

Appendix 4D – Half-Yearly Report

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

1. Reporting period:

This report is for the reporting period from 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016 and the corresponding period is from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

2. Results for announcement to the market:

	Up/Down	%	\$
Revenue from ordinary activities (\$'000)			
	Down	34%	3,761
Loss from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (\$'000)	Down	106%	(246)
Net loss for the period attributable to members (\$'000)	Down	106%	(246)

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Cents per share	Туре	% Franked	Record Date	Payment Date
3.80	Capital Return	N/A	9 November 2016	25 November 2016
2.20	Dividend	100%	9 November 2016	25 November 2016
(DRP curre	ently not in onera	tion)		

(DRP currently not in operation)

Refer to attached narrative for explanation of results in the current period.

3. Net tangible assets (NTA):

	Dec 2016	Dec 2015	
	(per share)	(per share)	
NTA after tax	\$0.153	\$0.310	

This report is based on the Half-Yearly Financial Report which has been subject to review by the Company's auditors. All the documents comprise the information required by Listing Rule 4.2A. This information should be read in conjunction with the most recent Annual Report and any public announcements made by IPE Limited during the period in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations.



15 February 2017

The Board of Directors of IPE Limited presents its results for the half year ended 31 December 2016:

Review

Introduction

Net loss after tax	\$0.25 million
Net assets	\$20.52 million
NTA (post tax) released to ASX	\$0.153 per share
Debt	nil
Cash	\$2.78 million
Cash paid to shareholders	3.80 cps (November - return of capital of \$5.1m)
	2.20 cps (November - dividend of \$3.0m)
Number of private equity funds	10
Number of underlying investments	21
Undrawn commitments	\$1.4 million

Financial results

Exit activity in the portfolio continued at a good pace during the six months, generating significant cash to the Company. This enabled payment to shareholders on 25 November of \$8.1 million which was about 28% of the net assets at 30 June. The payment was a 3.8 cents per share return of capital as well as a 2.2 cent per share dividend which was 100% franked, utilising almost all of the available imputation credits. If material amounts of cash continue to flow into the Company over the next few months a further payment to shareholders is likely.

Net Tangible Assets ("NTA") per share released to the ASX as at 31 December was \$0.160 pre-tax (\$0.220 at 30 June) and \$0.153 post-tax (\$0.213 at 30 June). The change was primarily the result of the payment of the 6.00 cents per share return of capital and dividend in late November as the investment and operating expenses (including, for the first time, a performance fee to the Manager as the relevant hurdles had been exceeded over the three year period to 30 November) incurred during the period were mostly offset by modest positive changes in the value of the investments in the Company portfolio.

Reflecting the minimal change in NTA before the payment to shareholders, the half year produced a loss of \$0.25 million compared with a profit \$3.64 million in the prior corresponding period.

The next six months could produce volatile results for the Company. The portfolio is now quite concentrated and, while individual exposures continue to show promise, it will not be immune to macroeconomic factors. Markets have recently reached relative highs but the uncertainty surrounding the incoming Trump administration suggests that those highs may not be sustainable without more reliable and consistent signals out of the USA.

Capital management

At 31 December 2016 the Company had only \$1.4 million (\$1.5 million at 30 June) of undrawn private equity commitments, available for portfolio support and other fund requirements over the next couple of years. The Company has no debt and the cash balance at period end was \$2.8 million.

Despite only a small number of purchases since its introduction in late 2015 the Board decided to continue the on-market share buyback as a way of enhancing shareholder value should any sustained share price weakness arise.

Capital returns to shareholders continued during the six months and at the Annual General Meeting shareholders again approved a resolution that will allow the efficient return of further capital during calendar 2017 should the Board deem it prudent to declare a payment out of excess cash reserves. Over the next few months the Company will approach the ATO for confirmation of the tax status of capital returns paid since 1 July 2016 with the aim of providing confirmation, via an ASX release, before shareholders need to complete their tax returns for FY 2017.

