

# Appendix 4B (rule 4.13(a))

## Half yearly/preliminary final report

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Name of entity

COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED

ACN, ARBN or ARSN

005 485 825

Half yearly  
(tick)

Preliminary  
final (tick)

X

Half year/financial year ended ('current period')

30 JUNE 2000

### Equity accounted results for announcement to the market

*Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1).*

\$A'000

Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue ( <i>item 1.1</i> )	Up	34%	to	394,864
Abnormal items after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 2.5</i> )	Gain (loss) of			-
+Operating profit (loss) after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members ( <i>item 1.26</i> )	Up	121%	to	45,322
+Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 1.10</i> )	Up	160%	to	38,193
Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 1.13</i> )	gain (loss) of			-
+Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 1.16</i> )	Up	160%	to	38,193

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 36% tax
Final dividend ( <i>Preliminary final report only - item 15.4</i> )		
Interim dividend ( <i>Half yearly report only - item 15.6</i> )	½¢	½¢
<b>There was a 4 for 1 share split on 11 October 1999</b>		
Previous corresponding period ( <i>Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7</i> )	½¢	½¢
<b>Restated for 4 for 1 split</b>		

+Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) (*see item 15.2*)

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Brief explanation of omission of directional and percentage changes to profit in accordance with Note 1 and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:

None

## Consolidated profit and loss account

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.1 Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue	394,864	293,891
1.2 Share of associates' "net profit (loss) attributable to members" (equal to item 16.7)	571	296
1.3 Other revenue	13,501	8,662
<b>1.4 +Operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax</b>	<b>62,508</b>	<b>31,482</b>
1.5 Abnormal items before tax (detail in item 2.4)	-	(2,536)
1.6 +Operating profit (loss) before tax (items 1.4 + 1.5)	62,508	28,946
1.7 Less tax	21,906	14,171
1.8 +Operating profit (loss) after tax but before outside +equity interests	40,602	14,775
1.9 Less outside +equity interests	2,409	80
<b>1.10 +Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members</b>	<b>38,193</b>	<b>14,695</b>
1.11 Extraordinary items after tax (detail in item 2.6)	0	0
1.12 Less outside +equity interests	0	0
1.13 Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members	0	0
<b>1.14 Total +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax (items 1.8 + 1.11)</b>	<b>40,602</b>	<b>14,775</b>
1.15 +Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to outside +equity interests (items 1.9 + 1.12)	2,409	80
<b>1.16 +Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (items 1.10 + 1.13)</b>	<b>38,193</b>	<b>14,695</b>
1.17 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at beginning of financial period	17,872	7,888
1.18 If change in accounting policy as set out in clause 11 of AASB 1018 Profit and Loss Accounts, adjustments as required by that clause (include brief description)	0	0

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1.19	Aggregate of amounts transferred from reserves	0	0
1.20	Total available for appropriation ( <i>carried forward</i> )	56,065	22,583

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**Consolidated profit and loss account continued**

1.20	Total available for appropriation ( <i>brought forward</i> )	56,065	22,583
1.21	Dividends provided for or paid	5,332	4,711
1.22	Aggregate of amounts transferred to reserves	0	0
1.23	<b>Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period</b>	<b>50,733</b>	<b>17,872</b>

<b>Profit restated to exclude amortisation of goodwill</b>		Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
1.24	+Operating profit (loss) after tax before outside equity interests (items 1.8) and amortisation of goodwill	47,731	20,628
1.25	Less (plus) outside +equity interests	2,409	80
1.26	+Operating profit (loss) after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members	45,322	20,548

<b>Intangible, abnormal and extraordinary items</b>	<i>Consolidated – current period</i>				
	Before tax \$A'000	Related tax \$A'000	Related outside +equity interests \$A'000	Amount (after tax) attributable to members \$A'000	
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	8,116	987	73	7,056
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	1,434	486	-	948
2.3	<b>Total amortisation of intangibles</b>	9,550	1,473	73	8,004
2.4	Abnormal items	-	-	-	-
2.5	<b>Total abnormal items</b>	-	-	-	-
2.6	Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-
2.7	<b>Total extraordinary items</b>	-	-	-	-

