

Highlights for the period ended 31 December 2019:

- Interim dividend of 2.5 cents per share, fully franked
- Net profit after tax of \$17.1 million
- Investment return of 7.5%ⁱ

Pengana International Equities Limited (**ASX: PIA**), the leading global equities ethical listed investment company, today announced a profit of \$17.1 million after tax in the period to 31 December 2019, a significant improvement on prior comparable period.

The Company today declared an interim dividend of 2.5 cents per share, fully franked. The dividend will be paid on 30 April to shareholders on the register at the record date of 9 April. The dividend reinvestment plan will operate for the interim dividend.

Frank Gooch, Chairman of PIA, said: "The results for the six months to 31 December 2019 demonstrates the success of the investment strategy, and is especially pleasing as it follows the first reporting period under the enhanced ethical framework which came into place on 1 July 2019."

The fully franked dividend is driven by the strong investment performance of the portfolio throughout the period and is consistent with the Company's aim to deliver a stream of fully franked dividends.

The Company's investment portfolio delivered a return, net of operating costs and management fees, of 7.5%ⁱ for the six month period to 31 December 2019. The investment strategy of the portfolio, which is managed by Pengana Capital Group Limited (PCG), is designed to generate long-term consistent returns whilst reducing both the volatility of returns and the risk of losing capital. The portfolio is diversified in terms of both geographies and sectors, and over the course of the period has been positioned to be overweight Europe and Emerging Markets.

Russel Pillemer, CEO of PCG, said: "The Pengana International Equity team has again delivered strong risk-adjusted returns due to strong stock selection and the robust and unique portfolio construction."

The Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") for the period ending 31 December 2019 was 11% taking into account the 7.6% increase in PIA's share price, and the partially franked final dividend of 3.5 cents per share paid to shareholders on 19 November 2019.

The discount to pre-tax Net Tangible Asset ("NTA") per share at which the PIA shares traded during year narrowed during the period to 12.6% at 31 December 2019.

The on market buyback commenced on 10 September and since then approximately 586,000 shares have been bought back, at an average discount of 14.2% to the last reported NTA on trade date.

Since balance date to 14 February 2020 the Company's investment portfolio has delivered a return, net of operating costs and management fees of 7.3%ⁱⁱ whilst the Company's share price was trading at \$1.17 at the close of market on 21 February 2020, up from \$1.13 at 31 December 2019.

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About Pengana International Equities Limited

Pengana International Equities Limited provides access to the benefits of an actively managed core portfolio of 30-50 ethically screened companies across developed and developing global markets via a listed investment company structure.

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ⁱ For the six months ending 31 December 2019. Performance figures refer to the movement in net assets per share, reversing out the impact of option exercises and payments of dividends, before tax paid or accrued on realised and unrealised gains. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance, the value of investments can go up and down.

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