessed a significant increase year on year due to the HML acquisition in November 2014 and a pick-up in the voucher services business in the lead-up to changes in the eligibility criteria. The Indian mutual funds business had a very strong second half during FY15. In the US, the class actions administration business grew substantially, however this was more than offset by weaker revenues in the bankruptcy administration business. The US mortgage servicing business grew marginally year on year, despite the revenue losses from the sale of Highlands Insurance LLC in June 2014 and the loss of a material subservicing contract in 2014.

Overall actual operating costs were down 4.1% year on year, primarily driven by the benefit of FX translation. Pleasingly, in constant currency terms, costs were flat on FY14 despite the net negative impact of acquisitions and disposals and increased regulatory costs in a number of businesses.

ConnectNow was sold in June 2015 following the completion of a strategic review by the CEO. Post balance date the sale of the Russian business was completed in July 2015, as was the sale of the German business, VEM, which had been awaiting final regulatory approval. The Russian exit was undertaken due to the increasingly difficult environment faced by foreign owned companies and the increased likelihood of regulatory change that would require Russian companies to use a domestic owned registrar. Consistent with past practice, the profits and losses associated with these transactions are reflected in the Company's statutory accounts but not management earnings per share.

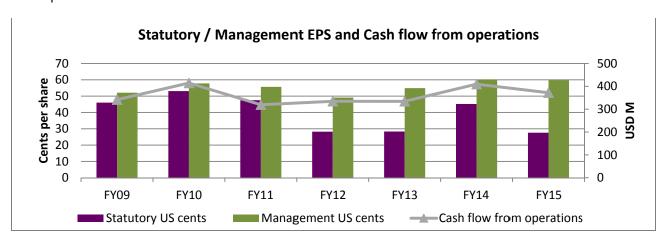


Computershare's CEO, Stuart Irving said, "FY15 management EBITDA growth of 5.3% in constant currency terms was quite pleasing. This was delivered in the context of a range of previously identified headwinds including the ongoing challenges presented by low yields on client balances. Strong cost outcomes again underpinned the results with top line growth remaining challenging.

Further progress was made on strengthening our overall asset portfolio with the acquisitions of both HML and Valiant. VEM, ConnectNow and our Russian business have all recently been sold following ongoing reviews. We are prioritising increased investments in innovation, product and efficiency initiatives to best position us for future growth despite continued headwinds.

Looking to the year ahead, we expect underlying business performance to be broadly similar to FY15, however, the translation impact of the stronger USD and the anticipated lower yields on client balances are again expected to be significant earnings headwinds. We are also anticipating some increased costs including those associated with investments in product development and efficiency initiatives. Taking all factors into account we expect Management EPS for FY16 to be around 7.5% lower than FY15."

Below is a summary of annual Statutory and Management Earnings per Share performance and cash flow from operations since FY09:



#### **Regional Summary**

#### Australia and New Zealand

In local currency terms, lower revenues versus FY14 were largely driven by the loss of a major Serviceworks' client, weaker sales in the communication services business and some client loss in employee plans. A reduction in Australian interest rates and maturing hedges also negatively impacted revenue and earnings. Corporate Actions' revenue grew year on year whilst register maintenance revenues were flat. Operating costs also fell materially as the Serviceworks business was rightsized. New Zealand saw revenues fall year on year as corporate action activity did not match the levels seen in FY14.

In USD reported terms, revenues in Australia and New Zealand decreased 17.7% on FY14 to \$309.6 million and EBITDA was down 26.0% to \$51.7 million.

#### <u>Asia</u>

In local currency terms, Hong Kong experienced revenue growth in the employee plans, registry maintenance and stakeholder relationship management segments. Corporate Actions' revenue fell with weaker IPO activity, especially in the second half. The Indian investor services business experienced growth in register maintenance revenues however this was more than offset by weaker Corporate Actions' revenue year on year. The Indian mutual funds business saw significant revenue growth over the prior year, underpinned by increased assets under management due to local equity market strength.

In USD reported terms, revenues in the Asian region increased 11.4% on pcp to \$124.6 million and EBITDA grew 14.9% to \$42.2 million.



#### United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Ireland & Africa (UCIA)

In local currency terms, revenues were positively impacted due to the HML acquisition in November 2014, growth in voucher services, the deposit protection scheme business and communication services. The UK investor services business revenues fell year on year. The employee plan businesses also experienced lower revenues, impacted by lower margin income, weaker transactional activity as well as the reclassification of material revenue and EBITDA to the Continental Europe region. Excluding HML's contributions, overall UCIA revenues fell, and EBITDA was lower year on year. This was due to the non-recurrence of significant corporate action activity and lower margins associated with acquired revenue during the year. South African revenues fell in FY15 however the Irish business experienced strong revenue growth year on year.

In USD reported terms, revenues in the UCIA region grew 10.7% on pcp to \$358.6 million although EBITDA fell 1.2% to \$119.0 million.

#### **Continental Europe**

In local currency, Russia saw significant uplift in revenue year on year and Italian revenues also increased. Reclassification of employee plan revenues related to Continental Europe clients (from Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Switzerland and others) previously reported under the UCIA region resulted in a significant revenue and earnings contribution to the region. Offsetting this uplift, German revenue fell versus FY14, significantly impacted by the sale of the Pepper Group in June 2014.

In USD reported terms, revenues in the region fell 1.6% on pcp to \$113.3 million while EBITDA rose 56.3% to \$22.2 million.

#### **United States**

USA revenues fell 2.2% on FY14 to \$870.5 million but EBITDA increased 2.3% to \$213.5 million.

Register maintenance and Corporate Actions' revenues were lower year on year, despite the contribution from the Registrar and Transfer Company acquisition in May 2014. The fall in revenue was in part due to the maturity of the large USD deposit facility in December 2013 but also as a result of weaker shareholder activity. Employee plans' revenue was also weaker than FY14 as a result of lower margin income and large projects in FY14 not repeated in FY15. Stakeholder relationship management revenues were lower than FY14, impacted by the sale of the Pepper Group in June 2014 and less mutual fund solicitation jobs. Within the business services segment, revenues were higher than FY14 in mortgage servicing, despite the loss of a significant subservicing contract and the sale of Highlands Insurance LLC. The class action administration business also experienced revenue growth. Revenues were materially lower year on year in the bankruptcy administration business as fillings continued to decline.