<b>Comparison of half year profits</b> <i>(Preliminary final report only)</i>		Current year - \$A'000	Previous year - \$A'000
3.1	Consolidated +operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members reported for the 1st half year (item 1.10 in the half yearly report)	10,372	5,382

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3.2 Consolidated +operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members for the 2nd half year	27,821	9,313
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<b>Consolidated balance sheet</b> <i>(See note 5)</i>		At end of current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000	As in last half yearly report \$A'000
<b>Current assets</b>				
4.1	Cash	47,764	29,544	172,696
4.2	Receivables	121,445	76,321	77,714
4.3	Investments	12	-	-
4.4	Inventories	3,485	2,131	2,414
4.5	Other (provide details if material)	9,804	2,892	3,766
4.6	<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>182,510</b>	<b>110,888</b>	<b>256,590</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
4.7	Receivables	74	923	247
4.8	Investments in associates	39,511	2,749	40,263
4.9	Other investments	27,008	22,114	26,751
4.10	Inventories	-	-	-
4.11	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised (see para .71 of AASB 1022)	-	-	-
4.12	Development properties (+mining entities)	-	-	-
4.13	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	90,765	34,290	75,284
4.14	Intangibles (net)	10,713	5,925	4,293
4.15	Other - goodwill	308,864	71,430	71,420
4.16	<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>476,935</b>	<b>137,431</b>	<b>218,258</b>
4.17	<b>Total assets</b>	<b>659,445</b>	<b>248,319</b>	<b>474,848</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
4.18	Accounts payable	75,335	31,882	41,832
4.19	Borrowings	8,943	17,553	15,990
4.20	Provisions	43,979	29,067	27,229
4.21	Other – settlement of acquisition - Montreal Trust business	59,822*	-	-
4.22	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>188,079</b>	<b>78,502</b>	<b>85,051</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
4.23	Accounts payable	-	-	-
4.24	Borrowings	80,691	27,861	25,926
4.25	Provisions	4,674	6,223	4,113
4.26	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.27	<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>85,365</b>	<b>34,084</b>	<b>30,039</b>
4.28	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>273,444</b>	<b>112,586</b>	<b>115,090</b>
4.29	<b>Net assets</b>	<b>386,001</b>	<b>135,733</b>	<b>359,758</b>

\*Amount payable was refinanced by long term financing facility on 5 July 2000.

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**Consolidated balance sheet continued**

	<b>Equity</b>			
4.30	Capital	328,022	118,251	327,048
4.31	Reserves			
		1,411	(473)	1,223
4.32	Retained profits (accumulated losses)			
		50,733	17,872	25,583
4.33	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	380,166	135,650	353,854
4.34	Outside <sup>+</sup> equity interests in controlled entities	5,835	83	5,904
4.35	<b>Total equity</b>	<b>386,001</b>	<b>135,733</b>	<b>359,758</b>
4.36	Preference capital included as part of 4.33	-	-	-

**Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised**

*To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred regardless of whether written off directly against profit.*

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
5.1	Opening balance	-
5.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	-
5.3	Expenditure written off during current period	-
5.4	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-
5.5	Expenditure transferred to Development Properties	-
5.6	<b>Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.11)</b>	-

**Development properties**

*(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material)*

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
6.1	Opening balance	-
6.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	-
6.3	Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation	-
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period	-
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties	-
6.7	<b>Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.12)</b>	-

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## Consolidated statement of cash flows

(See note 6)

		Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
<b>Cash flows related to operating activities</b>			
7.1	Receipts from customers	365,201	303,343
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	(293,403)	(252,642)
7.3	Dividends received from associates	2,043	60
7.4	Other dividends received	130	-
7.5	Interest and other items of similar nature received	4,435	2,257
7.6	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(3,090)	(3,262)
7.7	Income taxes paid	(20,207)	(12,539)
7.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>7.9</b>	<b>Net operating cash flows</b>	<b>55,109</b>	<b>37,217</b>
<b>Cash flows related to investing activities</b>			
7.10	Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(56,087)	(13,411)
7.11	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	266	1,414
7.12	Payment for purchases of equity investments	(287,891)	(23,765)
7.13	Proceeds from sale of equity investments	2,868	25
7.14	Loans to other entities	(829)	(1,880)
7.15	Loans repaid by other entities	-	50
7.16	Other (provide details if material)	(983)	1,145
<b>7.17</b>	<b>Net investing cash flows</b>	<b>(342,656)</b>	<b>(36,422)</b>
<b>Cash flows related to financing activities</b>			
7.18	Proceeds from issues of +securities (shares, options, etc.)	208,265	28,119
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	142,804	7,516
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	(41,287)	(9,414)
7.21	Dividends paid	(5,038)	(4,668)
7.22	Other (provide details if material)	815	-
<b>7.23</b>	<b>Net financing cash flows</b>	<b>305,559</b>	<b>21,553</b>
<b>7.24</b>	<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>18,012</b>	<b>22,348</b>
7.25	Cash at beginning of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	29,168	8,231
7.26	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25	353	(1,411)
<b>7.27</b>	<b>Cash at end of period</b> (see Reconciliation of cash)	<b>47,533</b>	<b>29,168</b>

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## Non-cash financing and investing activities

*Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.*

During the period Computershare Limited issued 100,000 fully paid ordinary shares valued at \$1,000,000 in part settlement of the acquisition of a further interest in the Ci Group.

## Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.		Current period \$A'000	Previous Corresponding period - \$A'000
8.1	Cash on hand and at bank	28,401	20,860
8.2	Deposits at call	19,363	8,684
8.3	Bank overdraft	(231)	(376)
8.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
8.5	<b>Total cash at end of period (item 7.26)</b>	<b>47,533</b>	<b>29,168</b>

## Ratios

		Current period	Previous corresponding Period
9.1	<b>Profit before abnormals and tax / sales</b> Consolidated +operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax (item 1.4) as a percentage of sales revenue (item 1.1)	16%	11%
9.2	<b>Profit after tax / +equity interests</b> Consolidated +operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members (item 1.10) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.33)	10%	11%

## Earnings per security (EPS)

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
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10.1 Calculation of the following in accordance with <i>AASB 1027: Earnings per Share</i> (a) Basic EPS (b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a)) (c) Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of the Basic EPS  <b>Prior period comparatives have been restated          to reflect the 4 for 1 split on 12/10/99</b>	7.5 cents     506,327,488	3.2 cents     468,173,264
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<b>NTA backing</b> <i>(see note 7)</i>	Current period	Previous corresponding period
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security  Prior period comparative has been restated to reflect the 4 for 1 split on 12/10/99	12 cents	12 cents

**Details of specific receipts/outlays, revenues/ expenses**

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
12.1 Interest revenue included in determining item 1.4	4,974	2,655
12.2 Interest revenue included in item 12.1 but not yet received (if material)	353	0
12.3 Interest expense included in item 1.4 (include all forms of interest, lease finance charges, etc.)	2,864	2,936
12.4 Interest costs excluded from item 12.3 and capitalised in asset values (if material)	0	0
12.5 Outlays (except those arising from the +acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles (if material)	0	0
12.6 Depreciation and amortisation (excluding amortisation of intangibles)	16,566	14,824

**Control gained over entities having material effect**

*(See note 8)*

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	(1) ACN 088 820 633 Pty Ltd and its controlled entities Ci Holdings Limited, Ci (UK) Limited and Ci Limited. (2) Computershare Investor Services LLC (3) Computershare Trust Company of Canada Inc
13.2 Consolidated +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was +acquired	(1) \$2,658,161 (2) \$ 958,916 (3) \$2,070,190

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13.3	Date from which such profit has been calculated	(1) 1 July 1999 (2) 1 April 2000 (3) 1 May 2000 – 1 June 2000
13.4	+Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	Not available

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**Loss of control of entities having material effect**

(See note 8)

