

Appendix 4B (not equity accounted)

Half-yearly/Preliminary final report

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Name of entity

Rural Press Limited

ACN or ARBN	Half yearly (tick)	Preliminary final (tick)	Half year/financial year ended ('current period')
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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	19.6 %	to	408,384
Abnormal items after tax attributable to members (item 2.5)	gain of	-		-
+Operating profit (loss) before abnormal item and after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members (item 1.26)	up	11.4 %	to	41,870
+Operating profit (loss) before abnormal item after tax attributable to members (item 1.10)	up	11.4 %	to	41,715
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)	down	35.7 %	to	41,715

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	8.10 ¢	8.10 ¢
- Preferred	8.91 ¢	8.91 ¢
Previous corresponding period (Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7)		
- Ordinary	7.40 ¢	7.40 ¢
- Preferred	8.14 ¢	8.14 ¢
(Note: Special dividend paid on December 18, 1998 of 30 cents per Ordinary share and 33 cents per Preferred share is not included in the above)		
*Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) (see item 15.2)	October 26, 1999	
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	408,384	341,338
Proceeds on sale of Broadcasting Division	-	87,950
1.2 Other revenue	6,035	6,900
1.3 Total revenue	414,419	436,188
1.4 +Operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax	69,027	61,215
1.5 Abnormal items before tax (detail in item 2.4)	-	31,176
1.6 +Operating profit (loss) before tax (items 1.4 + 1.5)	69,027	92,391
1.7 Less tax	25,602	25,672
1.8 +Operating profit (loss) after tax but before outside +equity interests	43,425	66,719
1.9 Less outside +equity interests	1,710	1,854
1.10 +Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members	41,715	64,865
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	-	-
1.14 Total +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax (items 1.8 + 1.11)	43,425	66,719
1.15 +Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to outside +equity interests (items 1.9 + 1.12)	1,710	1,854
1.16 +Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (items 1.10 + 1.13)	41,715	64,865
1.17 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at beginning of financial period	125,989	80,321
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	187	535
1.20 Total available for appropriation (carried forward)	167,891	145,721

Consolidated profit and loss account continued

1.20	Total available for appropriation (<i>brought forward</i>)	167,891	145,721
1.21	Dividends provided for or paid	71,212	19,732
1.22	Aggregate of amounts transferred to reserves	-	-
1.23	Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period	96,679	125,989

Profit restated to exclude amortisation of goodwill

		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	43,596	66,893
1.25	Less (plus) outside +equity interests	1,726	1,880
1.26	+Operating profit (loss) after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members	41,870	65,013

Intangible, abnormal and extraordinary items

Consolidated - current period					
		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	171	-	16	155
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	1,219	-	-	1,219
2.3	Total amortisation of intangibles	1,390	-	16	1,374
2.4	Abnormal items	-	-	-	-
2.5	Total abnormal items	-	-	-	-
2.6	Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-
2.7	Total extraordinary items	-	-	-	-

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

		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)	21,067	35,982
3.2	Consolidated +operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members for the 2nd half year	20,648	28,883

Consolidated balance sheet

(See note 5)

	At end of current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000	As in last half yearly report \$A'000
Current assets			
4.1 Cash	33,765	9,972	6,784
4.2 Receivables	61,600	54,534	68,148
4.3 Investments	-	-	-
4.4 Inventories	13,752	15,815	15,003
4.5 Other (provide details if material)	3,881	2,791	6,395
4.6 Total current assets	112,998	83,112	96,330
Non-current assets			
4.7 Receivables	-	-	-
4.8 Investments	7,806	7,798	7,806
4.9 Inventories	-	-	-
4.10 Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised (see para .71 of AASB 1022)	-	-	-
4.11 Development properties (+mining entities)	-	-	-
4.12 Other property, plant and equipment (net)	134,813	73,733	125,504
4.13 Intangibles (net)	6,295	8,226	7,837
4.14 Other (Mastheads, Licences & FITB)	422,069	313,704	429,033
4.15 Total non-current assets	570,983	403,461	570,180
4.16 Total assets	683,981	486,573	666,510
Current liabilities			
4.17 Accounts payable	42,168	42,866	42,507
4.18 Borrowings	18,304	2,688	18,208
4.19 Provisions	39,340	32,124	29,257
4.20 Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.21 Total current liabilities	99,812	77,678	89,972
Non-current liabilities			
4.22 Accounts payable	1,969	2,121	2,332
4.23 Borrowings	268,675	101,871	266,681
4.24 Provisions	8,744	4,448	6,738
4.25 Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.26 Total non-current liabilities	279,388	108,440	275,751
4.27 Total liabilities	379,200	186,118	365,723
4.28 Net assets	304,781	300,455	300,787

