

# Appendix 4B (not equity accounted)

## Half yearly/preliminary final report

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Name of entity

RURAL PRESS LIMITED

ACN, ARBN or ARSN

000 010 382

Half yearly  
(tick)



Preliminary  
final (tick)



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

December 31, 1999

### For announcement to the market

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

\$A'000

Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue (item 1.1)	up	8.0 %	to	217,421
Abnormal items after tax attributable to members (item 2.5)	gain (loss) of			3,699
+Operating profit (loss) after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members (item 1.26)	up	34.0%	to	28,625
+Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members (item 1.10)	up/down	34.5 %	to	28,330
Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 1.13)	gain (loss) of	-		-
+Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 1.16)	up/down	34.5 %	to	28,330

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 36% tax
Final dividend (Preliminary final report only - item 15.4) Interim dividend (Half yearly report only - item 15.6)		
- Ordinary	5.00 ¢	5.00 ¢
- Preferred	5.50 ¢	5.50 ¢
Previous corresponding period (Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7)		
- Ordinary	4.60 ¢	4.60 ¢
- Preferred	5.06 ¢	5.06 ¢

**Note: The special dividend declared on November 23, 1999 of 20.70 cents per Ordinary share and 22.77 cents per Preferred share (1998: 30.00 cents per Ordinary share and 33.00 cents per Preferred share) are not included in the above dividends.**

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

February 25, 2000 for the interim dividend and June 2, 2000 for the special dividend

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:

## Consolidated profit and loss account

(The figures are not equity accounted)

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.1 Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue	217,421	201,403
Proceeds on sale of part of the Queensland publishing business	8,440	-
1.2 Other revenue	3,573	2,569
<b>1.3 Total revenue</b>	<b>229,434</b>	<b>203,972</b>
<b>1.4 +Operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax</b>	<b>42,030</b>	<b>34,517</b>
1.5 Abnormal items before tax (detail in item 2.4)	3,699	-
1.6 +Operating profit (loss) before tax (items 1.4 + 1.5)	45,729	34,517
1.7 Less tax on operating profit (item 1.4)	15,497	12,383
Less tax adjustment to FITB & DITL due to reduction of company tax rates	1,010	-
1.8 +Operating profit (loss) after tax but before outside +equity interests	29,222	22,134
1.9 Less outside +equity interests	892	1,067
<b>1.10 +Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members</b>	<b>28,330</b>	<b>21,067</b>
1.11 Extraordinary items after tax (detail in item 2.6)	-	-
1.12 Less outside +equity interests	-	-
1.13 Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members	-	-
<b>1.14 Total +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax (items 1.8 + 1.11)</b>	<b>29,222</b>	<b>22,134</b>
1.15 +Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to outside +equity interests (items 1.9 + 1.12)	892	1,067
<b>1.16 +Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (items 1.10 + 1.13)</b>	<b>28,330</b>	<b>21,067</b>
1.17 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at beginning of financial period	96,679	125,989
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)	-	-
1.19 Aggregate of amounts transferred from reserves	-	-
<b>1.20 Total available for appropriation (carried forward)</b>	<b>125,009</b>	<b>147,056</b>

**Consolidated profit and loss account continued**

1.20	Total available for appropriation ( <i>brought forward</i> )	125,009	147,056
1.21	Dividends provided for or paid	49,619	57,243
1.22	Aggregate of amounts transferred to reserves	-	-
1.23	<b>Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period</b>	<b>75,390</b>	<b>89,813</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	29,526	22,435
1.25	Less (plus) outside +equity interests	901	1,075
1.26	+Operating profit (loss) after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members	28,625	21,360

<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	304	-	9	295
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	-	-	-	-
2.3	<b>Total amortisation of intangibles</b>	304	-	9	295
2.4	Abnormal items Profit on sale of Gympie Times Pty Limited and part of the Queensland publishing business	3,699	-	-	3,699
2.5	<b>Total abnormal items</b>	3,699	-	-	3,699
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 1 <sup>st</sup> half year (item 1.10 in the half yearly report)	N/A	N/A
3.2	Consolidated +operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year	N/A	N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.



