

ABN 89 008 108 227

IRONBARK CAPITAL LIMITED APPENDIX 4D

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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The documents comprise the information required under Listing Rule 4.2A and should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report as at 30 June 2020.

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The previous corresponding period is the half-year ended 31 December 2019. The Half-Year Financial Report has been subject to review by the Company's auditors.

Revenue and Profit	2020 \$'000		% Change
Investment revenue from ordinary activities	4,955	Up	279.7%
Net profit after income tax expense	3,618	Up	251.9%

Earnings	2020 Cents		% Change
Earnings per share	2.94	Up	254.2%

Net Tangible Asset Backing per share (NTA)				
	31	-Dec-20		% Change
NTA before provision for tax on unrealised gains	\$	0.531	Down	-4.3%
NTA after provision for tax on unrealised gains	\$	0.528	Down	-4.0%

The NTA is after payment of fully franked dividends of 2.2 cents per share since the previous corresponding period

- The interim dividend payable in this financial year is 1 cent per share, fully franked. This has been declared since the period end for ordinary shareholders on the register as at 26 February 2021. This is payable on 23 March 2021.
- The interim dividend for the corresponding period was 1.2 cents per share fully franked and was paid in March 2020.
- The Dividend Reinvestment Plan remains suspended.

Ironbark Capital Limited
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Chairman's Commentary
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Investment Performance

For the latest half-year, the portfolio returned 8.87% inclusive of franking credits, outperforming the benchmark (1 year swap + 6%p.a.) of 3.06%. This was a good result with performance achieved at just 29% volatility of the S&P/ASX 300.

The Investment Manager's report by Kaplan Funds Management (KFM) which follows, sets out in detail the investment experience in the latest half-year.

Results for the Half-Year

The positive performance of the portfolio contributed to the \$3.62m profit after tax for the half-year, up from the \$1.03m on the previous corresponding half-year. The continuing recovery in the market to near pre-COVID-19 levels contributed to the \$4.35m unrealised gain, particularly from the banks and BHP. Revenue was \$1.33m down from the \$1.59m on the comparative period. The deferral or reduction in company dividends, together with an extremely low interest rate environment were the key contributors to the lower income result.

Expenses were contained with an MER of 0.91% on an annualised basis.

Since the end of the half-year, the Directors have declared a fully franked dividend of 1 cent per share to be paid on 23 March 2021.

Dividend Outlook

Ironbark has a policy to pay fully franked dividends as company profits create the opportunity to do so. In the current year we are constrained by a lack of franking credits. The Company accumulates franking credits from the receipt of franked dividends from its investments and payment of tax. Dividends from banks and some other investments have declined as a result of COVID uncertainties, and hybrid distributions have declined due to lower interest rates. While profits have been substantial, the Company has not paid tax during the year because profit was largely comprised of unrealised gains. The Company pays tax when there are realised gains, after having regard to realised tax losses. Going forward there may be some improvement in the dividend payments from the underlying investments but this will be subject to the impact of the gradual withdrawal of the government stimulus and the management of the pandemic from hereon.

Capital Management

Since the AGM approval and announcement of the Buy-Back in November 2020, the share price has rallied and the discount on the Ironbark shares has narrowed, currently trading at a discount of around 6.8% to NTA of \$0.531, before tax on unrealised gains/losses. The Buy-Back of up to 30% of shares is scheduled to occur in the 2nd half of the 2021 calendar year for a 4 week period, commencing on 5 October 2021 and ending on 1 November 2021.

Ironbark Outlook

As the world emerges from the pandemic the uncertainty and volatility will continue as the challenges emanating from the COVID-19 pandemic affect the leading world economies in different ways. Also, the ongoing tensions with China and the US under the new Biden administration will add to the impact on our markets over the next six months.

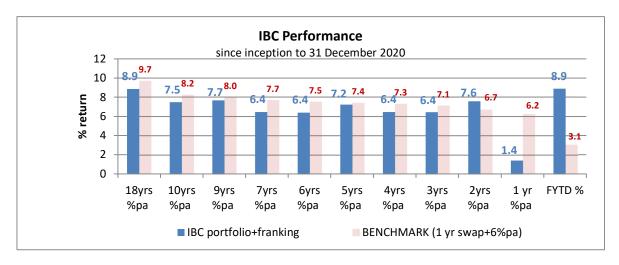
Michael J Cole AM Chairman

Investment Manager Report -half year to 31 December 2020

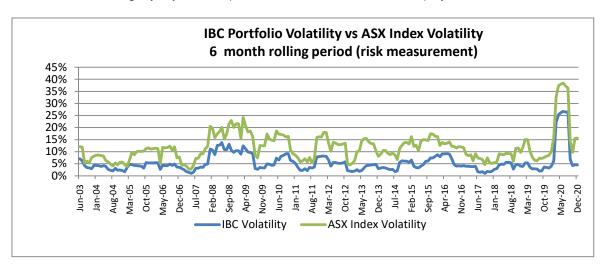
The manager's focus is to deliver consistent returns and a high fully franked dividend yield from the portfolio. IBC's performance benchmark is the 1-year swap rate plus 6% per annum.