Private Equity Portfolio

The Company's private equity fund portfolio now contains 10 funds all of which have complete portfolios and are assessing the optimal time to exit their investments. There were 11 funds at 30 June but the interest in Catalyst Buyout Fund 1 was terminated during the period. Strong cash inflows continued over the six months with receipts of more than \$10.7 million while the portfolio called about \$0.1 million. Major sources of the inflows were:

- Receipt of the proceeds of Wolseley II's sales of Nexus and Abergeldie prior to 30 June;
- The exit of the co-investment in the listed Vitaco, following a takeover offer (ASX code: VIT);
- The final sell-down of the Link Group by PEP III, (ASX code: LNK);
- A partial sell-down of the IVE Group by Wolseley Partners II, (ASX code: IGL);
- The total exit of NZ King Salmon (a Direct Capital III investment) on its successful IPO; and
- The exit of BBQSAM by Ironbridge.

In addition, in November, Wolseley Partners announced the sale of Façade Access with settlement expected to take place in a couple of tranches in 2017 (the first, and major amount, is currently expected around the end of February).

At period end there were still 21 companies in the underlying private equity funds and many of these funds will also be seeking exits for some of their investments during 2017. However the portfolio value is now dominated by a relatively small number of investments (at 31 December the seven largest exposures represented more than 70% of the total portfolio value) and it will be the exit of these that could drive value and cash flows to the company with the other investments unlikely to provide any material accretion of value.

To keep up to date with the Company's portfolio, investors are encouraged to visit the website at www.ipelimited.com.au which contains links to the funds and, from those sites, to most of the underlying portfolio companies.

Sydney, 15 February 2017

Summary of private equity funds

Portfolio holdings at 31 December 2016 are outlined below:

Fund name	Investment	Fund size	Committed	Capital	Capital	Cash
	stage focus			drawn	to be	back
		\$m	\$m	\$m	drawn \$m	\$m
Archer Capital Fund 4	Buyout	1,312.4	9.7	9.1	0.6	14.1
CM Capital Venture Trust 4	Venture Capital	153.5	8.0	7.8	0.2	0.6
Direct Capital Partners III	Expansion/Buyout	57.1	7.0	6.9	0.1	11.8
Ironbridge Capital 2003/4 Fund	Buyout	450.0	5.0	4.8	0.2	4.5
NBC Private Equity Fund III	Expansion/Buyout	101.2	10.0	10.0	-	4.1
Pacific Equity Partners Fund III	Buyout	1,214.0	7.6	7.5	0.1	15.5
Pacific Equity Partners Fund IV	Buyout	3,061.0	7.4	7.2	0.2	9.9
Quadrant Private Equity No. 1	Expansion/Buyout	265.0	8.0	8.0	-	9.8
Wolseley Partners Fund I	Expansion/Buyout	107.4	8.0	8.0	-	2.4
Wolseley Partners Fund II	Expansion/Buyout	235.0	10.0	10.0	-	10.0
Totals			80.7	79.3	1.4	82.7

^{*} numbers subject to rounding

Summary of realisations

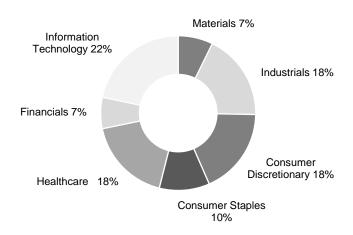
Fund	Company	Total return as a multiple of cost
Co-investment	Vitaco	2.8x
Direct Capital III	NZ King Salmon	1.6x
Ironbridge 2003/4	BBQSAM	0.5x
Pacific Equity Partners III	Link Group	7.6x
Wolseley Partners Fund II	Byron	0.0x

Summary of 15 largest private equity exposures

(as a percentage of the value of the Company's private equity assets as at 31 December 2016).

Fund	Date invested	Company	Percentage
CM Capital 4	Feb 08	ThreatMetrix	14.9%
Wolseley I & II	Apr 07	Facade Access	14.5%
CM Capital 4	Oct 07	Piedmont Pharmaceuticals	10.7%
NBC III	Dec 12	Degani Australia	9.9%
NBC III	Oct 13	Didasko Learning	8.5%
Wolseley II	Nov 12	IVE Group (ASX code: IGL)	7.3%
Archer 4	Jun 11	Quick Service Restaurants	6.8%
CM Capital 4	Jun 07	Osprey Medical (ASX code: OSP)	4.2%
CM Capital 4	Jul 08	Datacastle Corp	4.2%
PEP IV	Jun 08	American Stock Transfer	3.4%
Quadrant 1	Mar 06	Seniors Money	3.1%
NBC III	Aug 13	Statseeker	2.5%
CM Capital 4	Jun 09	SpeeDx	2.2%
Wolseley II	Jul 10	Abergeldie Group	1.9%
Archer 4	Jun 11	V8 Supercars	1.3%
		Total (rounded)	95.4%

Industry sector exposure at period end





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Directors' Report

The Directors submit their report for the half-year ended 31 December 2016.

