

WAM RESEARCH LIMITED

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APPENDIX 4E - PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET All comparisons to the year ended 30 June 2015

	\$	up/down	% mvmt
Revenue from ordinary activities	47,640,896	up	40.4%
Profit from ordinary activities before tax attributable to members	35,928,070	up	35.1%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	26,157,144	up	34.4%
Net profit for the period attributable to members	26,157,144	up	34.4%
Dividend information	Cents per share	Franked amount per share	Tax rate for franking
2016 Interim dividend cents per share	4.25c	4.25c	30%
2016 Final dividend cents per share	4.25c	4.25c	30%
Final dividend dates			
Ex dividend date			17 October 2016
Record date			18 October 2016
Last election date for the DRP			20 October 2016
Payment date			28 October 2016

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Dividend Reinvestment Plan ('DRP') is in operation and the recommended fully franked final dividend of 4.25 cents per share qualifies. Participating shareholders will be entitled to be allotted the number of shares (rounded to the nearest whole number) which the cash dividend would purchase at the relevant issue price. The relevant issue price will be at a 2.5% discount to the price (calculated as the VWAP (volume weighted average market price) of shares sold on the ASX on the ex date for the relevant dividend and the 3 trading days following that date).

	30 June 16	30 June 15
Net tangible asset backing (after tax) per share	\$1.20	\$1.12

This report is based on the Annual Report which is in the process of being audited. All the documents comprise the information required by Listing Rule 4.3A.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Net realised and unrealised gains on financial assets		41,209,567	28,482,501
Investment revenue	2	6,431,329	5,447,006
Management fees		(2,161,614)	(1,755,617)
Performance fees		(8,445,614)	(4,767,592)
Directors fees		(112,500)	(100,000)
Brokerage expense on share purchases		(546,539)	(322,957)
Custody fees		(26,876)	(40,498)
ASX listing and chess fees		(95,189)	(82,209)
Share registry fees		(81,872)	(80,165)
Payroll tax		(34,489)	-
Other expenses from ordinary activities	-	(208,133)	(187,347)
Profit before income tax		35,928,070	26,593,122
Income tax expense	3(a)	(9,770,926)	(7,129,959)
Profit attributable to members of the Company	-	26,157,144	19,463,163
Other comprehensive loss			
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	-	(222,992)	(127,834)
Total comprehensive income for the year	=	25,934,152	19,335,329
Basic earnings per share	14	15.3 cents	13.4 cents
Diluted earnings per share	14	15.3 cents	13.4 cents

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Assets		Ψ	Ψ
Cash and cash equivalents	12	56,336,153	91,456,954
Trade and other receivables	6	10,208,279	800,076
Equity investments at fair value through Income			
Statement	7	160,655,091	103,978,164
Equity investments held for sale	7	2,070,634	2,389,193
Deferred tax assets	3(b)	60,022	58,740
Total assets	-	229,330,179	198,683,127
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	14,207,053	9,045,777
Current tax liabilities	3(c)	6,166,281	3,200,912
Deferred tax liabilities	3(d)	188,639	267,758
Total liabilities	·	20,561,973	12,514,447
Net assets	=	208,768,206	186,168,680
Equity			
Issued capital	9(a)	182,724,945	172,104,577
Reserves	10	34,450,744	22,471,586
Accumulated losses	11 _	(8,407,483)	(8,407,483)
Total equity	_	208,768,206	186,168,680

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	Issued capital	Accumulated losses	Capital profits reserve – capital account	Capital profits reserve – revenue account	Profits reserve	Asset revaluation reserve	Total equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2014		141,990,462	(4,903,285)	1,346	(19,847,541)	30,492,647	822,067	148,555,696
Profit for the year		-	19,463,163	-	-	-	-	19,463,163
Transfer to profits reserves Transfer from asset revaluation	10	-	(22,967,361)	-	-	22,967,361	-	-
reserve Other comprehensive income for the	10	-	-	-	-	82,074	(82,074)	-
year Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Shares issued via dividend	10	-	-	-	-	-	(127,834)	(127,834)
reinvestment plan Shares issued via exercise of	9(b)	2,967,301	-	-	-	-	-	2,967,301
options	9(b)	27,146,814	-	-	-	-	-	27,146,814
Dividends paid	4(a)		-	-	-	(11,836,460)	-	(11,836,460)
Balance at 30 June 2015		172,104,577	(8,407,483)	1,346	(19,847,541)	41,705,622	612,159	186,168,680
Profit for the year		-	26,157,144	-	-	-	-	26,157,144
Transfer to profits reserves Other comprehensive income for the	10	-	(26,157,144)	-	-	26,157,144	-	-
year Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Shares issued via dividend	10	-	-	-	-	-	(222,992)	(222,992)
reinvestment plan	9(b)	3,449,241	-	-	-	-	-	3,449,241
Shares issued via placement	9(b)	7,228,779	-	-	-	-	-	7,228,779
Capitalised share issue costs	9(b)	(57,652)	-	-	-	-	-	(57,652)
Dividends paid	4(a)		-	-	-	(13,954,994)	-	(13,954,994)
Balance at 30 June 2016		182,724,945	(8,407,483)	1,346	(19,847,541)	53,907,772	389,167	208,768,206