#### Canada

In Canadian dollars, the business experienced year on year revenue growth across the board, assisted by the acquisition of Olympia in December 2013, SG Vestia Systems in March 2014 and the Valiant Trust assets in May 2015.

Corporate Actions' revenue were particularly strong in FY15, especially the first half, while employee plans' revenue was also higher. Revenue and earnings outcomes were adversely impacted by falling margin income as a result of lower Canadian cash rates and lower reinvestment yields on maturing deposits.

In USD reported terms, Canadian revenues fell 1.7% versus FY14 to \$186.7 million, however, EBITDA increased 1.2% to \$76.6 million.

#### Dividend

The Company announced a final dividend of AU 16 cents per share, 25% franked, payable on 15 September 2015 (dividend record date of 20 August 2015). This follows the interim dividend of AU 15 cents per share, 20% franked, paid in March 2015.

The dividend reinvestment plan (DRP) pricing period for the final dividend will be from 25 August to 7 September 2015 (inclusive). The Company will purchase the relevant number of shares under the DRP election on market. No discount will apply to the DRP price. DRP participation elections received after 5pm (AEST) on 21 August 2015 (day after dividend record date) will not be effective in respect of this final dividend payment but will apply to future dividend payments unless the Company elects to suspend or cancel its DRP.



#### **Capital Management**

The Company's issued capital was unchanged during FY15. There were 556,203,079 ordinary shares on issue as at 30 June 2015.

#### **Balance Sheet Overview**

Total assets decreased \$6.7 million year on year to \$3,801.5 million as at 30 June 2015 and shareholders' equity fell \$89.6 million to \$1,177.6 million over the same period, impacted by the impairment of the voucher services business.

Net borrowings increased to \$1,213.8 million (from \$1,199.2 million at 30 June 2014). Gross borrowings at 30 June 2015 amounted to \$1,769.1 million (up from \$1,659.3 million at 30 June 2014), impacted by increased SLS Advance borrowings. The average maturity of debt facilities was 3.8 years at 30 June 2015.

The debt maturity profile as at 30 June 2015 is detailed below:

Matur	rity Dates	Debt Drawn	Committed Debt Facilities
FY16	Dec-15	141.0m	<b>1</b> 50.0m
	Apr-16	25.9m	50.0m
FY17	Mar-17	21.0m	21.0m
FY18	Jul-17	445.0m	450.0m
	Feb-18	40.0m	40.0m
FY19	Jul-18	235.0m	235.0m
	Feb-19	70.0m	70.0m
FY20	Jul-19	291.5m	450.0m
FY22	Feb-22	220.0m	220.0m
FY24	Feb-24	220.0m	220.0m
Total		\$1,709.4m*	\$1,906.0m

Loan	Bank Debt	Private
Servicing	Facility	Placement
Debt Facilities		Facility
150.0m	nil	nil
50.0m		
		21.0m
	450.0m	
		40.0m
		235.0m
		70.0m
	450.0m	
		220.0m
		220.0m
\$200.0m	\$900.0m	\$806.0m

<sup>\*</sup> Variance from gross debt represents finance leases (\$40.4m) and fair value adjustment on USD senior notes plus amortised cost adjustment (\$19.4m).

The Company's Net Debt to Management EBITDA ratio, the key gearing metric, fell modestly from 2.13 times at 30 June 2014 to 2.10 times at 30 June 2015. After excluding the non-recourse SLS Advance debt, the ratio falls from 2.10 times to 1.86 times. The SLS Advance debt is repaid via the collection of outstanding mortgagor arrears (principal, interest, tax and insurance funding) and does not rely on cash flow from operations to be repaid.

Capital expenditure for FY15 was \$38.6 million, 94.9% higher than FY14. The spend in FY14 was abnormally low.

The Group's Days Sales Outstanding was 48 days at 30 June 2015, up 3 days from 30 June 2014.

#### **Technology Costs**

Total technology spend for FY15 was \$236.1 million, 2.0% lower than FY14. Technology costs included \$80.4 million (FY14: \$74.2 million) in research and development expenditure that was expensed during the period. The technology cost to revenue ratio for FY15 was 11.9% (FY14: 11.9%).

#### Foreign Exchange Impact

Management EBITDA would have been \$569.1 million, or 2.7% higher than actual FY15 Management EBITDA, had average exchange rates from FY14 applied. Management EPS would have been 61.39 cents, or 2.6% higher than actual FY15 Management EPS, had prior year average exchange rates applied.



#### MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **Taxation**

The Management effective tax rate for FY15 was 26.1% (FY14: 22.4%). The rate increase was driven by a number of factors, including the impact of profit mix on higher EBITDA year on year, some tax refund benefits in FY14, changes to thin capitalisation rules resulting in some non-deductible interest and the effect of higher royalties paid to Group from lower tax jurisdictions.

#### **Outlook for Financial Year 2016**

Looking to the year ahead, the Company expects underlying business performance to be broadly similar to FY15, however, the translation impact of the stronger USD and the anticipated lower yields on client balances are again expected to be significant earnings headwinds. The business is also anticipating some increased costs including those associated with investments in product development and efficiency initiatives. Taking all factors into account the Company expects Management EPS for FY16 to be around 7.5% lower than FY15.

This assessment of the outlook assumes that equity, foreign exchange and interest rate markets remain at current levels and that corporate action activity is similar to FY15.

Please refer to the 2015 Full Year Results Presentation for detailed financial data and the important notice on slide 65 regarding forward looking statements.