Directors

The names and details of the Company's Directors in office during the half-year and until the date of this report are as follows:

Director Name	Position	Appointment Date
Geoff Brunsdon	Independent, Non-Executive Director and Chairman	3 February 2004
Jon Schahinger	Managing Director	3 February 2004
Tony Sims	Independent, Non-Executive Director	16 June 2016

Review and results of operations

During the reporting period, the Company engaged in its principal activity, holding long term investments in private equity funds, the results of which are enclosed in the attached financial statements.

Operating Results for the Period

The Company once again enjoyed a productive six months with strong cash inflows from exit activity, mainly resulting from the sales of previously escrowed listed stock and deferred settlements on prior exits. This enabled 6.0 cents per share to be paid to shareholders in a combination of capital return and dividend – a total of \$8.1 million.

During the period, the Company made a net loss for the period of \$245,207 after providing for income tax (2015: net profit: \$3,639,562).

Earnings per share for the reporting period based on the weighted				
average number of ordinary shares 2016 2015				
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	(0.18)	2.67		
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	(0.18)	2.67		

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial half-year.

Dividends and capital returns

Dividends and capital returns paid or declared by the Company since the end of the previous financial year were:

Declaration date	Payment type	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Payment date
26 October 2016	Capital Return	3.80	5,154	25 November 2016
26 October 2016	Dividend	2.20	2,984	25 November 2016

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the reporting period which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company.

Directors' Report (continued)

Rounding

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191 (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) effective 1 April 2016 and in accordance with that rounding instrument, amounts in the financial report and Directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Auditor's independence declaration

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A statement of independence has been provided by our auditor, Grant Thornton, and is attached to the Directors' Report on the following page.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Geoff Brunsdon

Chairman

Sydney

15 February 2017



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Auditor's Independence Declaration To the Directors of IPE Limited

In accordance with the requirements of section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, as lead auditor for the review of IPE Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2016, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- b no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Chartered Accountants

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Director - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 15 February 2017

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Statement of Financial Position

As at	31 December 2016 \$'000	30 June 2016 \$'000
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,784	1,035
Receivables	82	15
Prepayments	27	9
Total current assets	2,893	1,059
Non-current assets		
Unlisted private equity investments	18,997	28,898
Deferred tax assets	21	23
Total non-current assets	19,018	28,921
Total assets	21,911	29,980
Current liabilities		
Payables and other liabilities	454	108
Current tax liabilities	938	968
Total current liabilities	1,392	1,076
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	-	1
Total non-current liabilities	-	1
Total liabilities	1,392	1,077
Net assets	20,519	28,903
Equity		
Issued capital	45,099	50,253
Accumulated loss	(24,580)	(21,350)
Total equity	20,519	28,903

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the half-year ended 31 December	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
Revenue		
Dividend and distribution revenue	3,738	3,631
Net increase in fair value of investments	-	2,048
Expenses		
Net decrease in fair value of investments	(2,929)	-
Fees payable to Manager	(416)	(191)
Directors' fees	(35)	(35)
Co-Investment fees to external managers	(417)	(92)
Other expenses	(140)	(121)
Results from operating activities	(199)	5,240
Finance income	23	61
Net finance income	23	61
(Loss)/profit before income tax	(176)	5,301
Income tax expense	(70)	(1,661)
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	(246)	3,640

Earnings per share (EPS)	December 2016	December 2015
EPS based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares (cents per share)		
Basic and diluted earnings per share for the half year	(0.18)	2.67