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	N/A
14.2	Consolidated +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	N/A
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	N/A
14.4	Consolidated +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A
14.5	Contribution to consolidated +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	N/A

**Reports for industry and geographical segments**

*Information on the industry and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with AASB 1005: Financial Reporting by Segments. Because of the different structures employed by entities, a pro forma is not provided. Segment information should be completed separately and attached to this report. However, the following is the presentation adopted in the Appendices to AASB 1005 and indicates which amounts should agree with items included elsewhere in this report.*

**Segments**

Operating Revenue

Sales to customers outside the economic entity

Inter-segment sales

Unallocated revenue

Total revenue

Segment result (including abnormal items where relevant)

Unallocated expenses

Consolidated +operating profit before tax (equal to item 1.6)

Segment assets	)	<i>Comparative data for segment assets should be as at the end of the previous corresponding period.</i>
Unallocated assets	)	
Total assets (equal to item 4.17)	)	

**Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)**

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	29 SEPTEMBER 2000
15.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of registrable transfers received by 5.00 pm if +securities are not +CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if +securities are +CHESS approved)	18 SEPTEMBER 2000
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? (Preliminary final report only)	YES

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**Amount per security**

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 36% tax	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
15.4	<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i> <b>Final dividend:</b> Current year <b>There was a 4 for 1 split on 12 October 1999</b>	½¢	½¢	
15.5	Previous year <b>Restated for 4 for 1 split</b>	½¢	½¢	
15.6	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> <b>Interim dividend:</b> Current year <b>There was a 4 for 1 split on 12 October 1999</b>	½¢	½¢	
15.7	Previous year <b>Restated for 4 for 1 split</b>	½¢	½¢	

**Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim *plus* final)**

*(Preliminary final report only)*

	Current year	Previous year
15.8 +Ordinary securities <b>Previous year restated for 4 for 1 split</b>	1¢	1¢
15.9 Preference +securities	N/A	N/A

**Half yearly report - interim dividend (distribution) on all securities *or* Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities**

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding Period - \$A'000
15.10 +Ordinary securities	2,669	2,377
15.11 Preference +securities	N/A	N/A
15.12 <b>Total</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>2,377</b>

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

N/A
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The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans

N/A
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Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions)

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On 12 October 1999 there was a 4 for 1 share split.



**Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates**

Entity's share of associates'	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
16.1 Operating profit (loss) before income tax	3,017	414
16.2 Income tax expense	( 774)	(177)
16.3 Operating profit (loss) after income tax	2,243	237
16.4 Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
16.5 Net profit (loss)	2,243	237
16.6 Outside equity interests	(1,672)	-
16.7 Net profit (loss) attributable to members	571	237

**Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities**

*The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from xx/xx/xx") or disposal ("to xx/xx/xx").*

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax (item 1.14)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period- \$A'000
<b>17.1 Equity accounted associates</b>				
Ci Ltd*	N/A	20%	N/A	100
Ci (UK) Ltd*	N/A	51%	N/A	137
Central Registration Hong Kong Ltd**	50%	-	1,174	-
Chelmer Limited (not previously equity accounted)	50%	50%	(603)	-
*Consolidated from 1 July 1999 **Acquired 20/12/99				
17.2 Total			571	237

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17.3	<b>Other material interests</b>				
	E*trade Securities Limited	13.5%	12.6%		
17.4	Total			571	237