Performance measurement includes franking credits and option premium income. Franking credits are a significant source of return from IBC's hybrid investments and for shareholders. Option premium income is generated from buy & write activity and varies with market conditions. Over the financial year to date, realised option premium income was a loss of -\$90,700 (0.15% of the portfolio) as positions were rolled to higher strike prices. The calculation of the portfolio's current running yield of 5.4% excludes option income because realised option premiums are highly variable from year to year.

IBC recorded a portfolio return of 8.87% over the half year outperforming its benchmark return of 3.06%. Since inception, over 18 years including two crisis periods (GFC & Covid-19), the portfolio achieved a return of 8.9%pa with risk measured in terms of volatility approximately 57% of equity market risk.



IBC's focus on income generation and capital preservation from a balanced portfolio structure has delivered higher returns per unit of volatility(risk) compared to the equities market. Over 10 years, IBC's return was 7.40%pa with 7.3% volatility compared to the ASX 200 Accumulation Index return including franking credits of 9.46%pa with 13.6% volatility. The portfolio demonstrated defensive qualities particularly during large drawdowns in the equities market in early 2020 and produced a 1 year return to December 2020 slightly shy of the equities market return with 65% of equity market risk.



Portfolio

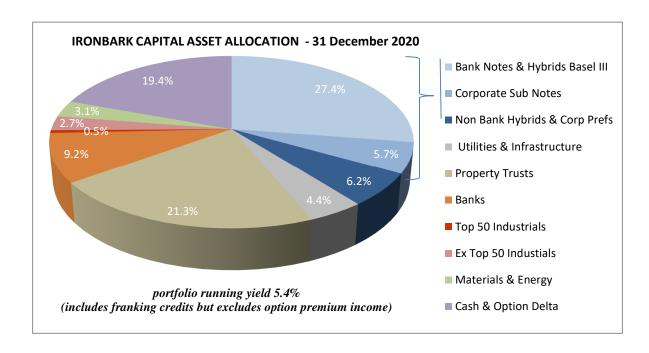
The portfolio is structured with an emphasis on income through yield orientated securities (hybrids and corporate bonds, utilities, property trusts) and buy & write positions in Banks, BHP, Telstra and other leading companies. The portfolio's running yield was 5.4% inclusive of franking credits but excluding option premium income.

The buy & write strategy involves buying selective shares and selling, subject to appropriate timing, call options over those shares. This strategy gives away some of the upside potential from a shareholding but generates option premium income consistent with the income emphasis of the portfolio.

The portfolio is diversified across 28 different entities. Higher risk exposures in banks, industrials and resources are largely held through buy & write option positions for income enhancement or added protection. The portfolio's hybrid and corporate bond holdings are mostly floating rate securities with little duration risk.

Approximately 39% of the portfolio was held in hybrids and corporate bonds and 13% in buy & writes in Banks, Telstra and BHP. The balance was represented by: 21.3% in property trusts, 2.7% in mid-cap and small companies, 4.4% in utilities and 19.4% held in cash & option delta.

Asset allocation reflects a cautious stance.



Portfolio Performance-half year to 31 December 2020

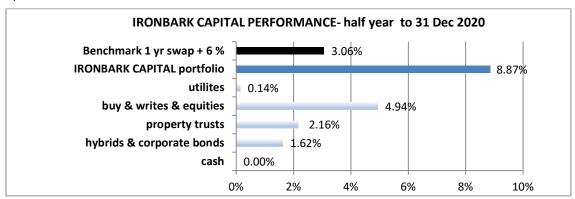
The portfolio recorded a return of 8.87% for the half year compared to the benchmark return of 3.06% and the equities market return of 13.73%. Portfolio volatility compressed substantially to 4.5% (approximately 30% of ASX Index volatility).

