

APPENDIX 4E

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT



CONSOLIDATED MEDIA HOLDINGS LIMITED

A.B.N. 52 009 071 167

YEAR ENDED: 30 JUNE 2009

PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING PERIOD: 30 JUNE 2008

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Appendix 4E

Financial year ended 30 June 2009

(Previous corresponding period: financial year ended 30 June 2008)

Results for announcement to the market

				\$A'000
Revenue from continuing operations	up	40.2%	to	5,977
Profit from continuing operations after tax attributable to members	down	56.8%	to	430,134
Net profit for the period attributable to members	up	93.0%	to	426,992
Dividends		Amount per security	Franked amount per security	
Final dividend:		6 cents	NIL	
Previous corresponding period		6 cents	3 cents	
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend		2 October 2009		
Final dividend payment date		16 October 2009		
For an explanation of any of the figures reported above, refer to the commentary on the company's results contained in the accompanying report.				
The financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial report of Consolidated Media Holdings Limited (CMH) as at 30 June 2008.				

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REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

For the financial year ending 30 June 2009 (**FY09**) Net Profit after Tax (**NPAT**) was \$427.0 million, down 93 per cent (previous corresponding period (**FY08**) was \$6,083.9 million). This result includes non-recurring items, comprising:

- a valuation gain on PBL Media of \$346.5 million, recognised when CMH ceased to have significant influence
- a discontinued operations loss of \$3.1 million related to the Park Street building, including a \$3.0 million impairment.

After removing the above non-recurring items, the pro forma NPAT was \$83.6 million for the year. A pro forma NPAT result is included in the ASX Release accompanying the Appendix 4E.

INVESTMENTS

(a) FOXTEL

CMH has recorded a \$24.8 million post-tax equity accounted profit on its FOXTEL investment in FY09, down 23 per cent (FY08 result \$32.1 million). Further information on this investment is provided in our ASX Release accompanying this Appendix 4E.

(b) Premier Media Group (PMG)

CMH has recorded a \$52.8 million post-tax equity accounted profit on its PMG investment in FY09, down 4 per cent (FY08 result \$54.9 million). Further information on CMH's investment in PMG is provided in our ASX Release accompanying this Appendix 4E.

(c) SEEK

CMH has recorded a \$14.4 million post-tax equity accounted profit on its 25.98 per cent investment in publicly listed SEEK Limited (**ASX: SEK**), down 29 per cent (FY08 result \$20.4 million). Further information on CMH's investment in SEEK is provided in our ASX Release accompanying this Appendix 4E.

CASH FLOW

Net operating cash flow for the period of \$74.8 million was primarily generated from distributions from our investments. At 30 June 2009, CMH had cash at bank of \$37.5 million, down from \$79.4 million at 30 June 2008.

DIVIDEND

The directors have announced today an unfranked dividend on ordinary shares of 6.0 cents per share payable on Friday 16 October 2009 to CMH shareholders registered on the record date, being 5.00pm Friday 2 October 2009.

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Condensed income statement For the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	Consolidated	
		30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000
<u>Continuing operations</u>			
Revenues	1	5,977	4,264
Other income	1	346,473	876,024
Expenses	1	(13,319)	(30,033)
Share of net profits of associates and joint venture	11	90,804	108,688
Profit from continuing operations before tax and finance costs		429,935	958,943
Finance costs		(16)	(26)
Profit from continuing operations before income tax		429,919	958,917
Income tax benefit		215	37,101
Profit from continuing operations after income tax		430,134	996,018
<u>Discontinued operations</u>			
(Loss)/profit from discontinued operations after income tax	2,13	(3,142)	5,087,892
Profit for the year		426,992	6,083,910
Profit attributable to members of CMH		426,992	6,083,910

Earnings per security (EPS)

Basic EPS (cents per share)		61.91	882.74
Diluted EPS (cents per share)		61.91	882.74
Basic EPS from continuing operations (cents per share)		62.37	144.52
Diluted EPS from continuing operations (cents per share)		62.37	144.52