**Consolidated balance sheet continued**

<b>Equity</b>				
4.29	Capital	257,594	168,381	168,381
4.30	Reserves	26,060	25,826	28,503
4.31	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	75,390	96,679	89,813
4.32	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	359,044	290,886	286,697
4.33	Outside +equity interests in controlled entities	14,424	13,895	14,090
4.34	<b>Total equity</b>	<b>373,468</b>	<b>304,781</b>	<b>300,787</b>
4.35	Preference capital included as part of 4.32			

**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 4.10)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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 4.11)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



## 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.

NIL
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## 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	16,589	6,784
8.2 Deposits at call	1,884	3,931
8.3 Bank overdraft	(113)	-
8.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
8.5 <b>Total cash at end of period</b> (item 7.25)	<b>18,360</b>	<b>10,715</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)	19.3%	17.1%
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 4.32)	6.9%	7.3%

Earnings per security (EPS)	Current period	Previous corresponding period
10.1 Calculation of the following in accordance with AASB 1027: <i>Earnings per Share</i>		
(a) Basic EPS	\$0.166	\$0.132
(b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))	\$0.165	\$0.132
© Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of the Basic EPS	170,229,198	159,644,830

The 1999 figure includes the abnormal sale of Gympie Times Pty Limited and part of the Queensland publishing business, and the adjustment to Future Income Tax Benefits and Deferred Income Tax Liability due to the reduction in company income tax rates. Excluding the above items the Basic earnings per share would have been \$0.151.

<b>NTA backing</b> <i>(see note 7)</i>	Current period	Previous corresponding period
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security	\$2.03	\$1.69

**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	539	215
12.2 Interest revenue included in item 12.1 but not yet received (if material)	-	-
12.3 Interest expense included in item 1.4 (include all forms of interest, lease finance charges, etc.)	7,780	6,096
12.4 Interest costs excluded from item 12.3 and capitalised in asset values (if material)	-	-
12.5 Outlays (except those arising from the +acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles (if material)	-	-
12.6 Depreciation and amortisation (excluding amortisation of intangibles)	7,244	5,910

**Control gained over entities having material effect**

*(See note 8)*

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	N/A
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	\$-
13.3 Date from which such profit has been calculated	-
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	\$-

## Loss of control of entities having material effect

(See note 8)

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Gympie Times Pty Limited
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	\$94,000
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	August 6, 1999
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	\$356,000
14.5	Contribution to consolidated +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	\$3,699,000

## 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 (consolidated total equal to item 1.3)

Segment result (including abnormal items where relevant)

Unallocated expenses

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

Segment assets	)	Comparative data for segment assets should be as at the end of the previous corresponding period.
Unallocated assets	)	
Total assets (equal to item 4.16)	)	

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

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	March 10, 2000 for the interim dividend and June 23, 2000 for the special dividend
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)	February 25, 2000 for the interim dividend and June 2, 2000 for the special dividend
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? (Preliminary final report only)	N/A

**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 ordinary	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢
	preferred	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢
15.5	Previous year ordinary	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢
	preferred	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢
15.6	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> <b>Interim dividend:</b> Current year ordinary	5.00 ¢	5.00 ¢	- ¢
	preferred	5.50 ¢	5.50 ¢	- ¢
15.7	Previous year ordinary	4.60 ¢	4.60 ¢	- ¢
	preferred	5.06 ¢	5.06 ¢	- ¢

*(Note: The special dividend declared on November 23, 1999 of 20.70 cents per Ordinary share and 22.77 cents per Preferred share (1998: 30.00 cents per Ordinary share and 33.00 cents per Preferred share) are not included in the above dividends.)*

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

*(Preliminary final report only)*

	Current year	Previous year
15.8 +Ordinary securities	- ¢	- ¢
15.9 Preference +securities	- ¢	- ¢

**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	5,555	5,094
15.11 Preference +securities	4,099	2,822
15.12 <b>Total</b>	<b>9,654</b>	<b>7,916</b>

*(Note: The special dividend declared on November 23, 1999 of 20.70 cents per Ordinary share and 22.77 cents per Preferred share (1998: 30.00 cents per Ordinary share and 33.00 cents per Preferred share) are not included in the above dividends.)*

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

Not applicable

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

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Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions)

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+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

### Equity accounted associated entities and other material interests

*Equity accounting information attributable to the economic entity's share of investments in associated entities must be disclosed in a separate note. See AASB 1016: Disclosure of Information about Investments in Associated Companies.*