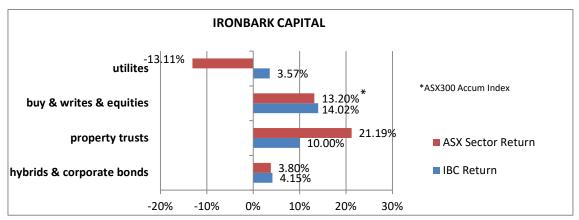
Equities and buy & writes returned 14.0% largely represented by the banks and BHP that gained 15% and 21% respectively. Written call options constrained the returns. By the end of the quarter portfolio cash exposure was 19.4% from a rise in option delta of 6%.

The emphasis in property trusts on long WALE REITS produced returns of 10.0% with higher bond yields dampening gains. The property trust sector, up 21%, was led higher by a rebound in retail facing trusts, of which the portfolio has minimal exposure.

Utilities returned 3.6% against sector losses of -13.1%. Emphasis on the cashflow certainty of regulated utilities such as Spark Infrastructure helped produce the good return.

Hybrid and corporate bond holdings continued to perform well with a return of 4.2%. NABHA rallied 10.4% from the early redemption of the \$2bn perpetual issue on the 29 January. Hybrid new issuance, largely replacement securities, all traded at premiums on listing: WBC (5 yr, 320bps), NAB (7 yr, 350bps), BOQPF (6.5 yr, 380 bps). The portfolio participated in the new issuance of listed hybrids and unlisted subordinated notes issued by Ampol (6yr, 360bps) and AusNet (5yr, 310bps). A new listed Mutual Capital Instrument (MCI) was also purchased. The MCI was issued by Australian Unity and is a form of preferred equity for mutuals, created specifically to access permanent capital without losing mutual entity status. The Australian Unity perpetual MCI was attractively priced at a 5% fully franked fix yield or 7.14% grossed up.





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Portfolio Shareholdings at 31 December 2020

		Market Value*	% of	%
ASX Code	Security	\$'000	portfolio	exposure**
ANZ	Banks ANZ Banking Group Limited	2,401	3.8	2.0
CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited	3,341	5.3	4.1
NAB	National Australia Bank Limited	1,645	2.6	0.7
WBC	Westpac Banking Corporation Limited	2,846	4.5	2.4
		10,233	16.2	9.2
	Hybrida & Carmarata Banda			
ALD1280	Hybrids & Corporate Bonds Ampol Limited - Subordinated Notes (Unlisted)	1,282	2.0	2.0
AMPPA	AMP Limited - Capital Notes	301	0.5	0.5
ANZPG	ANZ Banking Group Limited - Capital Notes	743	1.2	1.2
AUS1080	AusNet Services Limited - Subordinated Notes (Unlisted)	1,036	1.6	1.6
AYUPA	Australian Unity Limited - Mutual Capital Instrument	1,000	1.6	1.6
BOQPE/PF	Bank of Queensland Limited - Capital Notes	2,556	4.0	4.0
BENPG	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Limited - Convertible Preference Shares	483	0.8	0.8
CBAPG/PI	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited - Capital Notes	1,200	1.9	1.9
IAGPD	Insurance Australia Group Limited - Capital Notes	2,084	3.3	3.3
MAC05	Macquarie Bank Limited - Subordinated Notes (Unlisted)	524	0.8	0.8
MBLPC	Macquarie Bank Limited - Capital Notes	641	1.0	1.0
MQGPC/PD NABPD/PF/PH	Macquarie Group Limited - Capital Notes	1,525	2.4 4.8	2.4 4.8
NABPD/PF/PH NAB25	National Australia Bank Limited - Capital Notes National Australia Bank Limited - Capital Notes (Unlisted)	3,074 515	4.6 0.8	0.8
NAB25 NAB25F	National Australia Bank Limited - Fixed Capital Notes (Unlisted)	520	0.8	0.8
NABHA	National Australia Bank Limited - Income Securities	1,081	1.7	1.7
QUBHA	Qube Holdings Limited - Subordinated Notes	1,339	2.1	2.1
RHCPA	Ramsay Healthcare Limited - Perpetual Preference Securities	578	0.9	0.9
SUNPF/PG	Suncorp Group Limited - Capital Notes	2,653	4.2	4.2
WBCPG	Westpac Banking Corporation Limited - Capital Notes	1,945	3.1	3.1
		25,080	39.5	39.5
	Large Industrial			
TLS	Telstra Corporation Limited	328	0.5	0.5
		328	0.5	0.5
DUD	Materials & Energy	0.001	14.0	0.4
ВНР	BHP Billiton Limited	9,291 9,291	14.6 14.6	3.1 3.1
		9,291	14.0	3.1
	Property			
AUHW	Australian Unity Healthcare Wholesale Fund (Unlisted)	2,162	3.4	3.4
CIP	Centuria Industrial REIT	598	0.9	0.9
COF	Centuria Office REIT	483	0.8	8.0
CLW	Charter Hall Long WALE REIT	4,871	7.7	7.7
GOZ PWG	Growthpoint Properties Australia	439 351	0.7 0.6	0.7 0.6
SCP	Primewest Group SCA Property Group	239	0.6	0.6
WPR	Waypoint REIT	4,757	7.5	7.5
****	raypoint re-r	13,900	22.0	22.0
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	Small Industrial			
SDF	Steadfast Group Limited	1,337	2.1	2.1
		1,337	2.1	2.1
	Utilities & Infrastructure			
D2O	Duxton Water Limited	28	-	-
SKI	Spark Infrastructure Group	2,784	4.4	4.4
		2,812	4.4	4.4
	Cash	456	0.7	19.2
		63,437	100.0	100.0
	*Includes market value of options written against holdings	00,707	100.0	130.0
	**Includes option delta written against holdings			
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Ironbark Capital Limited ABN 89 008 108 227