Dividends per share

Current year final dividend proposed (cents per share)	4	6.0 cents	6.0 cents
Current year interim dividend paid (cents per share)	4	10.5 cents	10.5 cents

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Condensed balance sheet As at 30 June 2009

	Note	Consolidated	
		30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	37,451	79,435
Trade and other receivables		1,413	32,255
Current tax receivable		796	-
Prepayments		334	163
Assets held for sale	13	49,668	-
Total current assets		89,662	111,853
Non-current assets			
Available-for-sale financial assets		-	55
Other financial assets	12	-	-
Investments in associates accounted for using the equity method	11	380,318	(5,756)
Plant and equipment		6,577	5,771
Investment property		-	55,695
Deferred tax assets		482	1,314
Total non-current assets		387,377	57,079
Total assets		477,039	168,932
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		19,940	21,460
Interest bearing liabilities	5	210	56
Current tax liabilities		-	34,567
Provisions		387	412
Total current liabilities		20,537	56,495
Non-current liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	5	-	210
Provisions		95	82
Total non-current liabilities		95	292
Total liabilities		20,632	56,787
Net assets		456,407	112,145
Equity			
Contributed equity	8	55,082	20,197
Reserves		3,834	9,508
Retained profits		397,491	82,440
Parent entity interest		456,407	112,145
Total equity		456,407	112,145

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Condensed cash flow statement For the year ended 30 June 2009

	Consolidated	
	30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000
Note		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	8,739	845,946
Payments to suppliers and employees	(13,185)	(579,485)
Distributions and advances received from associates	81,984	122,623
Interest received	4,540	79,393
Financing costs including interest and cost of finance paid	(16)	(12,455)
Income taxes paid	(7,288)	(21,520)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	74,774	434,502
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(145)	(69,672)
Purchase of assets related to investment property	(1,462)	(7,376)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	148
Payment for purchase of equity contributions to equity investments	(26,716)	(477,340)
Net proceeds from sale of equity investments	-	524,932
Net cash outflow on disposal of controlled entities and businesses	-	(2,313,532)
Loans to associated entities	-	(4,203)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(28,323)	(2,347,043)
Cash flows from financing activities		
ESP proceeds received	23,596	5,067
Dividends paid	(111,959)	(240,937)
Payment of lease liabilities	(72)	(34)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(88,435)	(235,904)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(41,984)	(2,148,445)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	79,435	2,227,657
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	-	223
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	37,451	79,435

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Condensed statement of recognised income and expense For the year ended 30 June 2009

	Consolidated	
	30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000
Share of movement in associates' reserves	3,834	-
Net income recognised directly in equity	3,834	-
Profit for the year	426,992	6,083,910
Total recognised income and expense for the year	430,826	6,083,910
Attributable to members of CMH	430,826	6,083,910

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Notes to the condensed financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2009

Consolidated	
30 June 2009	30 June 2008
\$'000	\$'000

1. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Profit before income tax expense from continuing operations includes the following revenues and expenses whose disclosure is relevant in explaining the performance of the entity:

(i) Revenue

Revenue from services	1,437	703
Interest received	4,540	3,561
	<u>5,977</u>	<u>4,264</u>

(ii) Other Income

Valuation gain on loss of significant influence in PBL Media	346,473	-
Profit on disposal of non-current assets	-	872,221
Other income	-	3,803
	<u>346,473</u>	<u>876,024</u>

(iii) Expenses

Corporate and administration	11,515	28,170
Other	1,804	1,863
	<u>13,319</u>	<u>30,033</u>

Depreciation of non-current assets
(included in expenses above)

Plant and equipment	935	732
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Amortisation of non-current assets
(included in expenses above)

Plant and equipment under finance lease	85	101
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Total depreciation and amortisation expense

<u>1,020</u>	<u>833</u>
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(iv) Specific Items