Investments in associated entities	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period- \$A'000
16.1 Statutory carrying value of investments in associated entities (SCV)		
16.2 Share of associated entities' retained profits and reserves not included in SCV:		
Retained profits		
Reserves		
16.3 <b>Equity carrying value of investments</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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

*The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities.*

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest (*ordinary securities, +units etc) held at end of period		Contribution to +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax	
			Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
17.1 <b>Equity accounted associated entities</b>	Current period	Previous corresponding period	<i>Equity accounted</i>	
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>				
17.2 <b>Other material interests</b>			<i>Not equity accounted (ie part of item 1.14)</i>	
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>				

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

## Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

Category of +securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 14) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 14) (cents)
18.1 <b>Preference +securities</b> Preferred shares As at end of period	74,523,240	74,523,240	-	-
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions	18,750,000 -	18,750,000 -	- -	- -
18.3 <b>+Ordinary securities</b> As at end of period	111,093,331	111,093,331	-	-
18.4 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs	195 -	195 -	- -	- -
18.5 <b>+Convertible debt securities</b> (description and conversion factor)	-	-	-	-
18.6 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	- -	- -	- -	- -
18.7 <b>Options</b> (description and conversion factor)  Options granted under the Executive Option Plan, approved by Shareholders on October 9, 1998. As at end of period.	1,845,000 320,000	- -	\$4.70 \$4.83	18/12/04 18/12/05
18.8 Issued during current period	320,000	-	\$4.83	18/12/05
18.9 Exercised during current period	-	-	-	-
18.10 Expired during current period	40,000	-	\$4.70	18/12/04
18.11 <b>Debentures</b> (totals only)	-	-		
18.12 <b>Unsecured notes</b> (totals only)	-	-		

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

## 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

SEE ATTACHED RELEASE ISSUED BY DIRECTORS

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)

SEE ATTACHED RELEASE ISSUED BY DIRECTORS

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

Existing franking credits and franking credits arising from the payment of income tax after the proposed dividend are for pre-acquisition profits at 36% \$1,738,000 and post-acquisition profits at 36% \$58,209,000.

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<sup>o</sup> of AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts. Disclose changes in the preliminary final report in accordance with AASB 1001: Accounting Policies-Disclosure.)*

NIL

## Additional disclosure for trusts

- 19.1 Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties
- 19.2 A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity.
- Identify:
- initial service charges
  - management fees
  - other fees

## Annual meeting

*(Preliminary final report only)*

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

- Place
- Date
- Time
- Approximate date the annual report will be available

## 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 12).

Identify other standards used

- 2 This report, and the financial statements prepared under the Corporations Law (if separate), use the same accounting policies.
- 3 This report does/~~does not~~\* (*delete one*) give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

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4 This report is based on financial statements to which one of the following applies.

(Tick one)

The financial statements have been audited.



The financial statements have been subject to review.

The financial statements are in the process of being audited or subject to review.

The financial statements have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

5 If the audit report or review by the auditor is not attached, details of any qualifications are attached/will follow immediately they are available\* (*delete one*). (*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/~~does not have~~\* (*delete one*) a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: ..... Date: February 10, 2000  
(Company secretary)

Print name: B. H. G. Stofberg

## Notes

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. 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 1.4 "+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.
  - 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 annual report, the entity must describe the basis of revaluation adopted. The description must meet the requirements of paragraphs 9.1-9.4 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*.

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*. +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 +ordinary securities (ie, all liabilities, preference shares, outside +equity interests etc). +Mining entities are *not* required to state a net tangible asset backing per +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 consolidated financial statements. Details must include the contribution for each gain or loss that increased or decreased the entity’s consolidated +operating profit (loss) 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.

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. **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.

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12. **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.
13. **Corporations Law accounts** 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.
14. **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.

**Attachment to APPENDIX 4B**  
**Half Yearly Report**

Reports for Industry and Geographical Segments

	Operating Revenue		Segment Assets		Earnings Before Tax	
	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Australasia	191,459	168,732	561,477	546,480	46,254	35,515
United States	28,996	35,025	103,888	120,030	3,017	4,883
	220,455	203,757	665,365	666,510	49,271	40,398
Abnormal item	8,440	-	-	-	3,699	-
Net interest	539	215	-	-	(7,241)	(5,881)
	229,434	203,972	665,365	666,510	45,729	34,517

The company and its controlled entities operate predominantly in the publishing and printing industry.