

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

2015 Full Year Financial Results

[Based on accounts currently being audited]

DWS Limited (DWS) announces the following results and highlights for the year ended 30 June 2015:

- > Revenue from continuing operations of \$94.6M (up \$0.2M from the prior corresponding period (pcp));
- Underlying EBITDA of \$15.9M (excluding \$1.0M of one-off termination, acquisition and impairment \triangleright costs, and present value gain on an earnout liability) (down \$2.3M or 13% on pcp);
- ≻ NPAT of \$10.4M (down \$2.5M or 19% on pcp);
- Cash flow from operations (before interest and tax) 102% of EBITDA; \geq
- > DWS' balance sheet remains strong and liquid with cash of \$10.4M;
- Final fully franked dividend of 3.75 cents per ordinary share declared; \triangleright
 - **Final Dividend** ٠

- 3.75 cents per ordinary share
- **Record Date** • Expected Payment Date
- 4 September 2015 2 October 2015
- Billable consultant capacity continues to be managed tightly to match client demand. Total billable ≻ consultants at 30 June 2015: 517 (June 2014: 490);
 - Strong improvement in Q4 financial performance with reduced costs, increased demand and ≻ improved utilisation; and
 - > Symplicit acquisition contributed its first profit to DWS in June 2015.

	H1 2015 \$000s	H2 2015 \$000s	Total 2015 \$000s	2014 \$000s	Change \$000s	Change %
Revenue from continuing operations	46,764	47,868	94,632	94,397	235	0%
Other revenue (excl. interest)	22	12	34	19	15	79%
Employee benefits expense	(36,900)	(38,507)	(75,407)	(72,783)	2,624	4%
Selling, general and admin expense	(1,874)	(1,520)	(3,394)	(3,419)	(25)	(1%)
Underlying EBITDA	8,012	7,853	15,865	18,214	(2,349)	(13%)
Underlying EBITDA %	17%	16%	17%	19%		
Additional termination costs	-	(518)	(518)	-	(518)	-
Acquisition costs	-	(215)	(215)	-	(215)	-
Gain on PV of earnout liability	-	321	321	-	321	
Impairment	(551)	-	(551)	-	(551)	-
EBITDA	7,461	7,441	14,902	18,214	(3,312)	(18%)
Depreciation and amortisation	(119)	(136)	(255)	(302)	47	(18%)
Net interest received	195	84	279	388	(109)	(39%)
Capitalised product development	96	136	232	153	79	34%
Share of equity accounted investment	-	-	-	136	(136)	-
Profit Before Tax	7,633	7,525	15,158	18,589	(3,431)	(18%)
Income tax expense	(2,533)	(2,226)	(4,759)	(5,692)	933	(16%)
Net Profit After Tax	5,100	5,299	10,399	12,897	(2,498)	(19%)



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DWS Limited

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For year ended 30 June 2015

[Based on accounts that are currently being audited]

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000		Change \$'000	% Change
Revenue from continuing operations	94,632	94,397	up	235	0%
Total comprehensive income for the year	10,399	12,897	down	(2,498)	-19%

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Amount per security	Record Date for dividend entitlement
Dividends paid during the financial year	3.75 cents	4.50 cents	18 March 2015
Dividend Declared subsequent to financial year end	3.75 cents	4.25 cents	4 September 2015

	2015	2014
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	7 cents	18 cents
Earnings per Share	8 cents	10 cents

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Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2015

		Conso	Consolidated		
	Notes 2015		2014		
		\$'000	\$'000		
Revenue from continuing operations	2	94,632	94,397		
Other revenue	2	635	407		
Employee benefit expense		(75,693)	(72,783)		
Occupancy expense		(1,223)	(1,117)		
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(255)	(302)		
Other expenses		(2,387)	(2,149)		
Impairment expense		(551)	-		
Share of profit/(loss) from equity accounted investments	_	-	136		
Profit before tax	_	15,158	18,589		
Income tax expense	3	(4,759)	(5,692)		
Profit from continuing operations	_	10,399	12,897		
Profit for the year		10,399	12,897		
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-		
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	10,399	12,897		
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The above Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2015