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	<b>1 SHARE PER OPTION</b> (after effect of 4 for 1 share split)			
	Employee options	32,000	-	NZ\$ 0.521 25/05/02
	Employee options	3,231,000	-	\$ 0.478 25/05/02
	Employee options	3,600,000	-	\$ 0.478 17/08/02
	Employee options	596,000	-	\$ 0.728 17/08/02
	Employee options	4,170,000	-	\$ 0.983 05/02/03
	Employee options	1,000,000	-	\$ 0.975 05/02/03
	Employee options	1,800,000	-	\$ 0.903 11/02/03
	Employee options	80,000	-	\$ 1.438 30/06/03
	Employee options	528,000	-	\$ 1.368 08/08/03
	Employee options	204,000	-	\$ 1.393 13/08/03
	Employee options	3,969,000	-	\$ 1.758 15/10/03
	Employee options	964,540	-	\$ 3.083 23/03/04
	Employee options	122,000	-	\$ 3.500 30/05/04
	Employee options	200,000	-	\$ 4.500 30/05/04
	Employee options	72,000	-	\$ 2.233 31/12/03
	Employee options	80,000	-	\$ 6.650 09/11/04
	Employee options	4,422,000	-	\$ 6.830 10/01/05
	Employee options	1,083,250	-	\$ 7.100 06/03/05
	Employee options	150,250	-	\$ 6.910 08/05/05
18.8	Issued during current period			
	<b>1 SHARE PER OPTION</b> (restated for effect of 4 for 1 share split)			
	Employee options	242,000	-	\$ 3.500 30/05/04
	Employee options	200,000	-	\$ 4.500 30/05/04
	Employee options	72,000	-	\$ 2.233 31/12/03
	Employee options	80,000	-	\$ 6.650 09/11/04
	Employee options	4,422,000	-	\$ 6.830 10/01/05
	Employee options	1,083,250	-	\$ 7.100 06/03/05
	Employee options	150,250	-	\$ 6.910 08/05/05
18.9	Exercised during current period			
	<b>1 SHARE PER OPTION</b> (restated for effect of 4 for 1 share split)			
	Employee options	531,668	-	\$0.478 25/05/02
	Employee options	80,000	-	\$0.728 17/08/02
	Employee options	272,000	-	\$0.983 05/02/03
	Employee options	40,000	-	\$3.500 30/05/04
	Employee options	1,188,000	-	NZ\$0.521 25/05/02
18.10	Expired during current period			
18.11	<b>Debentures</b> (totals only)	-	-	

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18.12	<b>Unsecured notes</b> <i>(totals only)</i>	-	-
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**Comments by directors**

*Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Law) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.*

**Basis of accounts preparation**

*If this report is a half yearly report, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts. It should be read in conjunction with the last + annual report and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period. [Delete if preliminary final statement.]*

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period

Refer Attached Market Announcement

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and is not related to matters already reported, with financial effect quantified (if possible)

None

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year

At the date of this report and prior to the payment of the final dividend, the company had \$25,913,168 of franking credits available for payment of franked dividends.

Changes in accounting policies since the last annual report are disclosed as follows.

*(Disclose changes in the half yearly report in accordance with paragraph 15(c) of AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts. Disclose changes in the preliminary final report in accordance with AASB 1001: Accounting Policies-Disclosure.)*

None

**Additional disclosure for trusts**

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19.1	Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.	N/A
19.2	<p>A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity.</p> <p>Identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• initial service charges</li> <li>• management fees</li> <li>• other fees</li> </ul>	N/A

## Annual meeting

*(Preliminary final report only)*

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	Melbourne
Date	2 November, 2000
Time	10am
Approximate date the +annual report will be available	29 September, 2000

## Compliance statement

- 1 This report has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 13).

Identify other standards used

- 2 This report, and the +accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.
- 3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

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4 This report is based on +accounts to which one of the following applies.

(Tick one)



The +accounts have been audited.



The +accounts have been subject to review.

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The +accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.



The +accounts have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

5 If the audit report or review by the auditor is not attached, details of any qualifications will follow immediately they are available. (*Half yearly report only - the audit report or review by the auditor must be attached to this report if this report is to satisfy the requirements of the Corporations Law.*)

6 The entity has a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: .. ..... Date: 7 September, 2000  
(Company secretary)

Print name: .Darryl Corney.....