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		•	·
Proceeds from sale of investments		211,010,834	166,168,452
Payments for purchase of investments		(233,721,585)	(135,565,101)
Dividends received		4,001,075	3,339,150
Interest received		2,014,771	1,848,598
Other investment income		58,931	224,679
Management fees (inclusive of GST)		(2,645,611)	(1,769,369)
Performance fee (inclusive of GST)		(5,116,440)	(745,083)
Payments for administration expenses (inclusive of GS	ST)	(569,981)	(505,165)
Brokerage on share purchases (inclusive of GST)		(583,213)	(346,588)
GST on brokerage on share sales		(37,177)	(32,530)
Net GST received from the ATO		592,611	245,345
Net income tax paid		(6,765,683)	(5,540,980)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating			
activities	13	(31,761,468)	27,321,408
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		7,228,779	27,146,815
Dividends paid – net of reinvestment		(10,505,753)	(8,869,159)
Payments for issue of shares		(82,359)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing		(02,000)	
activities	-	(3,359,333)	18,277,656
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash			
equivalents held		(35,120,801)	45,599,064
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of		01 456 054	<i>15</i> 957 900
financial year	·ē	91,456,954	45,857,890
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial			
year	12	56,336,153	91,456,954
Non-cash transactions:			
Shares issued via dividend reinvestment plan	:	3,449,241	2,967,301

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Company is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

WAM Research Limited is a listed public company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the Australian Accounting Standards Board has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the IASB.

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs with the exception of certain financial assets and liabilities which have been measured at fair value.

The accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the 30 June 2015 Annual Report.

2. Investment revenue	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Dividends	4,049,023	3,413,238
Interest	2,143,569	1,890,825
Trust distributions	220,952	138,082
Underwriting and other fees	17,785	4,861
	6,431,329	5,447,006

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

3. Income tax

a) Income tax ex

The prima facie tax on profit before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows:

follows:	2016 \$	2015 \$
Prima facie tax on profit before income tax at 30% (2015:	·	·
30%)	10,778,421	7,977,936
Imputation credit gross up	432,668	356,210
Franking credit offset	(1,442,227)	(1,187,366)
Other non-assessable items	2,064	-
Franked dividend receivable this year	-	(16,821)
	9,770,926	7,129,959
Effective tax rate	27.2%	26.8%
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The effective tax rate reflects the benefit to the Company of income during the year.	franking credits recei	ved on dividend
Total income tax expense results in a:		

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Current tax liability	9,731,052	7,109,711
Deferred tax asset	23,425	14,842
Deferred tax liability	16,449	5,406
	9,770,926	7,129,959
b) Deferred tax assets	2016 \$	2015 \$
Provisions	7,176	8,729
Capitalised costs	52,846	50,011
	60,022	58,740
Movement in deferred tax assets		
Balance at the beginning of the period	58,740	73,582
Charged to the Income Statement	(23,425)	(14,842)
Capitalised share issue costs	24,707	-
At reporting date	60,022	58,740