		Consolid	lated
	Notes	2015	2014
		\$'000	\$'000
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		10,371	16,448
Trade and other receivables		20,490	15,094
Other		1,925	3,787
Total Current Assets		32,786	35,329
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment		2,418	2,241
Intangible assets		47,576	33,473
Deferred tax assets	3	2,501	2,605
Investment in associates		-	151
Total Non-Current Assets		52,495	38,470
Total Assets		85,281	73,799
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		6,258	3,800
Current tax liabilities		2,529	2,598
Short term provisions		5,644	5,965
Other		1,474	684
Total Current Liabilities	_	15,905	13,047
Non-Current Liabilities			
Interest bearing liability		5,000	-
Long term provisions		4,756	392
Total Non-Current Liabilities		9,756	392
Total Liabilities		25,661	13,439
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Net Assets	_	59,620	60,360
Equity			
Issued Capital		34,187	34,757
Retained Earnings		25,433	25,603
Total Equity	_	59,620	60,360

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



Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Share Capital \$'000	Retained Earnings \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2014	34,757	25,603	60,360
Share buy back	(570)	-	(570)
Dividends paid	-	(10,569)	(10,569)
Total transactions with owners	(570)	(10,569)	(11,139)
Total comprehensive income	-	10,399	10,399
Total at 30 June 2015	34,187	25,433	59,620
Balance at 1 July 2013	34,757	25,942	60,699
Dividends paid	-	(13,236)	(13,236)
Total transactions with owners	-	(13,236)	(13,236)
Total comprehensive income	-	12,897	12,897
Total at 30 June 2014	34,757	25,603	60,360
Number of shares on issue		2015	2014
Fully paid ordinary shares with no par value		131,831,328	132,362,763
Movement in shares on issue		Consolidated	
Ordinary shares on issue at 1 July 2014		132,362,763	
Changes to number of shares on issue during		192,992,799	
the reporting period	_	(531,435)	
Ordinary shares on issue at 30 June 2015	_	131,831,328	

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



Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Consolidated		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers	97,603	111,102	
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(82,438)	(86,358)	
Income taxes paid	(4,981)	(6,006)	
Interest received	279	388	
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,463	19,126	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for plant and equipment	(169)	(895)	
Payments for intangibles	(232)	(339)	
Payments for acquisitions	(10,000)	-	
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,401)	(1,234)	
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	(10,569)	(13,236)	
Payment for share buybacks	(570)	-	
Receipt of external financing	5,000	-	
Net cash provided by financing activities	(6,139)	(13,236)	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(6,077)	4,656	
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	16,448	11,792	
Cash at the end of the financial year	10,371	16,448	

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



Notes to the Consolidated Financial Report for Year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This preliminary financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial report covers the consolidated group of DWS Limited (DWS) and controlled entities (the Group). DWS is a listed public company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report of DWS and controlled entities complies with all International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the consolidated group in the preparation of the preliminary financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented.

Reporting basis and conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Accounting Policies

(a) Principles of consolidation

A controlled entity is any entity where DWS has the power to control the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The controlled entities are Wallis Nominees (Computing) Pty Ltd, DWS (NSW) Pty Ltd, Graeme V Jones & Associates Pty Ltd (formerly GlobalSoft Australia Pty Ltd), DWS Product Solutions Pty Ltd (formerly Equest Consulting Pty Ltd), Strategic Data Management Pty Ltd, SDM Sales Pty Ltd and Symplicit Pty Ltd. All controlled entities have a June financial year end.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with those policies applied by the parent entity.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the economic entity during the year, their operating results have been included/excluded from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased.



Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

Minority equity interests in the entity and results of the entities that are controlled are shown as a separate item in the consolidated financial report.

(b) Income Tax

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any nonassessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or are substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the income statement except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the economic entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

DWS and its wholly-owned Australian subsidiaries have not entered into an income tax consolidated group under the tax consolidation regime. DWS and each of its subsidiaries are responsible for their own recognition of current and deferred tax assets and liabilities.

(c) Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognised at fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the taxation authority.

Consulting services revenue is recognised on a billing entitlement basis and is matched against related costs incurred. Where fixed price contracts are used, revenue recognition is based on stage of completion. The stage of completion is measured by reference to labour hours incurred to date as a percentage of estimated total labour hours.

(d) Intangibles

Goodwill and goodwill on consolidation are initially recorded at the amount by which the purchase price for a business or for an ownership interest in a controlled entity exceeds the fair value attributed to its net assets at date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisition of associates is included in investments in associates. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.



Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

(e) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Group liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than seven years have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Group.