#### **About Computershare Limited (CPU)**

Computershare (ASX: CPU) is a global market leader in transfer agency and share registration, employee equity plans, proxy solicitation and stakeholder communications. We also specialise in corporate trust, mortgage, bankruptcy, class action and utility administration, and a range of other diversified financial and governance services.

Founded in 1978, Computershare is renowned for its expertise in high integrity data management, high volume transaction processing and reconciliations, payments and stakeholder engagement. Many of the world's leading organisations use us to streamline and maximise the value of relationships with their investors, employees, creditors and customers.

Computershare is represented in all major financial markets and has over 15,000 employees worldwide.

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### **ASX PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT**

### **Computershare Limited**

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### **30 JUNE 2015**

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This report covers the consolidated entity consisting of Computershare Limited and its controlled entities. The financial report is presented in United States dollars (unless otherwise stated).

### COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### (Previous corresponding period year ended 30 June 2014) RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

				\$000
Revenue from continuing operations	down	2.2%	to	1,971,252
(Appendix 4E item 2.1)				
Profit/(loss) after tax attributable to members	down	38.9%	to	153,576
(Appendix 4E item 2.2)				
Net profit/(loss) for the period attributable to members	down	38.9%	to	153,576
(Appendix 4E item 2.3)				
Dividends	Amount per security		Franked amount per security	
(Appendix 4E item 2.4)				
Final dividend	AU	J 16 cents		25%
Interim dividend	AU	J 15 cents		20%

**Record date** for determining entitlements to the final dividend (*Appendix 4E item 2.5*) 20 August 2015

#### **Explanation of revenue** (Appendix 4E item 2.6)

Total revenue from continuing operations for the year ended 30 June 2015 is \$1,971.3 million, down 2.2% against the last corresponding period. Total revenue was adversely impacted by the strengthening US dollar throughout FY2015. Margin income was lower as a result of maturing deposits reinvested at lower yields and the maturity of hedges affecting a number of revenue segments. Register maintenance revenues were lower in the US despite the contribution of the Registrar and Transfer Company acquisition, whilst growth was seen in Hong Kong, Canada, Russia and India. Corporate Actions revenues were lower in the US and India, while Canada achieved strong revenue growth and the remaining regions were largely flat. Employee Plans revenues fell year on year in the US, Australia and UCIA whilst Hong Kong and Canada experienced improved outcomes. Stakeholder Relationship Management revenues fell mainly as a result of the sale of the Pepper Group in June 2014. Business Services revenues were higher, underpinned by the Homeloan Management Limited acquisition in the UK in November 2014. Class actions administration revenue was materially higher but this was more than offset by weak market conditions negatively impacting bankruptcy administration revenue. Communication Services revenues were lower than FY2014, although severely impacted by FX translation given the material AUD revenues in this segment.

#### Explanation of profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax (Appendix 4E item 2.6)

Net statutory profit after tax attributable to members is \$153.6 million, a decrease of 38.9% over the last corresponding period. The decrease in net profit after tax was largely a result of the non-cash impairment charge of \$109.5 million booked against the carrying value of goodwill related to the Voucher Services business (refer to note 11). Earnings were also negatively impacted by the translation impact of the strengthening US dollar during FY2015. Maturing deposits reinvested at lower yields and a fall in the Canadian and Australian cash rates also impacted earnings. The loss of Serviceworks' largest client and a major sub-servicing contract in the loan servicing business, the sale of Highlands Insurance LLC and increased regulatory costs, particularly in the US and the UK, contributed to the overall fall in profit after tax. In contrast, some large corporate actions in Canada and Australia as well as improved results in Hong Kong and the Indian mutual funds business helped partially offset the weaker earnings outcome. Strong cost management helped by continued synergies from prior period acquisitions and lower financing and intangible asset amortisation costs favourably impacted earnings in FY2015.

The Group's effective tax rate has increased from 21.8% for the year ended 30 June 2014 to 35.3% in the current financial year. The effective tax rate increase was driven by a number of factors, most critically the non-deductibility of the non-cash impairment charge related to the Voucher Services business. Other factors included the impact of profit mix, tax refund benefits in FY2014, changes to thin capitalisation rules resulting in some non-deductible interest and the effect of higher royalties paid to Australia from lower tax jurisdictions.

 $\textbf{Explanation of net profit/(loss)} \ (Appendix \ 4E \ item \ 2.6)$ 

Please refer above.

# COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Previous corresponding period year ended 30 June 2014) RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

#### **Explanation of dividends** (Appendix 4E item 2.6)

The following dividends have been paid, declared or recommended since the end of the preceding financial year:

#### **Ordinary shares**

A final dividend in respect of the year ended 30 June 2014 was declared on 13 August 2014 and paid on 16 September 2014. This was an ordinary dividend of AU 15 cents per share franked to 20% amounting to AUD 83,430,462 (\$ 69,987,312).

An interim dividend was declared on 11 February 2015 and paid on 18 March 2015. This was an ordinary dividend of AU 15 cents per share franked to 20% amounting to AUD 83,430,462 (\$ 69,987,312).

A final dividend in respect of the year ended 30 June 2015 was declared by the directors of the Company on 12 August 2015, to be paid on 15 September 2015. This is an ordinary dividend of AU 16 cents per share, franked to 25%. As the dividend was not declared until 12 August 2015, a provision has not been recognised as at 30 June 2015.

# COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$000	2014 \$000
Revenue from continuing operations			
Sales revenue		1,966,193	2,011,416
Other revenue	_	5,059	3,697
Total revenue from continuing operations		1,971,252	2,015,113
Other income		12,777	33,483
Expenses			
Direct services		1,410,524	1,375,600
Technology costs		260,915	267,034
Corporate services		15,146	16,289
Finance costs	-	51,957	62,933
Total expenses		1,738,542	1,721,856
Share of net profit/(loss) of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method	10	(2,316)	(1,112)
Profit before related income tax expense		243,171	325,628
Income tax expense/(credit)	5	85,893	71,100
Profit for the year		157,278	254,528
Other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Available-for-sale financial assets		9	(864)
Cash flow hedges		(53)	(791)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(106,480)	19,340
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income		14,963	2,141
Total other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	(91,561)	19,826
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	65,717	274,354
Profit for the year is attributable to:			
Members of Computershare Limited		153,576	251,401
Non-controlling interests		3,702	3,127
	-	157,278	254,528
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:			
Members of Computershare Limited		62 220	270,994
Non-controlling interests		63,239 2,478	3,360
Ton condoming interests	-	65,717	274,354
	-	03,/1/	217,337
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	3	27.61 cents	45.20 cents
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	3	27.56 cents	45.00 cents

The above preliminary consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

AT 30 JUNE 2013	Note	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		\$000	\$000
Cash and cash equivalents		EEE 270	460.010
Receivables		555,278 361 185	460,019 374,445
Financial assets held for trading		361,185	547
Available-for-sale financial assets at fair value		620	246
Other financial assets		209,657	162,838
Inventories		4,853	5,630
Current tax assets		10,574	15,592
Derivative financial instruments		750	4,603
Other current assets		33,362	34,917
Assets classified as held for sale	9	51,558	58,704
Total current assets		1,227,837	1,117,541
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		, ,	
Bank deposits		10.664	
Receivables		19,664	2 (12
Investments accounted for using the equity method	10	972	2,612
Available-for-sale financial assets	10	31,596	36,813
Property, plant and equipment		7,394	8,732
Deferred tax assets		161,107	176,173
Derivative financial instruments		189,348	167,625
Intangibles		31,239	24,064
Total non-current assets		2,132,298	2,274,640
Total assets		2,573,618	2,690,659
Total assets		3,801,455	3,808,200
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables		392,448	416,996
Interest bearing liabilities		172,805	226,210
Current tax liabilities		29,435	33,081
Provisions		44,231	62,417
Derivative financial instruments		20,838	-
Deferred consideration	0	6,585	33,833
Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale Other	9	12,816	23,099
Total current liabilities		44,537	38,946
		723,695	834,582
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Payables		1.254	2 202
Interest bearing liabilities		1,374	2,303
Deferred tax liabilities		1,596,299	1,433,044
Provisions		214,512	192,215
Deferred consideration		31,548	36,959
Derivative financial instruments		4,869	6,854
Other		9,732 41,785	35,031
Total non-current liabilities			1,706,406
Total liabilities		1,900,119	2,540,988
Net assets		2,623,814	
		1,177,641	1,267,212
EQUITY Contributed equity			
Contributed equity		35,703	35,703
Reserves  Patrined comings		(19,362)	84,240
Retained earnings	14	1,147,906	1,134,305
Total parent entity interest		1,164,247	1,254,248
Non-controlling interests		13,394	12,964
Total equity		1,177,641	1,267,212

The above preliminary consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

#### Attributable to members of Computershare Limited

	Contributed Equity \$000	Reserves \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Total \$000	Non- controlling Interests \$000	Total Equity \$000
Total equity at 1 July 2014	35,703	84,240	1,134,305	1,254,248	12,964	1,267,212
Profit for the year	-	-	153,576	153,576	3,702	157,278
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	9	-	9	-	9
Cash flow hedges	-	(53)	-	(53)	-	(53)
Exchange differences on		(407.07.0)		407.07.0	(4 <b></b> 1)	(404.400)
translation of foreign operations	-	(105,256)	-	(105,256)	(1,224)	(106,480)
Income tax (expense)/credits		14,963	-	14,963	-	14,963
Total comprehensive income for						
the year		(90,337)	153,576	63,239	2,478	65,717
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:						
Dividends provided for or paid	-	-	(139,975)	(139,975)	(2,048)	(142,023)
Transactions with non-controlling interests	_	(293)	_	(293)	_	(293)
Cash purchase of shares on market	_	(27,971)	_	(27,971)	_	(27,971)
Share based remuneration		14,999	<u>-</u>	14,999	-	14,999
Balance at 30 June 2015	35,703	(19,362)	1,147,906	1,164,247	13,394	1,177,641

#### Attributable to members of Computershare Limited

	Contributed Equity \$000	Reserves \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Total \$000	Non- controlling Interests \$000	Total Equity \$000
Total equity at 1 July 2013	35,703	58,910	1,025,231	1,119,844	11,091	1,130,935
Profit for the year	-	-	251,401	251,401	3,127	254,528
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	(864)	-	(864)	-	(864)
Cash flow hedges	-	(791)	-	(791)	-	(791)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	19,107	-	19,107	233	19,340
Income tax (expense)/credits	-	2,141	-	2,141	-	2,141
<b>Total comprehensive income for</b>						
the year	-	19,593	251,401	270,994	3,360	274,354
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Dividends provided for or paid	-	-	(142,327)	(142,327)	(1,487)	(143,814)
Transactions with non-controlling interests	-	(479)	-	(479)	-	(479)
Equity related contingent consideration	-	581	-	581	-	581
Cash purchase of shares on market	-	(13,582)	-	(13,582)	-	(13,582)
Share based remuneration		19,217		19,217	-	19,217
Balance at 30 June 2014	35,703	84,240	1,134,305	1,254,248	12,964	1,267,212