Continuing operations		
Valuation gain on loss of significant influence in PBL Media	346,473	-
Net profit on disposal of interest in PBL Media	-	872,221
	<u>346,473</u>	<u>872,221</u>

Discontinued operations

Impairment of investment property	(3,000)	-
Net profit on disposal of investments	-	4,921,677
Write down of investments	-	(13,616)
	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>4,908,061</u>

Total specific items

<u>343,473</u>	<u>5,780,282</u>
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2. SEGMENT REPORTING

30 June 2009

Business segments	Gaming (Discontinued)	Ticketing and Events (Discontinued)	Media Investments	Property (Discontinued)	Unallocated	CMH Group	Less: Discontinued Operations	Continuing Operations
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating revenue								
Total	-	-	-	7,124	1,437	8,561	7,124	1,437
Intersegment	-	-	-	(156)	-	(156)	(156)	-
External customers	-	-	-	6,968	1,437	8,405	6,968	1,437
Interest revenue						4,540	-	4,540
Total operating revenue	-	-	-	6,968	1,437	12,945	6,968	5,977
Other income	-	-	346,473	-	-	346,473	-	346,473
Segment result								
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	3,016	(11,216)	(8,200)	3,016	(11,216)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	-	-	-	(3,158)	(666)	(3,824)	(3,158)	(666)
Earnings before interest and tax	-	-	-	(142)	(11,882)	(12,024)	(142)	(11,882)
Specific items	-	-	346,473	(3,000)	-	343,473	(3,000)	346,473
Equity accounted share of associates' net profit	-	-	90,804	-	-	90,804	-	90,804
Net interest income						4,524	-	4,524
Profit from operating activities before income tax and minority interests	-	-	437,277	(3,142)	(11,882)	426,777	(3,142)	429,919
Income tax benefit						215	-	215
Net profit/(loss)	-	-	437,277	(3,142)	(11,882)	426,992	(3,142)	430,134

Dividends per share

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2. SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

Business segments	Gaming (Discontinued) 1	Ticketing and Events (Discontinued) 2	Media Investments	Property (Discontinued)	Unallocated	CMH Group	Less: Discontinued Operations	Continuing Operations
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating revenue								
Total	824,858	6,019	-	5,753	703	837,333	836,630	703
Intersegment	(700)	-	-	(279)	78	(901)	(901)	-
External customers	824,158	6,019	-	5,474	781	836,432	835,729	703
Interest revenue						79,522	75,961	3,561
Total operating revenue	824,158	6,019	-	5,474	781	915,954	911,690	4,264
Other income	4,847,184	-	872,221	-	78,399	5,797,804	4,921,780	876,024
Segment result								
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation	276,222	1,912	-	1,753	(25,397)	254,490	279,308	(24,818)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(51,475)	(427)	-	(2,009)	(1,738)	(55,649)	(54,940)	(709)
Earnings before interest and tax "EBIT"	224,747	1,485	-	(256)	(27,135)	198,841	224,368	(25,527)
Specific items	4,847,081	79,743	872,221	-	(18,763)	5,780,282	4,908,061	872,221
Equity accounted share of associates' net profit	(22,555)	-	108,688	-	4,299	90,432	(18,256)	108,688
Net interest income						68,549	65,014	3,535
Profit from operating activities before income tax and minority interests	5,049,273	81,228	980,909	(256)	(41,599)	6,138,104	5,179,187	958,917
Income tax (expense)/benefit						(54,194)	(91,295)	37,101
Profit after tax	5,049,273	81,228	980,909	(256)	(41,599)	6,083,910	5,087,892	996,018

¹ Results included to the date of loss of control of Gaming businesses being 10 December 2007.

² Results included to the date of loss of control of Ticketing and Events divisions being 17 July 2007.