Key estimates — Impairment

The Group assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

No impairment has been recognised in respect of goodwill for the year ended 30 June 2015.



Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

Operating segments

DWS Limited and its controlled entities, develop, manage and implement information technology solutions. There is only one reportable segment based on the aggregation criteria in AASB 8. The business operates within Australia only.

Note 2 Revenue

	Consolidated 2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Revenue from continuing operations		
Services revenue	94,632	94,397
Total revenue from continuing operations	94,632	94,397
Other revenue		
Interest received	279	388
Gain on present value of future earnout liability	321	-
Other	35	19
Total other revenue	635	407

Note 3 Income Tax Expense

	Consolidate	ed
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
The components of income tax expense comprise:		
Current tax expense	4,656	5,820
Deferred tax expense	103	(128)
	4,759	5,692
- Profit/Loss before income tax	15,158	18,589
Prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities before income		,
tax at 30% (2014 30%)	4,547	5,577
Increase in income tax expense due to:		
Non-deductible entertainment	87	101
Other items	124	14
Adjusted income tax	4,759	5,692
Income tax expense	4,759	5,692
Applicable weighted average effective tax rate	31.39%	30.62%



Note 3 Income Tax Expense (cont.)

Recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Consolidated	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Employee Benefits	42	394	-	-	42	394
Provisions	1,743	1,907	-	-	1,743	1,907
Other	716	304	-	-	716	304
Net Tax assets / liabilities	2,501	2,605	-	-	2,501	2,605

Movements in temporary differences	Consolidated 2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
The overall movement in the deferred tax account is as follows:		·
Opening balance	2,605	2,477
Charge to income statement	(103)	128
	2,501	2,605
Deferred tax asset movement Employee Benefits		
Opening balance	394	228
Charged	(352)	166
Closing balance	42	394
Provisions		
Opening balance	1,907	1,774
Charged	(164)	133
Closing balance	1,743	1,907
Other		
Opening balance	304	475
Charged	412	(171)
Closing balance	716	304
Total Closing Balance	2,501	2,605



Note 4 Dividends

(a) Dividends paid during the year

2015	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Franked/ Unfranked	Payment Date
Final 2014 ordinary	4.25	5,625	Franked at 30%	3-Oct-14
Interim 2015 ordinary	3.75	4,944	Franked at 30%	3-Apr-15
2014				
Final 2013 ordinary	5.50	7,280	Franked at 30%	4-Oct-13
Interim 2014 ordinary	4.50	5,956	Franked at 30%	4-Apr-14
(b) Dividends Declared				
	2015			
Declared final dividend	\$'000	\$'000		
Declared final fully franked ordinary dividend of 3.75 cents (2014 4.25 cents) per share at the tax rate of 30%	4,944	5,625		
(c) Dividend Franking Account				
30% franking credits available to shareholders of DWS Limited for subsequent financial years	24,287	23,415		

Note 5 Earnings per Share

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
Earnings used in calculation of basic and dilutive EPS	\$ 10,399,199	\$ 12,897,230
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	132,145,950	132,362,763
Number for diluted earnings per share		
Ordinary shares	132,145,950	132,362,763
Effect of dilutive share options	-	-
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings	132,145,950	132,362,763
Basic earnings per share	8 cents	10 cents
Diluted earnings per share	8 cents	10 cents



Note 6 Contingent Liabilities

The directors are of the opinion that provisions are not required in respect of the matter stated below as there is no probability of future sacrifice of economic benefits nor are the amounts capable of reliable measurement.

Bank guarantees

Bank guarantees of \$898,180 have been provided as security for performance of property rental covenants. The bank guarantees are secured by a Standard Authority to Appropriate and Set-Off Term Deposits to the equivalent guarantee value.

Note 7 Events subsequent to reporting date

On 5 August 2015, DWS entered into a binding agreement to acquire 75% of the issued capital in Phoenix IT & T Consulting Pty Ltd ("Phoenix") for \$19.5M in cash, to be funded by debt. DWS and the founders of Phoenix have irrevocable rights to buy and sell respectively the balance of shares in Phoenix. These rights are conditional on retention of certain customer contracts through FY16. The price payable for the remaining 25% will be \$6.5M and where the conditions are met, can be purchased at any time between 31 January 2016 and 31 January 2017.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2015 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) The consolidated entity's operations in future financial years
- (b) The results of those operations in future financial years
- (c) The consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years