The above preliminary consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		\$000	\$000
Receipts from customers		2,064,771	2,083,068
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,540,924)	(1,522,468)
Loan servicing advances (net)		(44,522)	(36,183)
Dividends received from equity securities		917	125
Interest paid and other finance costs		(52,723)	(62,916)
Interest received		4,142	3,572
Income taxes paid		(59,529)	(55,900)
Net operating cash flows	6	372,132	409,298
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for purchase of controlled entities and businesses (net of cash acquired)			
and intangible assets		(186,021)	(109,829)
Payments for investments in associates and joint ventures		-	(10,058)
Dividends received from associates and joint ventures		339	657
Proceeds from sale of assets		4,169	8,121
Payments for investments		(19,664)	(7,580)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(28,384)	(16,450)
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries and businesses, net of cash disposed		23,849	23,244
Net investing cash flows		(205,712)	(111,895)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for purchase of ordinary shares - share based awards		(27,971)	(13,582)
Proceeds from borrowings		1,242,784	909,925
Repayment of borrowings		(1,161,005)	(1,027,273)
Loan servicing borrowings (net)		76,283	21,558
Dividends paid - ordinary shares (net of dividend reinvestment plan)		(133,601)	(133,722)
Purchase of ordinary shares - dividend reinvestment plan		(6,374)	(8,605)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in controlled entities		(2,048)	(1,487)
Repayment of finance leases		(7,759)	(9,719)
Net financing cash flows		(19,691)	(262,905)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		146,729	34,498
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		509,151	454,353
Exchange rate variations on foreign cash balances		(51,788)	20,300
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year *		604,092	509,151

<sup>\*</sup> Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2015 include \$48.8 million (2014: \$49.1 million) cash presented in the assets classified as held for sale line item in the consolidated statement of financial position.

#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This preliminary final report has been prepared in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 4.3A and the disclosure requirements of ASX Appendix 4E.

This report is to be read in conjunction with any public announcements made by Computershare Limited during the reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules.

The financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes of Computershare Limited and its controlled entities, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to comply with the changes in presentation in the current period.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

#### 2. MATERIAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE ECONOMIC ENTITY FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD

Refer to the Market Announcement dated 12 August 2015 for discussion of the nature and amount of material items affecting revenue, expenses, assets, liabilities, equity or cash flows, where their disclosure is relevant in explaining the financial performance or position of the entity for the period.

#### **3. EARNINGS PER SHARE** (Appendix 4E item 14.1)

	Basic EPS	Diluted EPS	Management Basic EPS	Management Diluted EPS
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Year ended 30 June 2015				
Earnings per share (cents per share)	27.61 cents	27.56 cents	59.82 cents	59.72 cents
Profit for the year	157,278	157,278	157,278	157,278
Non-controlling interest (profit)/loss	(3,702)	(3,702)	(3,702)	(3,702)
Add back management adjustment items (see below)	<u>-</u>	-	179,158	179,158
Net profit attributable to the members of Computershare Limited	153,576	153,576	332,734	332,734
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as denominator in calculating basic earnings per share	556,203,079		556,203,079	
Weighted average number of ordinary and potential ordinary shares used as denominator in calculating diluted earnings per share		557,178,079		557,178,079

	Basic EPS	Diluted EPS	Management Basic EPS	Management Diluted EPS
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Year ended 30 June 2014				
Earnings per share (cents per share)	45.20 cents	45.00 cents	60.24 cents	59.97 cents
Profit for the year	254,528	254,528	254,528	254,528
Non-controlling interest (profit)/loss	(3,127)	(3,127)	(3,127)	(3,127)
Add back management adjustment items (see below)	-		83,636	83,636
Net profit attributable to the members of Computershare Limited	251,401	251,401	335,037	335,037
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as denominator in calculating basic earnings per share	556,203,079		556,203,079	
Weighted average number of ordinary and potential ordinary shares used as denominator in calculating diluted earnings per share		558,653,079		558,653,079
Reconciliation of weighted average number of shar	es used as the denom	inator:	2015	2014
		Number Number	Number	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used a basic earnings per share Adjustments for calculation of diluted earnings per	556,203,079	556,203,079		
Performance rights	975,000	2,450,000		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and p denominator in calculating diluted earnings per sha		res used as the	557,178,079	558,653,079

No employee performance rights have been issued since year end.

#### Management adjustment items

Management adjusted results are used, along with other measures, to assess operating business performance. The Group believes that exclusion of certain items permits better analysis of the Group's performance on a comparative basis and provides a better measure of underlying operating performance.

For the year ended 30 June 2015 management adjustment items were as follows:

,	Gross \$000	Tax effect \$000	Net of tax \$000
Amortisation			
Intangible assets amortisation	(90,065)	31,545	(58,520)
Acquisitions and disposals			
Gain on disposal	7,288	343	7,631
Acquisition and disposal accounting adjustments	11,383	(4,800)	6,583
Acquisition and disposal related restructuring costs	(9,094)	3,080	(6,014)
Asset write-down	(5,241)	-	(5,241)
Acquisition and disposal related expenses	(4,540)	988	(3,552)
Gain on bargain purchase	670	-	670
Other			
Voucher Services impairment	(109,536)	-	(109,536)
Put option liability re-measurement	(7,749)	-	(7,749)
Marked to market adjustments - derivatives	(3,179)	975	(2,204)
Major restructuring costs	(2,050)	824	(1,226)
Total management adjustment items	(212,113)	32,955	(179,158)
For the year ended 30 June 2014 management adjustment items were as follows:			
	Gross	Tax effect	Net of tax
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Amortisation			
Intangible assets amortisation	(96,060)	33,856	(62,204)
Acquisitions and disposals			
Business closure - Australian Funds Services	3,138	(533)	2,605
Acquisition and disposal accounting adjustments	1,979	322	2,301
Acquisition related expenses	(1,266)	445	(821)
Net gain on disposals	7,561	(6,744)	817
Restructuring costs	(1,154)	358	(796)
Other			
Asset write-downs	(26,573)	278	(26,295)
Foreign exchange gain	3,309	(993)	2,316
Put option liability re-measurement	(2,302)	-	(2,302)
Marked to market adjustments - derivatives	1,062	(319)	743
Total management adjustment items	(110,306)	26,670	(83,636)

#### **Management Adjustment Items**

Management adjustment items net of tax for the year ended 30 June 2015 were as follows:

#### Amortisation

• Customer contracts and other intangible assets that are recognised on business combinations or major asset acquisitions are amortised over their useful life in the statutory results but excluded from management earnings. The amortisation of these intangibles for FY15 was \$58.5 million. Amortisation of intangibles purchased outside of business combinations (eg, mortgage servicing rights) is included as a charge against management earnings.