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Issued Capital	Accumulated Losses	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 30 June 2016	50,253	(21,350)	28,903
Total comprehensive income for the period			
Loss for the period	-	(246)	(246)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	<u>-</u>	(246)	(246)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity			
Dividends declared and paid	-	(2,984)	(2,984)
Capital returned to shareholders	(5,154)	-	(5,154)
Shares bought back on market	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	(5,154)	(2,984)	(8,138)
At 31 December 2016	45,099	(24,580)	20,519
For the half-year ended 31 December 2015	Issued Capital \$'000	Accumulated Losses \$'000	Total \$'000
	Issued Capital	Accumulated Losses	Total
For the half-year ended 31 December 2015	Issued Capital \$'000	Accumulated Losses \$'000	Total \$'000
For the half-year ended 31 December 2015 At 30 June 2015	Issued Capital \$'000	Accumulated Losses \$'000	Total \$'000
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The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements set out on pages 14 to 19.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the half-year ended 31 December	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Dividends and distributions received	3,625	6,133
Interest received	90	68
Taxes paid	(93)	(190)
Payments to suppliers and Directors	(725)	(413)
Net cash flows from operating activities	2,897	5,598
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of unlisted private equity		
investments	2,118	-
Purchases of unlisted private equity investments	(101)	(219)
Proceeds from capital returned on unlisted private		
equity investments	4,973	3,355
Proceeds of loans to shareholders of co-investments	-	37
Net cash flows from investing activities	6,990	3,173
Cash flows from financing activities		
Share buy-back	-	(147)
Capital returns paid	(5,154)	(6,146)
Dividends paid	(2,984)	(1,366)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(8,138)	(7,659)
Net increase in cash & cash equivalents held	1,749	1,112
Add opening cash and cash equivalents brought forward	1,035	1,112 4,854
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	2,784	5,966

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

1. Corporate Information

The half-year financial report of IPE Limited for the period ended 31 December 2016 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 15 February 2017.

IPE Limited is a Company limited by shares incorporated in Australia which are publicly traded on the Australian Stock Exchange.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The half-year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position, and financing and investing activities of the Company as the full financial report. The half-year financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial report of IPE Limited as at 30 June 2016. It is also recommended that the half-year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by the Company during the half-year ended 31 December 2016 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

(a) Statement of compliance

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with AASB 134: "Interim Financial Reporting". They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 30 June 2016.

(b) Basis of preparation

The half-year financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the Company's private equity investments that have been measured at fair value.

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191 (Rounding in Financial/ Directors' Reports) effective 1 April 2016 and in accordance with that rounding instrument, all financial information presented in Australian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000) unless otherwise stated.

(c) Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the Company in the half-year financial statements are the same as those applied by the Company in its annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016.

(d) Estimates

The preparation of interim financial reports requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The significant judgements made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2016.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

3. Dividends and capital returns

The following dividends and capital returns were paid by the Company during the period:

Declaration date	Payment type	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Payment date
26 October 2016	Capital Return	3.80	5,154	25 November 2016
26 October 2016	Dividend	2.20	2,984	25 November 2016

The following dividends were paid by the Company in the previous corresponding period:

Declaration date	Payment type	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Payment date
28 October 2015	Capital Return	4.50	6,146	2 December 2015
28 October 2015	Dividend	1.00	1,366	2 December 2015

The Company's dividend reinvestment plan has been suspended.

No dividends or capital returns have been declared since the end of the period.

4. Operating Segments

The Company has one operating segment: Investments in Private Equity. For this segment, the Managing Director reviews internal management reports in relation to the Company's private equity investments on at least a monthly basis.

Reportable segment information	Private Equity Investment Segment	
	December 2016 \$'000	December 2015 \$'000
External revenues	3,738	5,679
Reportable segment profit before income tax	24	5,396
	December 2016 \$'000	June 2016 \$'000
Reportable segment assets	19,053	28,908
Reportable segment liabilities	-	-

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Reconciliation of reportable segment profit	December 2016 \$'000	December 2015 \$'000
Total (loss)/profit before income tax for reportable segment	(24)	5,396
Unallocated amounts:		
Non segment revenues	23	61
Other corporate expenses	(175)	(156)
(Loss)/profit before income tax	(176)	5,301

Reconciliation of reportable segment assets	December 2016 \$'000	June 2016 \$'000
Total assets for reportable segment	19,053	28,908
Other assets	2,858	1,072
Total assets	21,911	29,980

Reconciliation of reportable segment liabilities	December	June
	2016	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Total liabilities for reportable segment	-	-
Other liabilities	1,392	1,077
Total liabilities	1,392	1,077

Geographical segments

The Company's investments are domiciled in Australia and New Zealand (2015: Australia and New Zealand).

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue and non-current assets are based on the geographical location of investments.