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Consolidated	
30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the condensed cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are comprised of the following:

Cash on hand and at bank	37,451	79,435
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4. DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED

Equity dividends on ordinary shares:

(a) Dividends paid during the year

Final dividend of 6 cents per share paid on 17 October 2008 partially franked at 56% (2007: 25 cents per share fully franked)

40,711	169,739
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Interim dividend of 10.5 cents per share paid on 17 April 2009 partially franked at 76% (2008: 10.5 cents unfranked)

71,230	72,416
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Dividend of \$12.78 per share arising as part of the reorganisation of the Gaming businesses pursuant to the PBL Scheme and Demerger Scheme, paid to Crown Limited on 10 December 2007 when Crown Limited was the sole shareholder of CMH (unfranked)

-	8,819,357
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(b) Dividends proposed and not recognised as a liability

Final unfranked dividend of 6 cents per share to be paid on 16 October 2009 (2008: 6 cents franked at 56%)

41,381	41,381
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No shareholders' dividend plans are in operation.

Consolidated	
30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000

5. INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Current

Lease liability	210	56
	210	56

Non-current

Lease liability	-	210
	-	210

6. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There are no contingent assets or liabilities at 30 June 2009 (2008: \$nil).

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7. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In August 2009, CMH entered an contract for sale to sell its investment property at 54 Park Street to AMP Capital Investors for proceeds of \$50 million. It is expected that settlement will occur within 60 days.

In August 2009, CMH successfully completed the sale of its shares in SEEK Limited. Gross proceeds of \$440.6 are expected to be received by 1 September 2009.

Consolidated	
30 June 2009 \$'000	30 June 2008 \$'000

8. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

Authorised and fully paid ordinary shares	55,082	20,197
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Movements in fully paid ordinary shares

	No of shares	\$'000
Balance at 1 July 2007	688,486,925	2,454,986
Share buyback	-	(2,440,000)
Issue of shares through Executive Share Plan	1,190,000	5,211
Balance at 30 June 2007	689,676,925	20,197
Sale of Executive Share Plan shares	-	34,885
Balance at 30 June 2008	689,676,925	55,082

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

9. NET TANGIBLE ASSETS BACKING

Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	0.66	0.16
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10. LOSS OF CONTROL OF ENTITIES HAVING A MATERIAL EFFECT

N/A

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11. EQUITY ACCOUNTED ASSOCIATES

Name of entity	Ownership interest		Contribution to net profit		Carrying value	
	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
	%	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Continuing operations						
Sky Cable Pty Limited	50.0%	50.0%	24,783	32,146	105,686	105,903
Premier Media Group	50.0%	50.0%	52,752	54,882	142,252	134,270
SEEK Limited	26.0%	26.7%	14,369	20,382	132,380	98,544
PBL Media Holdings Pty Limited ¹	0.1%	25.0%	(1,100)	1,278	-	(344,473)
			90,804	108,688	380,318	(5,756)

¹During the year, CMH ceased to have significant influence in PBL Media. Mr Packer and Mr Alexander (and their alternates Mr Anderson and Mr Dalgleish) resigned from the PBL Media board on 27 October 2008. On and from that date, CMH ceased equity accounting for its 25 per cent interest in PBL Media.

12. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

When CMH lost significant influence in PBL Media, the investment was designated as an investment at fair value through profit and loss. At 30 June 2009, the fair value was considered to be \$nil.

In December 2008, the major shareholder in PBL Media, Red Earth Holdings B.V., an entity owned by funds advised by CVC Asia Pacific and CVC Capital Partners, subscribed for further equity in PBL Media, diluting CMH's shareholding to less than 0.1 per cent.

13. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AND ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

As noted in note 7, CMH has entered an agreement to sell the building at 54 Park Street. As a consequence of this transaction, the investment property has been transferred to assets held for sale in the balance sheet.

The results of the building are disclosed as the property segment in note 2, and have been classified as a discontinued operation in the income statement.

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14. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted in preparing this preliminary financial report are consistent with those applied and disclosed in the 2008 annual financial report.

15. AUDIT

This report is based on accounts which are in the process of being audited. It is not considered likely any qualification will arise.

Signed:



Louise Arthur (Company Secretary)

26 August 2009