#### Acquisitions and disposals

- The disposal of ConnectNow in June 2015, part of the Serviceworks Group, realised a gain of \$7.6 million.
- Acquisition accounting adjustments related to Registrar and Transfer Company, Shareowner Services, Specialized Loan Servicing and SG Vestia Systems Inc totalled \$6.6 million.
- Acquisition and disposal restructuring costs of \$6.0 million were incurred. These costs related to Registrar and Transfer Company, Homeloan Management Limited, Olympia Corporate and Shareholder Services assets, SG Vestia Systems Inc, Valiant Trust Company assets and the Serviceworks Group.
- The assets of the Russian business were written down to fair value less costs of disposal on classification as 'held for sale' resulting in a loss of \$5.2 million.

- Acquisition and disposal related expenses of \$3.6 million were incurred associated with Olympia Corporate and Shareholder Services assets, Registrar and Transfer Company, Homeloan Management Limited, SG Vestia Systems Inc, Valiant Trust Company assets, European Global Stock Plan Services, VEM, the Russian business and Helios Switzerland.
- A gain of \$0.7 million was recorded related to the bargain purchase of Topaz Finance Limited in the UK.

#### Other

- An impairment charge of \$109.5 million was booked against the carrying value related to the Voucher Services business. For further information refer to note 11 and the Company's market announcement dated 30 July 2014.
- The put option liability re-measurement resulted in an expense of \$7.7 million related to the Karvy joint venture arrangement in India.
- Derivatives that have not received hedge designation are marked to market at the reporting date and taken to profit and loss in the statutory results. The marked to market valuation resulted in a loss of \$2.2 million.
- Costs of \$1.2 million were incurred in relation to the major operations rationalisation underway in Louisville, USA.

#### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Appendix 4E item 14.4)

The operating segments presented reflect the manner in which the Group has been internally managed and the financial information reported to the chief operating decision maker (CEO) in the current financial year. The Group has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the CEO that are used to make strategic decisions and assess performance.

There are seven operating segments. Six of them are geographic: Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Canada, Continental Europe, UCIA (United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Ireland and Africa) and the United States of America. In addition, Technology and Other segment comprise the provision of software, specialising in share registry and financial services. It is also a research and development function, for which discrete financial information is reviewed by the CEO.

In each of the six geographic segments the consolidated entity offers a combination of its core products and services: Investor Services, Business Services, Plan Services, Communication Services and Stakeholder Relationship Management Services. Investor Services comprise the provision of registry maintenance and related services. Business Services comprise the provision of bankruptcy, class action and utilities administration services, voucher services, corporate trust services and mortgage servicing activities. Plan Services comprise the provision of administration and related services for employee share and option plans. Communication Services comprise laser imaging, intelligent mailing, inbound process automation, scanning and electronic delivery. Stakeholder Relationship Management Services comprise the provision of investor analysis, investor communication and management information services to companies, including their employees, shareholders and other security industry participants.

None of the corporate entities have been allocated to the operating segments. The main purpose of the corporate entities is to hold intercompany investments and conduct financing activities.

#### **OPERATING SEGMENTS**

	Asia	Australia & New Zealand	Canada	Continental Europe	Technology & Other	UCIA	United States	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
June 2015								
Total segment revenue and other income	124,596	309,635	186,660	113,299	226,705	358,562	870,521	2,189,978
External revenue and other income	122,350	308,928	184,567	112,979	17,407	354,368	867,473	1,968,072
Intersegment revenue	2,246	707	2,093	320	209,298	4,194	3,048	221,906
Management adjusted EBITDA	42,217	51,652	76,595	22,161	30,646	118,966	213,549	555,786
June 2014								
Total segment revenue and other income	111,884	376,368	189,813	115,106	232,367	324,037	889,673	2,239,248
External revenue and other income	110,449	375,538	187,355	114,935	17,647	320,396	887,026	2,013,346
Intersegment revenue	1,435	830	2,458	171	214,720	3,641	2,647	225,902
Management adjusted EBITDA	36,730	69,775	75,722	14,176	14,002	120,422	208,773	539,600

#### Segment revenue

The revenue reported to the CEO is measured in a manner consistent with that of the statement of comprehensive income. Sales between segments are included in the total segment revenue, whereas sales within a segment have been eliminated from segment revenue. Sales between segments are at normal commercial rates and are eliminated on consolidation.

Segment revenue reconciles to total revenue from continuing operations as follows:

	\$000	\$000
Total operating segment revenue and other income	2,189,978	2,239,248
Intersegment eliminations	(221,906)	(225,902)
Corporate revenue and other income	3,180	1,767
Total revenue from continuing operations	1,971,252	2,015,113

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#### Management adjusted EBITDA

Management adjusted results are used, along with other measures to assess operating business performance. The Group believes that exclusion of certain items permits better analysis of the Group's performance on a comparative basis and provides a better measure of underlying operating performance.

	2015	2014
	\$000	\$000
Management adjusted EBITDA - operating segments	555,786	539,600
Management adjusted EBITDA - corporate	(1,694)	974
Management adjusted EBITDA	554,092	540,574
Management adjustment items (before related income tax expense):		
Intangible assets amortisation	(90,065)	(96,060)
Gain on disposals	7,288	7,561
Acquisition and disposal accounting adjustments	11,383	1,979
Acquisition and disposal related restructuring costs	(9,094)	(1,154)
Asset write-downs	(5,241)	(26,573)
Acquisition and disposal related expenses	(4,540)	(1,266)
Gain on bargain purchase	670	-
Business closure - Australian Funds Services	-	3,138
Voucher Services impairment	(109,536)	-
Put option liability re-measurement	(7,749)	(2,302)
Marked to market adjustments - derivatives	(3,179)	1,062
Major restructuring costs	(2,050)	-
Foreign exchange gain		3,309
Total management adjustment items (note 3)	(212,113)	(110,306)
Finance costs	(51,957)	(62,933)
Other amortisation and depreciation	(46,851)	(41,707)
Profit before income tax from continuing operations	243,171	325,628
5. RECONCILIATION OF INCOME TAX EXPENSE		
Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable		
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	\$000	\$000
D. C. I. C.	242 171	225 (29
Profit before income tax expense	243,171	325,628
The tax expense for the financial year differs from the amount calculated on the profit. The differences are reconciled as follows:		
Prima facie income tax expense thereon at 30%	72,951	97,688
Tax effect of permanent differences:		
Voucher services goodwill impairment	32,861	-
Variation in tax rates of foreign controlled entities	(4,277)	(7,001)
Prior year tax (over)/under provided	3,927	(5,692)
Research and development allowance	(2,327)	(2,473)
Net other deductible	(17,242)	(11,422)
Income tax expense	85,893	71,100