## Notes

- For announcement to the market** The percentage changes referred to in this section are the percentage changes calculated by comparing the current period's figures with those for the previous corresponding period. Do not show percentage changes if the change is from profit to loss or loss to profit, but still show whether the change was up or down. If changes in accounting policies or procedures have had a material effect on reported figures, do not show either directional or percentage changes in profits. Explain the reason for the omissions in the note at the end of the announcement section.
- True and fair view** If this report does not give a true and fair view of a matter (for example, because compliance with an Accounting Standard is required) the entity must attach a note providing additional information and explanations to give a true and fair view.
- Consolidated profit and loss account**
  - Item 1.1 The definition of "operating revenue" and an explanation of "sales revenue" (or its equivalent) and "other revenue" are set out in *AASB 1004: Disclosure of Operating Revenue*.
  - Item 1.2 'Share of associates' "net profit (loss) attributable to members" would form part of "other revenue" in *AASB 1004* to the extent that a profit is to be reported. ASX has elected to require disclosure of a share of a loss in the same location for consistency of presentation.
  - Item 1.4 "+operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax" is calculated before dealing with outside +equity interests and extraordinary items, but after deducting interest on borrowings, depreciation and amortisation.

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- Item 1.7      This item refers to the total tax attributable to the amount shown in item 1.6. Tax includes income tax and capital gains tax (if any) but excludes taxes treated as operating expenses (eg, fringe benefits tax).
4.      **Income tax**    If the amount provided for income tax in this report differs (or would differ but for compensatory items) by more than 15% from the amount of income tax *prima facie* payable on the profit before tax, the entity must explain in a note the major items responsible for the difference and their amounts.
5.      **Consolidated balance sheet**  
**Format**    The format of the consolidated balance sheet should be followed as closely as possible. However, additional items may be added if greater clarity of exposition will be achieved, provided the disclosure still meets the requirements of *AASB 1029* and *AASB 1034*. Banking institutions, trusts and financial institutions identified in an ASIC Class Order dated 2 September 1997 may substitute a clear liquidity ranking for the Current/Non-Current classification.
- Basis of revaluation**    If there has been a material revaluation of non-current assets (including investments) since the last <sup>+</sup>annual report, the entity must describe the basis of revaluation adopted. The description must meet the requirements of *AASB 1010: Accounting for the Revaluation of Non-Current Assets*. If the entity has adopted a procedure of regular revaluation, the basis for which has been disclosed and has not changed, no additional disclosure is required. Trusts should also note paragraph 10 of *AASB 1029* and paragraph 11 of *AASB 1030: Application of Accounting Standards etc*.
6.      **Statement of cash flows**    For definitions of “cash” and other terms used in this report see *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows*. Entities should follow the form as closely as possible, but variations are permitted if the directors (in the case of a trust, the management company) believe that this presentation is inappropriate. However, the presentation adopted must meet the requirements of *AASB 1026*. <sup>+</sup>Mining exploration entities may use the form of cash flow statement in Appendix 5B.
7.      **Net tangible asset backing**    Net tangible assets are determined by deducting from total tangible assets all claims on those assets ranking ahead of the <sup>+</sup>ordinary securities (ie, all liabilities, preference shares, outside <sup>+</sup>equity interests etc). <sup>+</sup>Mining entities are *not* required to state a net tangible asset backing per <sup>+</sup>ordinary security.
8.      **Gain and loss of control over entities**    The gain or loss must be disclosed if it has a material effect on the <sup>+</sup>accounts. Details must include the contribution for each gain or loss that increased or decreased the entity’s consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax by more than 5% compared to the previous corresponding period.
9.      **Rounding of figures**    This report anticipates that the information required is given to the nearest \$1,000. However, an entity may report exact figures, if the \$A’000 headings are amended. If an entity qualifies under ASIC Class Order 98/0100 dated 10 July 1998, it may report to the nearest million dollars, or to the nearest \$100,000, if the \$A’000 headings are amended.

