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TO	Australian Stock Exchange	DATE	27 February 2009
ATTENTION	Ms Kate Kidson	FACSIMILE	+61 3 9614 0303
FROM	Duncan Jewell		
SUBJECT	VCEG interim results announcement for period ended 31 December 2008		

Dear Ms Kidson,

Please find attached the interim results announcement for period ended 31 December 2008 for the Viridis Clean Energy Group (VIR).

Yours sincerely,

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VCEG interim results for period ended 31 December 2008

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Viridis Clean Energy Group (ASX: VIR) ("VCEG") has today announced its interim results for the period ended 31 December 2008.

Overview

The six months to 31 December 2008 included a number of key events:

- **Refinancing of corporate debt** – The terms for a refinancing of the corporate debt facility (\$85.3 million) were agreed with the existing lenders Investec Bank and ABN AMRO. The facility has been extended to 31 July 2010. Financing close for the refinancing was achieved in February 2009.
- **Ardrossan refinancing and project expansion completed** - Construction of the 6 MW expansion to the Ardrossan wind farm in the United Kingdom was completed in December 2008. The associated refinancing of the project debt facility will deliver a cash release to VCEG of approximately \$23 million, to be structured as a repayment of VCEG's junior loan investment (GBP 9.1 million) and refund of VCEG's project expansion equity contribution (GBP 1.3 million). The proceeds will be applied to pay down the corporate debt facility.
- **Asset operating performance** - Underlying asset performance delivered adjusted EBITDA¹ (including share of net profit from associates) of \$20.6 million for the period.
- **Distributions** - The initial instalment of 3.2 cents per stapled security (cash or cash equivalent) of the interim distribution was paid on 16 February 2009. As previously announced, a further instalment of 1.8 cents per stapled security (cash or cash equivalent) will be declared/paid following receipt of the Ardrossan wind farm refinancing benefits described above, expected to be no later than April 2009
- **Manager Internalisation** - The independent directors commenced preliminary discussions with Viridis Energy Capital Pty Limited (the "Manager") regarding the possibility of internalising VCEG's management arrangements.

¹ Before net unrealised foreign currency exchange and derivative gains of \$15.0 million (non-cash item) and interest income on cash balances of \$0.6 million (non-project related).

Results summary

Six months ended 31 December 2008	(\$'000)	31 December 2008	31 December 2007	Variance
Total revenue		47,753	47,636	117
Reported EBITDA (including share of net profit from associates)		36,251	16,041	20,210
Adjusted EBITDA (including share of net profit from associates)		20,649 ¹	21,931 ²	(1,282)
Depreciation & amortisation		(17,162)	(16,978)	(184)
Finance costs		(11,705)	(11,762)	57
Net profit/(loss) before income tax benefit/expense		7,384	(12,699)	20,083
Net profit/(loss) after income tax benefit/expense		5,714	(8,797)	14,511
Cash balance		26,055	38,697	(12,642)

VCEG achieved earnings before interest expense, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") (including share of net profit from associates) for the half year of \$36.3 million on total revenue for the period of \$47.8 million. Reported EBITDA includes an unrealised (non-cash) foreign currency gain of \$15.0 million relating to the accounting treatment of VCEG's foreign currency hedging contracts and intra-group loans. Adjusted EBITDA¹ (including share of net profit from associates) was \$20.6 million (pcp: \$21.9 million before transaction costs written-off of \$2.7 million).

The net result was a profit after income tax expense of \$5.7 million, which includes depreciation and amortisation charges of \$17.2 million.

Looking ahead

The Manager is working to complete certain administrative conditions to facilitate the release of the Ardrossan wind farm refinancing proceeds. The proceeds will be applied to pay down the Corporate debt and will facilitate payment of the final instalment of 1.8 cents per stapled security (cash or cash equivalent) of the interim distribution. This is expected to occur no later than April 2009.

The independent directors will continue discussions with the Manager regarding the possible internalisation of VCEG's management arrangements. Rothschild Australia has been engaged as financial adviser to assist the independent directors with this process.

As previously disclosed the directors and the Manager are also in the process of reviewing opportunities for VCEG. The review includes consideration of the current availability and cost of debt and equity capital, the cost and terms of the refinanced corporate debt facility, the Group's current investment focus and distribution policy and the impact that these items have on VCEG's ability to pursue growth initiatives.

It is expected that the review will take approximately 6 - 8 weeks, at which time a further update will be provided to security holders.

1 Before net unrealised foreign currency exchange and derivative gains of \$15.0 million (non-cash item) and interest income on cash balances of \$0.6 million (non-project related).

2 Before net unrealised foreign currency exchange and derivative losses of \$4.0 million (non-cash item), interest income on cash balances of \$0.8 million (non-project related) and transaction costs written-off of \$2.7 million.

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Background

Viridis Clean Energy Group is an ASX listed energy infrastructure fund that has been established by Viridis Energy Capital Pty Limited as a special purpose investment vehicle focused exclusively on direct, long-term investment in a global portfolio of clean energy projects. Viridis invests in projects employing proven renewable, waste and other clean energy fuels and technologies in selected geographical markets, with a primary focus on Europe, North America and Australia.

The Fund's current investment portfolio includes ownership interests in 52 projects located in the USA, UK and Germany with a total capacity of 203 MW (Viridis equity share).

Viridis Energy Capital Pty Limited is the investment manager for the Viridis Clean Energy Group. Viridis Clean Energy Group comprises Viridis Clean Energy Trust I (ARSN 115 340 442) and Viridis Clean Energy Trust II (ARSN 115 340 639). Viridis Investment Management Limited (ABN 51 099 788 431) is the responsible entity of the Viridis Clean Energy Group.

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COMPOSITION OF INITIAL INSTALMENT OF INTERIM DISTRIBUTION¹

	Cents per stapled security	%
Tax-Deferred	3.085	96.4
Taxable	0.008	0.3
Foreign Tax Credit	0.107	3.3
Total distribution per stapled security	3.200	100.0

¹ Australian resident security holders should not rely on this information for the purposes of completing their income tax returns. Details of the full year components of distributions will be provided in the annual tax statement which will be sent to security holders in September 2009.