Revenues/(expenses)	December	December
	2016	2015
	\$'000	\$'000
Australia	2,730	3,948
New Zealand	1,008	1,731
Total revenue	3,738	5,679

Non-current investment assets	December June	
	2016	2016
	\$ ' 000	\$'000
Australia	18,719	27,513
New Zealand	278	1,385
Total non-current investment assets	18,997	28,898

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5. Income tax expense

Reconciliation between tax expense and pre-tax accounting profit	December 2016 \$'000	December 2015 \$'000
(Loss)/profit for the period	(246)	3,640
Total income tax expense	70	1,661
(Loss)/profit excluding income tax	(176)	5,301
Income tax using the Company's tax rate of 30% (2015: 30%) Permanent differences in relation to deferred and current income	(53)	1,590
and expenditure	144	696
Gross up of income due to franking credits received	10	1
Franking credit rebate	(33)	(2)
Over provision in prior years	2	(624)
Income tax expense reported in income statement	70	1,661

6. Commitments

Estimated commitments contracted for, but yet to be called as at 31 December 2016 are \$1.4 million (30 June 2016: \$1.5 million).

These commitments reflect the capital commitment in respect of future investments in current private equity investments held. All of the private equity funds in the portfolio have completed their investment programs so future drawdowns are likely to be for modest amounts and portions of the undrawn commitments are likely to be cancelled as future requirements become more certain.

The Board aims to achieve sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions.

7. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

(a) Contingent liabilities

There have not been any changes in contingent liabilities since the last reporting date. The contingent liabilities of the Company are nil (June 2016: nil).

(b) Contingent assets

There have not been any changes in contingent assets since the last reporting date. The contingent assets of the Company are nil (June 2016: nil).

8. Subsequent events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the reporting period which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company.

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9. Fair value measurement of financial instruments

(a) Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- (i) Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- (ii) Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- (iii) Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The Group's financial assets and financial liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 31 December 2016 and 30 June 2016 on a recurring basis are as follows:

31 December 2016	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets designated as fair value through profit or loss	-	-	18,997	18,997
	-	-	18,997	18,997
30 June 2016	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets designated as fair value through profit or loss	-	-	28,898	28,898

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(b) Measurement of fair value of financial instruments

The methods and valuation techniques used for the purpose of measuring fair value are unchanged compared to the previous reporting period.

Unlisted private equity investments

The Company's investments are valued differently according to their differing legal structures:

- Investments in private equity trusts are valued by multiplying a unit price provided by the investment manager by the number of units the Company holds in the trust;
- Venture Capital Limited Partnerships (VCLP) are valued using a value of the VCLP assets
 provided by the investment manager of the partnership proportioned by the Company's
 share of VCLP assets under the partnership agreement; and
- Direct private equity investments are valued using a value of the direct investment provided by the investment manager of the investment, proportioned by the share of equity in the investment which the Company holds.

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(c) Level 3 fair value measurements

The following table presents the changes in financial instruments classified within Level 3:

	2016	2015
Reconciliation of Level 3 balances in the fair value hierarchy	\$'000	\$'000
Beginning balance at 30 June	28,898	39,355
Unrealised (losses)/gains for the period recognised in the profit or		
loss	(2,911)	2,041
Purchases and calls paid for unlisted private equity investments	101	327
Capital returns from unlisted private equity investments	(4,973)	(5,841)
Proceeds from sale of unlisted private equity investments	(2,118)	-
Proceeds received from repayment of direct investment loans	-	(32)
Ending balance at 31 December	18,997	35,850

There have been no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy during the six months to 31 December 2016.

10. Fees to the manager

The Manager is entitled to a Management Fee which is calculated on the last business day of each month and paid no less frequently than quarterly. Fees for the period to 31 December 2016 were \$116,104 (2015: \$186,611).

The Manager is also entitled to a Performance Fee calculated annually over three year rolling periods ending on 30 November each year. During the period to 31 December 2016 a Performance Fee became payable for the period 30 November 2013 to 30 November 2016 amounting to \$289,989 (2015: nil).

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of IPE Limited (the Company):

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 10 to 19 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Geoff Brunsdon

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Chairman

Sydney

15 February 2017



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Independent Auditor's Review Report To the Members of IPE Limited

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of IPE Limited ("Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a statement or description of accounting policies, other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

Directors' responsibility for the half-year financial report

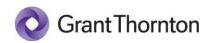
The directors of IPE Limited are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that 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 the 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 IPE Limited financial position as at 31 December 2016 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 IPE Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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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.

Independence

In conducting our review, we 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 IPE Limited is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- a giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and Corporations Regulations 2001.

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Chartered Accountants

G S Layland

Director - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 15 February 2017