

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited

ACN 612 843 517

Interim Financial Report For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited

ACN 612 843 517

Interim Financial Report For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Contents	Page
Directors' Report	3
Auditor's Independence Declaration	6
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	7
Statement of Financial Position	8
Statement of Changes in Equity	9
Statement of Cash Flows	11
Notes to the Financial Statements	12
Directors' Declaration	18
Independent Auditor's Review Report	19

This interim financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included in an Annual Financial Report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with any public announcements made by Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited

ACN 612 843 517

Corporate Directory

Directors

Jonathan Trollip (Chairman)
Lorraine Berends
Chris Cuffe AO
Alex Ihlenfeldt
Andrew Findlay

Secretary

Calvin Kwok

Investment Manager

Antipodes Partners Limited
ACN 602 042 035
Level 35, 60 Margaret Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Fax: +61 (0) 2 8970 7799
Toll Free: 1300 010 311

Registered Office

Level 19, 307 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Fax: +61 (0) 7 3020 3710

Principal Place of Business

Level 35, 60 Margaret Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Tel: 1300 651 577

Share Register

Boardroom Pty Limited
Level 12, 225 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Toll Free: 1300 737 760
International: +61 (0) 2 9290 9600
www.investorsserve.com.au

Auditors

Pitcher Partners
Level 16, Tower 2 Darling Park
201 Sussex Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Tel: +61 (0) 2 9221 2099
Fax: +61 (0) 2 9223 1762
www.pitcher.com.au

Lawyers

Mont Lawyers
Suite 18, 50 Stanley Street
Darlinghurst NSW 2010
Tel: +61 (0) 2 9059 8111
www.montlawyers.com

Stock Exchange

Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)
ASX code: APL Ordinary shares

Website Address

<http://antipodespartners.com/apl/>

Directors' Report

The directors present their report together with the financial statements of Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited ("the Company") for the half-year ended 31 December 2020.

The Company is a company limited by shares and is incorporated in Australia.

Directors

The following persons were directors of the Company during the half-year and up to the date of this report:

Jonathan Trollip (Chairman)
Lorraine Berends
Chris Cuffe AO
Alex Ihlenfeldt
Andrew Findlay

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is to provide shareholders with exposure to a high conviction portfolio of global investments, predominantly comprised of long and short positions in international listed securities. There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity during the half-year.

Review of operations

The Company offers investors access to a long-short global securities investment portfolio with a currency overlay. The Company's portfolio is constructed in accordance with the investment approach of Antipodes Partners Limited ("the Manager") which aspires to grow wealth over the long-term by generating positive returns in excess of the benchmark at below market levels of risk.

Investment activities for the half-year ended 31 December 2020 resulted in an operating profit before tax of \$51,757,000 and an operating profit after tax of \$36,059,000. This compares to an operating profit before tax of \$16,689,000 and an operating profit after tax of \$12,122,000 in the prior corresponding period.

The Company paid its 2020 final dividend of 2.5 cents per share (2019: 2.5 cents per share), franked as to 50%, on 30 September 2020 with a record date of 9 September 2020. This was in accordance with the Company's intention to pay dividends to shareholders at least annually, subject to available profits, cash flow and franking credits and provided it is within prudent business practice to do so.

The Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend of 2.0 cents per share, franked as to 50%, payable to shareholders on 31 March 2021 with a record date of 10 March 2021. The Company's dividend reinvestment plan will be available for this dividend.

Directors' Report (continued)

Performance

We consider that it is useful to report performance from three different perspectives:

- (1) Firstly, to show how the Manager has performed (after deducting management and any performance fees paid to it and other direct costs of managing the portfolio) compared to a relevant benchmark. We refer to this as the Manager performance. The relevant benchmark used is the MSCI All Country World Net Index in AUD; this is commonly used to measure international shares' performance and is also used in calculating any Manager performance fees;
- (2) Secondly, to show how the Company has performed based on NTA before all income taxes, adjusted for dividends paid and the effect of share capital related transactions such as the exercise of options and share buy-backs, which we refer to as Company performance. This measure incorporates underlying portfolio performance after fees as mentioned above, less administration costs of the Company; and
- (3) Finally, to show the Total Shareholder Return or TSR performance, which is a measure of the change in the share price adjusted for dividends paid during the period. The TSR performance does not include the value of any franking credits when they are paid to shareholders. The TSR performance can be an important measure as often the share market can trade at a premium or discount to the NTA.