Financial Report For the half-year ended 31 December 2020 **Directors** Michael J Cole AM BEcon, MEcon, FFin, Chairman

Ross J Finley BCom Ian J Hunter BA LLB, MBA

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Ironbark Capital Limited
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Directors' Report
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report on the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of Ironbark Capital Limited during the period and up to the date of this report:

Michael J Cole AM, Chairman Ross J Finley Ian J Hunter

Review of Operations

The profit from ordinary activities after income tax for the half-year to 31 December 2020 was \$3,618,000 (2019: \$1,028,000). The \$4.3 million unrealised gain was the main contributor to this good result reflecting the recovery in the banks and BHP. The lower income result reflected the reduction in dividends from the banks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting low interest rate environment.

A fully franked dividend of 1 cent per share has been declared since the end of the half-year and is payable on 23 March 2021.

Rounding of amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Report. Amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Report have been rounded off in accordance with that instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

Auditor's independence declaration

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A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 11.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Michael J Cole AM

Chairman

Sydney 19 February 2021



IRONBARK CAPITAL LIMITED ABN 89 008 108 227

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER S 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF IRONBARK CAPITAL LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the half-year ended 31 December 2020 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Mark Schiliro Director

Sydney 19 February 2021

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		Half-year e	ended
		31 December	31 December
		2020	2019
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income from trading portfolio			
Revenue	3	1,333	1,587
Net gain/(loss) on trading portfolio	3	3,622	(282)
Total investment income from trading portfolio		4,955	1,305
Expenses			
Management fees		(126)	(140)
Performance fees		•	` 30
Brokerage expense		(13)	(7)
Accounting fees		(27)	(23)
Share registry fees		(9)	(15)
Custody fees		(16)	(14)
Tax fees		(6)	(7)
Directors' liability insurance		(13)	(10)
Legal fees		(6)	-
Directors' fees		(33)	(33)
ASX fees		(22)	(23)
Audit fees		(15)	(15)
Option fees		(10)	(10)
Other expenses		(27)	(30)
Total expenses		(323)	(297)
Profit before income tax		4,632	1,008
Income tax (expense)/benefit		(1,014)	20
Net profit for the period		3,618	1,028
Other comprehensive income for the period net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		3,618	1,028
Basic and diluted earnings per share	6	Cents 2.94	Cents 0.83

The above Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

	Notes	31 December 2020 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		456	645
Trade and other receivables		385	296
Trading portfolio		62,981	58,146
Other assets Total current assets		21 63,843	<u>3</u> 59,090
Total current assets		03,043	59,090
Non- current assets			
Deferred tax assets		1,850	2,501
Total non-current assets		1,850	2,501
Total assets		65,693	61,591
Total assets		03,093	01,391
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		191	71
Total current liabilities		191	71
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		369	5
Total non-current liabilities		369	5
Total liabilities		560	76
Net assets		65,133	61,515
Equity	_		
Issued capital	7	67,374	67,374
Profit reserve Accumulated losses		3,994	376 (6.235)
Accumulated losses		(6,235)	(6,235)
Total equity		65,133	61,515