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

3. Income tax (cont'd)

c) Current tax liabilities	2016 \$	2015 \$
Movement in current tax liabilities	•	•
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,200,912	1,597,006
Current year income tax expense on operating profit	9,731,052	7,109,711
Income tax expense on realised gains on investments	-	35,175
Income tax paid	(6,765,683)	(5,540,980)
At reporting date	6,166,281	3,200,912
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d) Deferred tax liabilities	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Fair value adjustments	188,639	267,758
	188,639	267,758
Movement in deferred tax liabilities Balance at the beginning of the year Charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income At reporting date	267,758 (79,119) 188,639	352,314 (84,556) 267,758
4. Dividends		
a) Ordinary dividends paid during the year	2016 \$	2015 \$
Final dividend FY2015: 4.0 cents per share fully franked at 30% tax rate paid 23 October 2015 (Final dividend FY2014: 3.75 cents per share fully franked)	6,612,254	5,288,797
Interim dividend FY2016: 4.25 cents per share fully franked at 30% tax rate paid 29 April 2016 (Interim dividend FY2015: 4.0 cents per share fully franked)	7,342,740	6,547,663
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	13,954,994	11,836,460

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

4. Dividends (cont'd)

b) Dividends not recognised at year end	20 16 \$	2015 \$
In addition to the above dividends, since the end of the year, the Directors have declared a 4.25 cent per share fully franked dividend which has not been recognised as a	7 400 405	0.040.450
liability at the end of the financial year:	7,402,195	6,612,159
c) Dividend franking account		
Balance of franking account at year end Adjusted for franking credits arising from:	3,989,101	1,761,824
- Estimated income tax payable Subsequent to year end, the franking account would be	6,166,281	3,200,912
reduced by the proposed dividend disclosed in Note 4 (b):	(3,172,369) 6,983,013	(2,833,782) 2,128,954

The Company's ability to continue to pay franked dividends is dependent upon the receipt of franked dividends from investments and the payment of tax.

The balance of the franking account does not include tax recognised as a deferred tax liability of \$188,639 (2015: \$267,758).

5. Auditor's remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor for:	2016 \$	2015 \$
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	36,790	36,474
Other assurance services	-	869
Other services provided by a related practice of the auditor:		
Taxation services	7,480	7,260
Other non-assurance services	3,300	
	47,570	44,603

The Company's Audit & Risk Committee oversees the relationship with the Company's external auditors. The Audit & Risk Committee reviews the scope of the audit and review and the proposed fee. It also reviews the cost and scope of other tax compliance services provided by a related entity of the audit firm, to ensure that they do not compromise independence.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

6. Trade and other receivables

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Outstanding settlements	8,775,295	2,080
Income receivable	749,532	392,980
GST receivable	683,452	405,016
	10,208,279	800,076

Outstanding settlements are on the terms operating in the securities industry. These do not incur interest and require settlement within two days of the date of the transaction. Income receivable relates to interest, sub-underwriting fees, dividend, and trust distributions receivable at the end of the reporting period.

7. Financial assets

7. Financial assets	2016 \$	2015 \$
Equity investments at fair value through Income Statement	160,655,091	103,978,164
Equity investments held for sale	2,070,634	2,389,193
	162,725,725	106,367,357
Equity investments held for sale		
Clime Investment Management Limited	2,070,634	2,389,193
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8. Trade and other payables		
	2016 \$	2015 \$
Outstanding settlements	4,813,960	3,284,135
Management fee payable	205,120	530,950
Performance fee payable	9,063,588	5,116,440
Sundry creditors	124,385	114,252
	14,207,053	9,045,777

Outstanding settlements are on the terms operating in the securities industry. These do not incur interest and require settlement within two days of the date of the transaction. Sundry creditors are settled within the terms of payment offered. No interest is applicable on these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

9. Issued capital

a) Paid-up capital	2016	2015
	\$	\$
174,169,283 ordinary shares fully paid (2015:		
165,303,976)	182,724,945	172,104,577

Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time, and are entitled to one vote per share at shareholder meetings, otherwise each member present at a meeting or by proxy has one vote on a show of hands. In the event of winding up of the Company, ordinary shareholders rank after creditors and share in any proceeds on winding up in proportion to the number of shares held.

b) Ordinary shares	2016 \$	2015 \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	172,104,577	141,990,462
1,405,831 ordinary shares issued on 23 October 2015		
under a dividend reinvestment plan 6,058,313 ordinary shares issued via a placement on	1,677,448	-
27 October 2015	7,228,779	-
1,401,163 ordinary shares issued on 29 April 2016	4 774 700	
under a dividend reinvestment plan	1,771,793	-
Share issue costs (net of tax)	(57,652)	-
22,622,431 ordinary shares issued from the exercise		
of options	-	27,146,814
1,253,937 ordinary shares issued on 24 October 2014		
under a dividend reinvestment plan	-	1,375,564
1,400,935 ordinary shares issued on 28 May 2015		
under a dividend reinvestment plan	<u>-</u>	1,591,737
At reporting date	182,724,945	172,104,577

c) Capital management

The Board manages the Company's capital by regularly reviewing the most efficient manner by which the Company employs its capital. At the core of this, the Board is of the belief that shareholder value should be preserved through the management of the level of distributions to shareholders, share and options issues and share buy-backs. These capital management initiatives will be used when deemed appropriate by the Board. There have been no changes in the strategy adopted by the Board to control the capital of the Company since the prior year. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