The results of each of these measures for the half-year ended 31 December 2020 are provided below:

Manager performance	+10.4%
Portfolio benchmark	+10.6%
Manager out-performance	-0.2%
Company performance	+10.2%
TSR performance	+16.0%

On-market share buy-back

On 19 July 2019, the Company announced it would undertake an on-market share buy-back of up to 37,569,837 shares over the period 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020. This amount was subsequently increased to 53,860,207 shares on 12 December 2019.

On 21 April 2020 upon approval at an extraordinary general meeting the Company updated the buy-back to allow the buy-back of a maximum 70,000,000 shares over the period 21 April 2020 to 20 April 2021.

During the half-year ended 31 December 2020, 11,140,103 shares had been purchased under the buy-back for consideration of \$10,247,000. This brings the total amount purchased under the buy-back from its inception to 31 December 2020 to 74,330,941 shares for consideration of \$70,941,000.

No further shares have been purchased under the buy-back since period end.

Directors' Report (continued)

Matters subsequent to the end of the half-year

Apart from as disclosed in note 7 to the interim financial statements, no matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to period end that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect,

- (i) the operations of the Company in future financial periods; or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial periods; or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Company in future financial periods.

Significant changes in state of affairs

Apart from as noted above, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the half-year ended 31 December 2020.


Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 6.

Rounding of amounts

In accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, the amounts in the directors' report have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, or the nearest dollar (where indicated).

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Jonathan Trollip
Chairman
Sydney
25 February 2021

Level 16, Tower 2 Darling Park
201 Sussex Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Postal Address
GPO Box 1615
Sydney NSW 2001

p. +61 2 9221 2099
e. sydneypartners@pitcher.com.au

**Auditor's Independence Declaration
To the Directors of Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
ABN 38 612 843 517**

In relation to the independent auditor's review of Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2020, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor's independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



S M Whiddett
Partner

Pitcher Partners
Sydney

25 February 2021

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

		Half-year ended	
		31 December	31 December
		2020	2019
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income			
Interest income		259	442
Dividend income		3,900	5,264
Net foreign exchange losses		(5,348)	(2,480)
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss		56,938	17,892
Net investment income		<u>55,749</u>	<u>21,118</u>
Expenses			
Management fees		2,958	3,430
Transaction costs		674	676
ASX and share registry fees		106	76
Professional fees		50	54
Directors' fees		58	58
Other expenses		146	135
Total expenses		<u>3,992</u>	<u>4,429</u>
Profit before income tax		<u>51,757</u>	<u>16,689</u>
Income tax expense		<u>(15,698)</u>	<u>(4,567)</u>
Profit after income tax		<u>36,059</u>	<u>12,122</u>
Other comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income		<u>36,059</u>	<u>12,122</u>
		Cents	Cents
Earnings per share from profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company			
Basic earnings per share	6	7.5	2.2
Diluted earnings per share	6	7.5	2.2

The above Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Position

		31 December 2020	30 June 2020
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		85,717	88,813
Trade and other receivables		5,820	1,414
Current tax assets		5,238	5,053
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	481,047	454,347
Deferred tax assets		<u>3,721</u>	<u>6,519</u>
Total assets		<u>581,543</u>	<u>556,146</u>
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		7,994	3,600
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	3	13,125	18,918
Deferred tax liabilities		<u>13,187</u>	<u>273</u>
Total liabilities		<u>34,306</u>	<u>22,791</u>
Net assets		<u>547,237</u>	<u>533,355</u>
Shareholders' equity			
Issued capital	4	529,205	539,452
Profits reserve		60,941	35,606
Accumulated losses		<u>(42,909)</u>	<u>(41,703)</u>
Total equity		<u>547,237</u>	<u>533,355</u>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Notes	Issued capital \$'000	Profits reserve \$'000	Accumulated losses \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2020		539,452	35,606	(41,703)	533,355
Profit for the period		-	-	36,059	36,059
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	-	36,059	36,059
Transfers between reserves					
Transfers to profits reserve		-	37,265	(37,265)	-
Total transfers between reserves		-	37,265	(37,265)	-
Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as owners					
Purchase of shares under on-market share buy-back	4(b)	(10,247)	-	-	(10,247)
Dividends paid to shareholders	5	-	(11,930)	-	(11,930)
Total transactions with equity holders in their capacity as owners		(10,247)	(11,930)	-	(22,177)
Balance at 31 December 2020		529,205	60,941	(42,909)	547,237

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020
(continued)

Statement of Changes in Equity (continued)