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

	Notes	Issued capital \$'000	Profit reserve \$'000	Accumulated losses \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2020		67,374	376	(6,235)	61,515
Profit for the period		-	-	3,618	3,618
Transfer to profit reserve		-	3,618	(3,618)	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		67,374	3,994	(6,235)	65,133
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid	5	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2020		67,374	3,994	(6,235)	65,133
Balance at 1 July 2019		67,374	961	(1,496)	66,839
Profit for the period		-	-	1,028	1,028
Transfer to profit reserve		-	1,494	(1,494)	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		67,374	2,455	(1,962)	67,867
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid	5	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2019		67,374	2,455	(1,962)	67,867

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

	Half-year ended		
	Notes	31 December 2020 \$'000	31 December 2019 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		39	74
Net (purchases)/proceeds of trading portfolio		(1,041)	2,344
Dividends & trust distributions received		1,148	1,684
Other income received		20	· -
Management fees paid		(124)	(139)
Performance fees paid		-	(789)
Other expenses paid		(231)	(216)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(189)	2,958
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid to shareholders	5	-	-
Net cash outflow from financing activities		-	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(189)	2,958
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		645	309
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period		456	3,267
Non cash: Distribution reinvestment		46	-

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

1. Basis of preparation of half-year report

This general purpose interim financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2020 has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*. The Company is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

This interim financial report is intended to provide users with an update on the latest annual financial statements of Ironbark Capital Limited. It is therefore recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2020, together with any public announcements made during the following half-year. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year end and corresponding interim reporting period.

This interim financial report was authorised for issue on 19 February 2021.

2. Segment information

The Company has only one reportable segment. The Company operates predominantly in Australia and in one industry being the securities industry, deriving revenue from dividend income, interest income and from the sale of its trading portfolio.

3. Revenue

	Half-year ended		
	2020	31 December 2019	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Dividends	713	1,167	
Interest	46	71	
Distributions	554	349	
Other income	20	-	
	1,333	1,587	
Net gains/(losses) on trading portfolio			
Net realised losses on trading portfolio	(728)	(1,356)	
Net unrealised gains on trading portfolio	4,350	1,074	
	3,622	(282)	
	4,955	1,305	

4. Fair value measurements

The Company measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy (consistent with the hierarchy applied to financial assets and financial liabilities):

- (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1)
- (b) inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (level 2), and
- (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

4. Fair value measurements (continued)

The following table presents the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2020:

31 December 2020

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Trading portfolio	56,942	6,039	-	62,981
Total	56,942	6,039	-	62,981
30 June 2020				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets				
Trading portfolio	55,170	2,976	-	58,146
Total	55,170	2,976	-	58,146

There were no transfers between levels for recurring fair value measurements during the period. The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period.

5. Dividends

(a) Ordinary Shares

	Half-yea	Half-year ended		
	31 December	31 December		
	2020	2019		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Dividends provided for or paid during the half-year		-		

(b) Dividend rate

Dividends provided for or paid and fully franked at 26% tax rate (2020: 27.5%).

Since the end of the half-year, the Directors have declared a fully franked dividend of 1 cent per share to be paid on 23 March 2021. The aggregate amount of \$1.232 million has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the period.

6. Earnings per share

(a) Basic and diluted earnings per share

Half-year ended				
31 December	31 December			
2020	2019			
Cents	Cents			

From continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company

2.94 0.83

(b) Weighted average number of shares used as denominator

Half-year ended				
31 December	31 December			
2020	2019			
Number	Number			

Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share

123,166,545 123,166,545

7. Issued capital

	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June
	2020	2020	2020	2020
	Shares	Shares	\$'000	\$'000
Ordinary shares - fully paid	123,166,545	123,166,545	67,374	67,374

8. Contingencies

The Investment Management Agreement entered into by the Company with Kaplan Funds Management Pty Ltd may be terminated by either party giving to the other no less than one-year written notice of its intention to do so.

The Company had no other contingent liabilities at 31 December 2020 (2019: nil).

9. Events occurring after the reporting period

Other than the declaration of a fully franked dividend of 1 cent per share, as outlined in note 5, no other matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to the period end that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company or economic entity in subsequent financial years.

Ironbark Capital Limited
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Directors' Declaration
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the Interim Financial Statements and notes set out on pages 12 to 18 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001, and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Michael J Cole AM Chairman

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Sydney 19 February 2021



IRONBARK CAPITAL LIMITED ABN 89 008 108 227

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IRONBARK CAPITAL LIMITED ABN 89 008 108 227

Report on the Half-year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Ironbark Capital Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-year Financial Report

The directors of Ironbark Capital Limited are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410: Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including: giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001. As the auditor of Ironbark Capital Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Ironbark Capital Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of Ironbark Capital Limited's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

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