10. Reserves	2016 \$	2015 \$
Profits reserve	53,907,772	41,705,622
Asset revaluation reserve	389,167	612,159
Capital profits reserve – capital account	1,346	1,346
Capital profits reserve – revenue account	(19,847,541)	(19,847,541)
	34,450,744	22,471,586

The profits reserve is made up of amounts transferred from current year profits and are preserved for future dividend payments. The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of the equity investments held for sale, net of potential tax. The capital profits reserve records gains or losses arising from the disposal of equity investments held for sale, that are designated on revenue or capital account for taxation purposes respectively.

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Movement in capital profits reserve – capital account	•	•
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,346	1,346
At reporting date	1,346	1,346
Movement in capital profits reserve – revenue account		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(19,847,541)	(19,847,541)
At reporting date	(19,847,541)	(19,847,541)
Movement in profits reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	41,705,622	30,492,647
Transfer from retained earnings	26,157,144	22,967,361
Transfer from asset revaluation reserve	-	82,074
Final dividend paid (refer Note 4a)	(6,612,254)	(5,288,797)
Interim dividend paid (refer Note 4a)	(7,342,740)	(6,547,663)
At reporting date	53,907,772	41,705,622
Movement in asset revaluation reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	612,159	822,067
Transfer to profits reserve	-	(82,074)
Other comprehensive loss	(222,992)	(127,834)
At reporting date	389,167	612,159
11. Accumulated losses	0040	0045
	2016 \$	2015 \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	(8,407,483)	(4,903,285)
Profit for the year attributable to members of the Company	26,157,144	19,463,163
Transfer to profits reserve	(26,157,144)	(22,967,361)
•	(8,407,483)	(8,407,483)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

12. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash at bank	13,081,359	316,137
Cash held at call	-	67,140,817
Term deposits	43,254,794	24,000,000
	56,336,153	91,456,954

The weighted average interest rate for cash and term deposits as at 30 June 2016 is 2.74% (2015: 2.62%). The term deposits have an average maturity of 67 days (2015: 139 days). The term deposits are invested with major Australian banks and their 100% owned banking subsidiaries institutions that have a Standard & Poor's A-1+ rating.

13. Cash flow information

13. Casil flow information	2016	2015
Reconciliation of profit after tax to cash flow from	\$	\$
operations:		
Profit after income tax	26,157,144	19,463,163
Fair value (gains)/losses on financial assets	(56,676,928)	4,155,238
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(9,408,203)	106,120
Decrease/(Increase) in deferred tax assets	39,874	(14,927)
Increase in payables	5,161,276	2,007,908
Increase in current tax liabilities	2,965,369	1,603,906
Cash flow (used in)/provided by operating		
activities	(31,761,468)	27,321,408
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14. Farnings per snare		
14. Earnings per share	2016	2015
Basic earnings per share	2016 15.3 cents	2015 13.4 cents
Basic earnings per share	15.3 cents	13.4 cents
	15.3 cents 2016	13.4 cents 2015
Basic earnings per share Profit after income tax used in the calculation of basic	15.3 cents 2016 \$ 26,157,144	2015 \$ 19,463,163
Basic earnings per share Profit after income tax used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	15.3 cents 2016 \$	13.4 cents 2015 \$
Basic earnings per share Profit after income tax used in the calculation of basic	15.3 cents 2016 \$ 26,157,144	2015 \$ 19,463,163

There are no outstanding securities on issue that are potentially dilutive in nature.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

15. Segment reporting

The Company engages in investing activities, including cash, term deposits and equity investments. It has no reportable business or geographic segments.

16. Contingent liability

There are no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2016 (2015: nil).

17. Capital commitments

There are no capital commitments as at 30 June 2016 (2015: nil).

18. Events subsequent to reporting date

Since year end, the Board declared a final dividend of 4.25 cents per share fully franked to be paid on 28 October 2016.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affect 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 years.