	Notes	Issued capital \$'000	Profits reserve \$'000	Accumulated losses \$'000	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2019		600,146	43,093	(13,136)	630,103
Profit for the period		-	-	12,122	12,122
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	-	12,122	12,122
Transfers between reserves					
Transfers to profit reserve		-	12,122	(12,122)	-
Total transfers between reserves		-	12,122	(12,122)	-
Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as owners					
Purchase of shares under on-market share buy-back	4(b)	(15,865)	-	-	(15,865)
Dividends paid to shareholders	5	-	(13,689)	-	(13,689)
Total transactions with equity holders in their capacity as owners		(15,865)	(13,689)	-	(29,554)
Balance at 31 December 2019		584,281	41,526	(13,136)	612,671

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For the half-year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Cash Flows

		Half-year ended	
		31 December	31 December
	Notes	2020	2019
		\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sales of investments		315,334	265,243
Payment for investments		(295,367)	(237,908)
Interest received		261	427
Dividends received		3,454	6,120
Payments to suppliers		(3,148)	(2,995)
Income tax paid		(171)	(9,151)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>20,363</u>	<u>21,736</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payment for purchase of shares under on-market buy-back	4(b)	(10,247)	(15,865)
Dividends paid to shareholders	5	(11,930)	(13,689)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(22,177)</u>	<u>(29,554)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,814)	(7,818)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		88,813	83,545
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(1,282)	(1,755)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		<u>85,717</u>	<u>73,972</u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

1 General information

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 25 February 2021 .

2 Basis of preparation

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these interim financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of preparation

These interim financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*.

These interim financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis, and are based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

These interim financial statements do not include all the disclosures normally included in annual financial statements. It is recommended that these half-year financial statements be read in conjunction with the Company's 30 June 2020 annual report and any public announcements made by the entity during the half-year.

In accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, the amounts in the interim financial report have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in these interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the previous financial year, as disclosed in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations that are expected to have a material impact on the interim financial statements.

Operating segments

The Company's investment activities are its only reportable segment. The Company operates from one geographic location, being Australia.

3 Fair value measurement

The Company measures and recognises its financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) on a recurring basis.

Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13: *Fair Value Measurement* requires the disclosure of fair value information using a fair value hierarchy reflecting the significance of the inputs in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following levels:

- (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).

Recognised fair value measurements

The following tables present the Company's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value:

As at 31 December 2020	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets				
<i>Financial assets held for trading</i>				
Listed equities	470,434	-	-	470,434
Equity swaps	2,781	-	-	2,781
Equity options	568	146	-	714
Other swaps	-	6	-	6
Futures	749	-	-	749
Forward exchange contracts	-	6,363	-	6,363
Total financial assets	474,532	6,515	-	481,047
Liabilities				
<i>Financial liabilities held for trading</i>				
Equity swaps	7,710	-	-	7,710
Futures	335	-	-	335
Other swaps	-	1,253	-	1,253
Options	265	-	-	265
Forward exchange contracts	-	3,562	-	3,562
Total financial liabilities	8,310	4,815	-	13,125

3 Fair value measurement (continued)

Recognised fair value measurements (continued)

As at 30 June 2020	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Listed equities	450,088	-	-	450,088
Equity swaps	2,832	-	-	2,832
Equity options	719	109	-	828
Other swaps	-	447	-	447
Forward exchange contracts	-	152	-	152
Total financial assets	453,639	708	-	454,347
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
Equity swaps	17,125	-	-	17,125
Futures	98	-	-	98
Other swaps	-	461	-	461
Forward exchange contracts	-	1,234	-	1,234
Total financial liabilities	17,223	1,695	-	18,918

Included within Level 1 of the hierarchy are listed investments and futures. The fair value of these financial assets and financial liabilities has been based on the closing quoted last prices at the end of the reporting period, excluding transaction costs.

Included within Level 2 of the hierarchy are forward exchange contracts. The fair value of these financial assets and financial liabilities has been determined using forward exchange market rates at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels for recurring fair value measurements during the half-year.

The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying amounts of all financial instruments other than those measured at fair value on a recurring basis are considered to represent a reasonable approximation of their fair values.

4 Issued capital

(a) Share capital

	31 December 2020 Number of Shares	31 December 2020 Total amount \$'000	30 June 2020 Number of Shares	30 June 2020 Total amount \$'000
Fully paid ordinary shares	<u>477,221,507</u>	<u>529,205</u>	488,361,610	539,452

The Company does not have an authorised capital value or par value in respect of its issued shares.

(b) Movements in ordinary share capital

Half-year ended 31 December 2020

Date	Details	Number of shares	Total amount \$'000
30 June 2020	Closing balance	488,361,610	539,452
Various	Purchase of shares under on-market share buy-back (refer (d) below)	(11,140,103)	(10,247)
31 December 2020	Closing balance	<u>477,221,507</u>	<u>529,205</u>

Half-year ended 31 December 2019

Date	Details	Number of shares	Total amount \$'000
30 June 2019	Closing balance	551,552,448	600,146
Various	Purchase of shares under on-market share buy-back (refer (d) below)	(16,182,349)	(15,865)
31 December 2019	Closing balance	<u>535,370,099</u>	<u>584,281</u>

(c) Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held.