#### 6. RECONCILIATION OF NET PROFIT AFTER TAX TO CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014
	\$000	\$000
Net profit after income tax	157,278	254,528
Adjustments for non-cash income and expense items:	,	
Impairment charge – Voucher Services	109,536	-
Depreciation and amortisation	136,916	137,767
Net (gain)/loss on asset disposals and asset write-downs	(2,291)	7,874
Share of net (profit)/loss of associates and joint ventures accounted for using equity method	2,316	1,112
Employee benefits – share based expense	16,535	20,218
Fair value adjustments	807	(1,985)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(19,162)	(44,943)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	2,482	2,694
(Increase)/decrease in other financial assets and other current assets	(34,315)	(34,870)
Increase/(decrease) in payables and provisions	(24,334)	50,252
Increase/(decrease) in tax balances	26,364	16,651
Net cash and cash equivalents from operating activities	372,132	409,298

#### 7. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

The Group continues to seek acquisition and other growth opportunities where value can be added and returns enhanced for the shareholders. The following controlled entities and businesses were acquired by the consolidated entity at the date stated and their operating results have been included in the Group's results from the acquisition date.

a) On 17 November 2014, Computershare acquired 100% of Homeloan Management Limited (HML) from Skipton Building Society in the UK. HML is a third party mortgage administration business. Total consideration was \$88.6 million. This business combination contributed \$56.9 million to the total revenue of the Group. Had the acquisition occurred on 1 July 2014, the total revenue contribution to the Group by the acquired entity would have been \$87.0 million.

Details of the acquisition are as follows:

	\$000
Cash consideration	88,580
Less fair value of identifiable assets acquired	(68,244)
Goodwill	20,336

Assets and liabilities arising from this acquisition are as follows:

	Fair value
	\$000
Cash	11,639
Current receivables	5,849
Tax assets	66
Other current assets	13,431
Plant, property and equipment	3,873
Software	11,116
Customer contracts and related relationships	38,837
Brand name	2,815
Deferred tax assets	600
Current payables	(6,050)
Current provisions	(5,602)
Deferred tax liability	(8,330)
Net assets	68,244

#### **Purchase consideration:**

Inflow/(outflow) of cash to acquire the entity, net of cash acquired:	\$000
Cash balance acquired	11,639
Less cash paid	(88,580)
Net inflow/(outflow) of cash	(76,941)

b) On 1 May 2015, Computershare acquired assets of Valiant Trust Company (VTC) in Canada. The acquisition includes the transfer agency, corporate trust and employee share plan services businesses of VTC across the Canadian market. Total consideration was \$27.4 million. This business combination did not materially contribute to the total revenue of the Group.

Details of the acquisition are as follows:

	\$000
Total cash consideration paid	27,356
Less fair value of identifiable assets acquired	(509)
Provisional goodwill*	26,847

<sup>\*</sup>Identification and valuation of net assets acquired will be completed within the 12 month measurement period in accordance with the Group's accounting policy.

Assets and liabilities arising from this acquisition are as follows:

	Fair value
	\$000
Current receivables	1,143
Inventories	60
Prepayments	22
Plant, property and equipment	79
Current payables	(795)_
Net assets	509
Purchase consideration:	
Inflow/(outflow) of cash to acquire the entity, net of cash acquired:	\$000
Cash paid	(27,356)
Net inflow/(outflow) of cash	(27,356)

c) On 17 January 2015, Computershare acquired assets of Istifid S.p.A., a registry business in Italy. Total consideration was \$5.6 million. This business combination did not materially contribute to the total revenue of the Group.

Details of the acquisition are as follows:

	\$000
Total cash consideration paid	5,625
Less fair value of identifiable assets acquired	(101)
Provisional goodwill*	5,524

<sup>\*</sup>Identification and valuation of net assets acquired will be completed within the 12 month measurement period in accordance with the Group's accounting policy.

d) On 30 March 2015, Computershare acquired Topaz Finance Limited, a third party mortgage administration business in the UK. Gain on bargain purchase of \$0.7 million has been recognised as the value of the identifiable net assets exceeded the value of the purchase consideration of \$2. The gain is included in other income in the statement of comprehensive income. This business combination did not materially contribute to the total revenue of the Group.

In accordance with the accounting policy, the acquisition accounting for Registrar and Transfer Company (R&T), SG Vestia Systems Inc (SG Vestia) and Probity have been finalised. Intangible assets of \$37.3 million for R&T, \$1.9 million for SG Vestia and \$0.6 million for Probity have been reclassified out of goodwill.

#### 8. CONTROLLED ENTITIES ACQUIRED OR DISPOSED OF (Appendix 4E item 10)

Date control gained
17 November 2014
17 January 2015
30 March 2015

### DisposedDate control lostConnectNow Pty Ltd30 June 2015

#### 9. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

	2015	2014
	\$000	\$000
Assets classified as held for sale		
Cash and cash equivalents	48,814	49,132
Financial assets held for trading	1,904	6,468
Inventories	-	2,608
Other	840	496
Total assets held for sale	51,558	58,704
Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale:		
Payables	12,816	22,901
Other	<u> </u>	198
Total liabilities held for sale	12,816	23,099

The sale process of VEM Aktienbank AG (VEM), a corporate action bank located in Germany, was completed on 31 July 2015. Sale of the Russian registry business was agreed in the current financial year and the disposal process was completed on 17 July 2015. Consequently, VEM and Russia are classified as disposal groups held for sale as at 30 June 2015.

