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## **ANTICIPATED 30 JUNE 2019 FINANCIAL RESULT**

Ariadne Australia Limited's net profit before tax attributable to members for the year to 30 June 2019 is expected to be in the range of \$2.0 million to \$4.5 million (FY18: \$19.4 million). This forecast is subject to the operating performance of subsidiaries and associates during the final quarter, and routine period end accounting and audit review.

In addition, year-to-date mark-to-market adjustments to the investment portfolio and foreign exchange movements, attributable to members before tax as reported in other comprehensive income is currently estimated to be a \$30.3 million net loss (FY18: \$7.2 million net loss). This result may change based on the fair values included in other comprehensive income of our associates and also remains subject to routine period end accounting and audit review.

The net loss in other comprehensive income is principally attributable to the decline in market value during the period of the two largest investment holdings - ClearView Wealth Limited ("Clearview") and Ardent Leisure Group ("Ardent") - which closed on balance date 43% (\$0.66 down from \$1.16) and 47% (\$1.05 down from \$1.975) below their respective 30 June 2018 closing prices. The loss represented by the material reduction in market value of these investments is unrealised and Ariadne anticipates that the respective share prices of these holdings will recover over time.

During the period Ariadne received its first dividend from its associate, Hillgrove Resources Ltd, which reflects the initial success of Hillgrove's strategy of accumulating cash from mining operations, with further distributions likely to follow over the next 18 months.

Also, as previously announced, Ariadne's associate, Orams New Zealand Unit Trust, entered into a development agreement relating to the property known as Site 18 adjoining the existing Orams Marine Village facilities. The agreement is still subject to satisfaction of a number of conditions precedent. Ariadne believes that the development has the potential to create significant value over time.

Ariadne is in a strong financial position, with good investments and cash reserves of approximately \$40m at balance date.

## **ENDS**

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