On a show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a general meeting in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote, and upon a poll each share is entitled to one vote.

4 Issued capital (continued)

(d) On-market share buy-back

On 19 July 2019, the Company announced it would undertake an on-market share buy-back of up to 37,569,837 shares over the period 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020. This amount was subsequently increased to 53,860,207 shares on 12 December 2019.

On 21 April 2020 upon approval at an extraordinary general meeting the Company updated the buy-back to allow the buy-back of a maximum 70,000,000 shares over the period 21 April 2020 to 20 April 2021.

During the half-year ended 31 December 2020, 11,140,103 shares had been purchased under the buy-back for consideration of \$10,247,000 (Dec 2019: 16,182,349 shares for \$15,865,000). This brings the total amount purchased under the buy-back from its inception to 31 December 2020 to 74,330,941 shares for consideration of \$70,941,000.

No further shares have been purchased under the buy-back since period end.

5 Dividends

(a) Dividend paid

During the half-year ended 31 December 2020, a final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2020 of 2.5 cents per share, franked as to 50%, was paid on 30 September 2020 with a record date of 9 September 2020. The aggregate amount of the dividend paid was \$11,930,000.

During the prior corresponding period, a final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2019 of 2.5 cents per share, franked as to 50%, was paid on 14 October 2019 with a record date of 9 September 2019. The aggregate amount of the dividend paid was \$13,689,000.

(b) Dividends not recognised at the end of the reporting period

Since the end of the period the Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend of 2.0 cents per share, franked as to 50%, payable on 31 March 2021 with a record date of 10 March 2021 (Dec 2019: 2.0 cents per share franked as to 50% payable on 27 March 2020).

Based on the number of issued shares at 31 December 2020, the aggregate amount of dividend payable but not recognised as a liability at period end, is \$9,544,000 (Dec 2019: \$10,707,000). This amount will decrease by the number of ordinary shares purchased under the on-market share buy-back between balance date and the dividend record date, if any.

(c) Dividend franking account

The balance of the Company's dividend franking account at 31 December 2020 was \$11,781,000 (Dec 2019: \$18,027,000). The balance of the Company's dividend franking account available for dividends paid in subsequent financial periods, when adjusted for franking credits that may arise upon receipt of the amount of the current tax asset at balance date, is \$6,543,000 (Dec 2019: \$10,487,000).

The franking debit that will arise from the payment of the dividend not recognised at the end of the reporting period, based on the number of issued shares at 31 December 2020, is \$2,045,000 (Dec 2019: \$2,294,000). This amount will decrease in proportion with any decrease in the aggregate amount of dividend payable as a result of the purchase of ordinary shares under the on-market share buy-back between balance date and the dividend record date, if any.

6 Earnings per share

	Half-year ended 31 December 2020	31 December 2019
(a) Earnings used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	\$'000	\$'000
Profit from continuing operations attributable to the owners of the Company	36,059	12,122
(b) Basic earnings per share	Cents	Cents
Total earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company	7.5	2.2
(c) Diluted earnings per share	Cents	Cents
Total earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company	7.5	2.2
(d) Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as denominator in the calculation of earnings per share	Number	Number
Weighted average number of shares used as the denominator in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	<u>479,078,239</u>	<u>545,090,624</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator	<u>479,078,239</u>	<u>545,090,624</u>

7 Events occurring after the reporting period

Except as referred to in note 5(b), no matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to 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 in subsequent financial periods.

8 Contingencies and commitments

The Company has no contingent liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2020 (2019: nil).

Directors' Declaration

The directors declare that:

- (a) the interim financial statements and notes as set out on pages 7 to 17, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date.
- (b) In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds, at the date of this declaration, to believe that Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited 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 directors.



Jonathan Trollip
Chairman

Sydney
25 February 2021

Level 16, Tower 2 Darling Park
201 Sussex Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Postal Address
GPO Box 1615
Sydney NSW 2001

p. +61 2 9221 2099
e. sydneypartners@pitcher.com.au

**Independent Auditor's Review Report
To the Members of Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited
ABN 38 612 843 517**

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited ("the Company") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Antipodes Global Investment Company Limited does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company 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 for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether 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*.

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 other 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.



S M Whiddett
Partner



Pitcher Partners
Sydney

25 February 2021