Consolidated balance sheet (continued)

Equity				
4.29	Capital	168,381	116,690	168,381
4.30	Reserves	25,826	45,360	28,503
4.31	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	96,679	125,989	89,813
4.32	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	290,886	288,039	286,697
4.33	Outside +equity interests in controlled entities	13,895	12,416	14,090
4.34	Total equity	304,781	300,455	300,787
4.35	Preference capital and related premium 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	Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.10)	-	-

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	Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.11)	-	-

Consolidated statement of cash flows

(See note 6)

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1 Receipts from customers	404,423	336,425
7.2 Payments to suppliers and employees	(305,601)	(262,555)
7.3 Dividends received	96	331
7.4 Interest and other items of similar nature received	485	1,089
7.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(15,463)	(9,483)
7.6 Income taxes paid	(21,656)	(23,650)
7.7 Other (provide details if material)	-	-
7.8 Net operating cash flows	62,284	42,157
Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.9 Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(30,427)	(12,169)
7.10 Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	2,074	1,108
7.11 Payment for purchases of equity investments	-	(20)
7.12 Proceeds from sale of equity investments	200	1
7.13 Loans to other entities	-	-
7.14 Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.15 Other (provide details if material) Business disposal	-	87,479
Business acquired	(162,959)	(79,783)
7.16 Net investing cash flows	(191,112)	(3,384)
Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.17 Proceeds from issues of +securities (shares, options, etc.)	-	-
7.18 Proceeds from borrowings	192,100	78,839
7.19 Repayment of borrowings	(400)	(104,860)
7.20 Dividends paid	(34,415)	(17,923)
7.21 Other (provide details if material)	(1,906)	(11,420)
7.22 Net financing cash flows	155,379	(55,364)
7.23 Net increase (decrease) in cash held	26,551	(16,591)
7.24 Cash at beginning of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	9,883	25,687
7.25 Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.24.	(1,048)	787
7.26 Cash at end of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	35,386	9,883

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

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	33,765	9,972
8.2 Deposits at call	1,713	2,415
8.3 Bank overdraft	(92)	(2,504)
8.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
8.5 Total cash at end of period (item 7.25)	35,386	9,883

Ratios

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
9.1 Profit before abnormals and tax / sales Consolidated +operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax (item 1.4) as a percentage of sales revenue (item 1.1)	16.9 %	17.9 %
9.2 Profit after tax / +equity interests 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)	14.3 %	22.5 %

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	\$0.256	\$0.408
(b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))	\$0.254	\$0.408
(c) Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of the Basic EPS	163,059,074	159,123,219
(d) Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of the Diluted EPS	164,082,224	159,123,219

The 1998 figure includes the abnormal sale of the Broadcasting Division. Adjusting for the abnormal item the the Basic earnings per share would have been \$0.232.

NTA backing

(see note 7)

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security	\$1.69	\$1.70

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	485	1,089
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.)	15,463	9,483
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)	13,580	9,072

Control gained over entities having material effect

(See note 8)

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	The Federal Capital Press of Australia Pty. Limited and subsidiary
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	\$7,621,000
13.3 Date from which such profit has been calculated	September 23, 1998
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	Nil

Loss of control of entities having material effect

(See note 8)

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Nil
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	-
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	-
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	-
14.5	Contribution to consolidated +operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	-

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

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Unallocated revenue

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Total revenue (consolidated total equal to item 1.3)

NOTE

Segment result (including abnormal items where relevant)

Unallocated expenses

Consolidated +operating profit before tax (before equity accounting) (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 4.16))	

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	November 4, 1999
15.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of registrable transfers received up to 5.00 pm if paper based, or by "End of Day" if a proper +SCH transfer)	October 26, 1999
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? <i>(Preliminary final report only)</i>	No