Assets and liabilities of VEM and Russia are carried at fair value less cost to sell and are presented separately within current assets and current liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position.

A loss of \$5.2 million before tax resulting from the write down of the Russian registry business to fair value less cost to sell has been recognised in the direct services expense line of the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. There has been no adjustment to the carrying value of VEM in the current financial period. VEM's and Russia's results are included in the Continental Europe segment in note 4.

#### 10. ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURE ENTITIES (Appendix 4E item 11)

Name	Place of incorporation	Principal activity	Ownership interest		Consoli carrying	
			June	June	June	June
			2015	2014	2015	2014
			%	%	\$000	\$000
Joint Ventures						
Japan Shareholder Services Ltd	Japan	Technology Services	50	50	1,415	1,518
Computershare Pan Africa Holdings Ltd	Mauritius	Investor Services	60	60	-	-
Computershare Pan Africa Ghana Ltd	Ghana	Investor Services	60	60	-	-
Computershare Pan Africa Nominees Ghana Ltd	Ghana	Investor Services	60	60	-	-
Asset Checker Ltd	United Kingdom	Investor Services	50	50	-	-
VisEq GmbH	Germany	Investor Services	66	66	143	243
Digital Post Australia Pty Limited*	Australia	Technology Services	-	80	-	-
Associates						
Expandi Ltd	United Kingdom	Investor Services	25	25	6,226	6,253
Milestone Group Pty Ltd	Australia	<b>Technology Services</b>	20	20	6,004	8,118
The Reach Agency Pty Ltd	Australia	Investor Services	49	49	1,068	1,411
INVeShare	United States	Investor Services	40	40	16,713	19,234
Mergit s.r.l	Italy	<b>Technology Services</b>	30	30	27	36
				-	31,596	36,813

<sup>\*</sup>Digital Post Australia Pty Limited is in the process of liquidation in the current reporting period.

The share of net profit/loss of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method for the year ended 30 June 2015 is a \$2.3 million loss (2014: \$1.1 million loss).

#### 11. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION (Appendix 4E item 12)

On 30 July 2014, Computershare received notification from the UK Government that it had concluded its consultation process on the provision of childcare accounts within the new UK Tax-Free childcare scheme (the Scheme) and determined that National Savings and Investments, a government agency, will be the Scheme's account provider working in partnership with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. The Scheme is scheduled to commence in the first half of calendar year 2017. As the implementation of the new Scheme will progressively reduce the earnings of Computershare's Voucher Services business, the related goodwill was written down in December 2014 resulting in an impairment charge of \$109.5 million calculated as the difference between the value-in-use and the carrying amount of the business. This charge is included under direct services in the expense section of the statement of comprehensive income. It is expected that the remaining goodwill associated with this business of \$32 million will be written off over the next few years. Voucher Services is part of the UCIA segment.

#### **12. ADDITIONAL DIVIDEND INFORMATION** (Appendix 4E item 7)

Details of dividends declared or paid during or subsequent to the year ended 30 June 2015 are as follows:

Record date	Payment date	Туре	Amount per security	Total dividend	Franked amount per security	Conduit Foreign Income amount per security
21 August 2014	16 September 2014	Final	AU 15 cents	AUD 83,430,462	AU 3.0 cents	AU 12.0 cents
23 February 2015	18 March 2015	Interim	AU 15 cents	AUD 83,430,462	AU 3.0 cents	AU 12.0 cents
20 August 2015	15 September 2015	Final	AU 16 cents	AUD 88,992,493*	AU 4.0 cents**	AU 12.0 cents

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 556,203,079 shares on issue as at 12 August 2015

#### 13. DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLANS (Appendix 4E item 8)

Computershare operates a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) which provides eligible shareholders with the opportunity to elect to take all or part of dividends in the form of shares in accordance with the DRP plan rules. Shares are provided under the plan free of brokerage and other transaction costs and will rank equally with all other ordinary shares on issue.

The DRP will apply to the final dividend declared in respect of the current financial year on 12 August 2015. Applications or notices received after 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 21 August 2015 will not be effective for payment of this final dividend but will be effective for future dividend payments.

The DRP price for the final dividend will be equal to the arithmetic average of the daily volume weighted average market price (rounded to the nearest cent) of all shares sold through a normal trade on the ASX automated trading system during the DRP pricing period for this dividend, being 25 August 2015 to 7 September 2015 (inclusive). No discount will apply to the DRP price.

#### **14. RETAINED EARNINGS** (Appendix 4E item 6)

	2015	2014
	\$000	\$000
Retained earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	1,134,305	1,025,231
Ordinary dividends provided for or paid	(139,975)	(142,327)
Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of Computershare Limited	153,576	251,401
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	1,147,906	1,134,305

#### 15. SHARE BUYBACK (Appendix 4E item 14.2)

The company had no on-market buy back in operation during the year ended 30 June 2015.

#### **16. NTA BACKING** (Appendix 4E item 9)

	2015	2014
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary share	(2.08)	(2.14)

#### 17. COMMENTARY ON RESULTS (Appendix 4E item 14)

Refer to the Market Announcement.

#### 18. SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF OPERATING PERFORMANCE (Appendix 4E item 14.3)

Refer to the Market Announcement.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Dividend franked to 25%

19. TRENDS IN PERFORMANCE (Appendix 4E item 14.5)

Refer to the Market Announcement.

### 20. OTHER FACTORS THAT AFFECTED RESULTS IN THE PERIOD OR WHICH ARE LIKELY TO AFFECT RESULTS IN THE FUTURE (Appendix 4E item 14.6)

Refer to the Market Announcement.

**21. AUDIT STATUS** (Appendix 4E item 15)

This report is based on accounts which are in the process of being audited.