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10. **Comparative figures** Comparative figures are the unadjusted figures from the previous corresponding period. However, if there is a lack of comparability, a note explaining the position should be attached.
11. **Comparative figures when equity accounted information first included in the accounts** There will be a lack of comparability in the figures for the previous corresponding period when equity accounted information is first included if this information has a material effect on the consolidated accounts. If it does have a material effect, attach a note providing a better comparison by restating “Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members” (item 1.10) and “Investments in associates” (item 4.8) for the previous corresponding period to incorporate equity accounted information. In addition, as required by Note 1, no directional or percentage changes in profit are to be reported in the “For announcement to the market” section. Where the disclosures were not previously required in Appendix 4B, no comparatives need be shown.
12. **Additional information** An entity may disclose additional information about any matter, and must do so if the information is material to an understanding of the reports. The information may be an expansion of the material contained in this report, or contained in a note attached to the report. The requirement under the listing rules for an entity to complete this report does not prevent the entity issuing reports more frequently. Additional material lodged with the +ASIC under the Corporations Law must also be given to ASX. For example, a directors’ report and statement, if lodged with the +ASIC, must be given to ASX.
13. **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if one) must be complied with.
14. **Corporations Law financial statements** As at 1/7/96, this report may be able to be used by an entity required to comply with the Corporations Law as part of its half-year financial statements if prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
15. **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 18.1 and 18.3 for fully paid securities.

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**COMPUTERSHARE GROUP - SEGMENT REPORTING**
**30 June 2000**
**Attachment to Appendix  
4B**

INDUSTRY SEGMENT	Revenue from Customers Outside the economic entity		Intersegment Revenue		Total Revenue		Operating profit before income tax		Segment Assets	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
Registry & Bureau Services	397,569	279,677	167	169	397,736	279,846	74,937	32,213	641,054	234,081
Technology Services	11,366	23,172	4,020	0	15,386	23,172	(12,652)	(3,196)	18,391	14,238
Unallocated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eliminations	0	0	(4,187)	(169)	(4,187)	(169)	223	(71)	0	0
<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>408,935</b>	<b>302,849</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>408,935</b>	<b>302,849</b>	<b>62,508</b>	<b>28,946</b>	<b>659,445</b>	<b>248,319</b>

GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENT	Revenue from Customers Outside the economic entity		Intersegment Revenue		Total Revenue		Operating profit before income tax		Segment Assets	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
Australia	155,205	103,438	30,134	5,672	185,339	109,110	27,578	21,999	187,625	116,123
New Zealand	10,094	9,857	856	1,117	10,949	10,974	(91)	(25)	11,110	13,949
South Africa	27,159	8,520	0	0	27,159	8,520	9,268	1,532	13,156	10,329
United Kingdom	164,675	177,696	7,793	1,003	172,468	178,699	18,167	5,831	135,274	100,151
Ireland	9,904	3,069	1	0	9,905	3,069	1,460	145	9,166	6,871
Asia	1,471	269	12	175	1,483	444	661	(200)	(177)	643
USA	20,531	0	34	0	20,565	0	1,313	(265)	120,559	253
Canada	19,896	0	0	0	19,896	0	3,928	0	182,731	0
Unallocated	0	0	0	0	0	0	223	(71)	0	0
Eliminations	0	0	(38,829)	(7,967)	(38,829)	(7,967)	0	0	0	0
<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>408,935</b>	<b>302,849</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>408,935</b>	<b>302,849</b>	<b>62,508</b>	<b>28,946</b>	<b>659,445</b>	<b>248,319</b>

Darryl Corney  
Company Secretary  
7 September 2000

**ATTACHMENT TO APPENDIX 4B - PRELIMINARY FINAL  
REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**

**RECONCILIATION OF TAX EXPENSE**

**OPERATING PROFIT**

**\$000's**

The prima facie income tax expense on operating profit is reconciled to income tax expense in the profit and loss account as follows:

Operating profit	62,508
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Prima facie income tax thereon at 36%	22,503
Tax effect of permanent differences:	
Depreciation not deductible	354
Amortisation of goodwill	1,967
Non deductible provisions	561
Research and Development allowance	(449)
Effect of different tax rates on overseas income	(2,343)
Benefit of timing differences not brought to a/c	228
Benefit of tax losses not brought to a/c	(1,224)
Underprovision in prior period	(510)
Other	529
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	21,615
Effect of change in tax rate	291
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<b>Income tax expense on operating profit</b>	<b>21,906</b>

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**Darryl Corney**  
**Company Secretary**