Amount per security

				Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 36% tax
<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i>					
15.4	Final dividend:	Current year	ordinary	8.10 ¢	8.10 ¢
			preferred	8.91 ¢	8.91 ¢
15.5	Final dividend:	Previous year	ordinary	7.40 ¢	7.40 ¢
			preferred	8.14 ¢	8.14 ¢
<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i>					
15.6	Interim dividend:	Current year	ordinary	4.60 ¢	4.60 ¢
			preferred	5.06 ¢	5.06 ¢
15.7	Interim dividend:	Previous year	ordinary	4.60 ¢	4.60 ¢
			preferred	5.06 ¢	5.06 ¢

(Note: Special dividend paid on December 18, 1998 of 30 cents per Ordinary share and 33 cents per Preferred share is not included in the above)

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

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year	Previous year
15.8	+Ordinary securities	12.70 ¢	12.00 ¢
15.9	Preference +securities	13.97 ¢	13.20 ¢

**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	8,999	7,850
15.11	Preference +securities	4,969	4,318
15.12	Total	13,968	12,168

(Note: Special dividend paid on December 18, 1998 of 30 cents per Ordinary share and 33 cents per Preferred share is not included in the above)

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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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	Equity carrying value of investments	NIL	NIL

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	Previous corresponding period	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
17.1 Equity accounted associated entities			<i>Equity accounted</i>	
NOT APPLICABLE				
17.2 Other material interests			<i>Not equity accounted (ie part of item 1.14)</i>	
NOT APPLICABLE				

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	Number issued	Number quoted	Par value (cents)	Paid-up value (cents)
18.1 Preference +securities: Preferred Shares	53,041,290	53,041,290	N/A	N/A
18.2 Issued during current period	2,731,950	2,731,950	N/A	N/A
18.3 +Ordinary securities	106,081,929	106,081,929	N/A	N/A
18.4 Issued during current period	5,011,207	5,011,207	N/A	N/A
18.5 +Convertible debt securities (description and conversion factor)	nil	Nil	nil	Nil
18.6 Issued during current period	nil	Nil	nil	Nil
18.7 Options (description and conversion factor) Options granted under the Executive Option Plan, approved by shareholders on October 9, 1998.	nil	Nil	Exercise price	Expiry date (if any)
			nil	Nil
18.8 Issued during current period	1,925,000	Nil	4.70	18-12-2004
18.9 Exercised during current period	nil	Nil	nil	Nil
18.10 Expired during current period	nil	Nil	nil	nil
18.11 Debentures (totals only)	nil	Nil		
18.12 Unsecured notes (totals only)	nil	Nil		

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% \$4,807,000 and post-acquisition profits at 36% \$90,990,000.

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(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)

NIL

Additional disclosure for trusts

- 19.1 Number of units held by the management company or a related party of it

Not applicable

- 19.2 A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company.
Identify:
- initial service charges
 - management fees
 - other fees
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Annual meeting

(Preliminary final report only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	159 Bells Line of Road, North Richmond, NSW 2754
Date	October 15, 1999
Time	10.30am
Approximate date the annual report will be available	September 15, 1999

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

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- 2 This report, and the financial statements prepared under the Corporations Law (if separate), use the same accounting policies.
- 3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

- 4 This report is based on financial statements to which one of the following applies.
(Tick one)
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The financial statements have been audited. | <input type="checkbox"/> | The financial statements have been subject to review. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The financial statements are in the process of being audited or subject to review. | <input type="checkbox"/> | The financial statements have <i>not</i> 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 a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: Date: August 26, 1999
(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 ASC 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 an ASC Class Order dated 9 July 1997, 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 +ASC under the Corporations Law must also be given to ASX. For example, a directors' report and statement, if lodged with the +ASC, must be given to ASX.

- 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 yearly financial statements if prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

**Attachment to APPENDIX 4B
 Preliminary Final 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 - Publishing	336,766	281,959	560,307	369,705	73,750	57,830
- Commercial Radio Broadcasting	5,127	7,279	10,944	-	752	1,700
	341,893	289,238	571,251	369,705	74,502	59,530
United States - Publishing	72,041	57,911	112,730	116,868	9,503	10,079
	413,934	347,149	683,981	486,573	84,005	69,609
Abnormal item	-	87,950	-	-	-	31,176
Net interest	485	1,089	-	-	(14,978)	(8,394)
	414,419	436,188	683,981	486,573	69,027	92,391

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