

Results for Announcement to the Market

	2010	2009	Change	
			\$	%
Revenue and Net Profit				
Revenue from ordinary activities	39,168,528	57,707,700	(18,539,172)	(32.1%)
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	3,327,393	7,173,165	(3,845,772)	(53.6%)
Net profit for the half year attributable to members	3,327,393	7,173,165	(3,845,772)	(53.6%)

	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Dividends		
Interim dividend	2.0 cps	2.0 cps
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend		19 March 2010
Date the interim dividend is payable		2 April 2010
The Company does not operate a dividend re-investment plan		

NTA Backing	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2009	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2008
Net tangible asset backing per security (cents per share)	33.2 cps	30.1 cps

Details of entities over which control has been gained or lost during the period

During the period Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Ltd ("the Group") obtained control of the following entities:

FMC Corporation Pty Ltd; and

K.J. Johnson & Co Pty Ltd.

There were no other changes of control of any entities within the Group.

Details of associates and joint venture entities

The company has no interest in any associates or joint ventures.

Previous Corresponding Reporting Period

The previous corresponding reporting period is the half year ended 31 December 2008.

Commentary on the Results for the Period

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- TiWest plant upgrade;
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- Boddington gold mine.

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Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited

**Interim Financial Report for the Half Year
Ended 31 December 2009**

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Directors' report

The directors present their report together with the consolidated financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2009 and the independent review report thereon.

Directors

The directors of the Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited ("SCEE" or "the Company") at any time during or since the end of the interim period are:

Name	Period of directorship
Non-executive	
Mr Gianfranco Tomasi (Chairman)	Director since 1978
Mr Brian Carman	Director since 1988
Mr John Cooper	Director since 2007
Mr Douglas Fargher	Director since 2007
Executive	
Mr Stephen Pearce (Managing Director)	Director since 2008 (resigned 22 February 2009)

Review of operations

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Lead auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 19 and forms part of the directors' report for the six months ended 31 December 2009.

Dated at Sydney, this 22nd day of February 2010.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



G Tomasi

Chairman

Consolidated Income Statement

	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2008
	\$	\$
Contract revenue	39,168,528	57,707,700
Contract expenses	(25,501,477)	(39,149,268)
Gross profit	13,667,051	18,558,432
Other income	37,864	385,962
Foreign exchange gains/(losses)	(153,228)	732,218
Realised and unrealised loss on derivatives	-	(4,135,266)
Employee benefits expenses	(4,313,459)	(3,284,261)
Occupancy expenses	(366,525)	(272,161)
Administration expenses	(1,048,893)	(1,284,352)
Other expenses	(420,199)	(363,910)
Business combination expenses	(816,143)	-
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(1,561,537)	(521,817)
Results from operating activities	5,024,931	9,814,845
Finance income	273,401	729,280
Finance expenses	(108,260)	(171,528)
Net finance expense	165,141	557,752
Profit before income tax	5,190,072	10,372,597
Income tax expense	(1,862,679)	(3,199,432)
Profit for the period	3,327,393	7,173,165
Earnings per share (cents per share) for profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company:		
- basic (cents)	2.8	6.0
- diluted (cents)	2.8	6.0

**Consolidated Comprehensive Income Statement**

	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2008
	\$	\$
Profit for the period	3,327,393	7,173,165
Other comprehensive income		
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	21,261	1,262,358
Income tax on other comprehensive income	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of income tax	21,261	1,262,358
Total comprehensive income for the period	3,348,654	8,435,523
Attributed to		
Owners of the Company	3,348,654	8,435,523
Total comprehensive Income for the period	3,348,654	8,435,523



Consolidated Balance Sheet

	31 Dec 2009	30 June 2009
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	16,272,665	31,305,768
Trade and other receivables	7,410,500	9,770,452
Inventories	985,278	893,165
Construction work in progress	1,616,803	329,258
Prepayments	343,686	-
Total current assets	26,628,932	42,298,643
Property, plant and equipment	12,131,819	7,505,358
Deferred tax assets	1,099,260	1,603,847
Intangible assets and goodwill	6,934,469	-
Total non-current assets	20,165,548	9,109,205
Total assets	46,794,480	51,407,848
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,307,274	6,696,521
Loans and borrowings	199,844	293,809
Employee entitlements	1,795,314	1,720,390
Current tax payable	85,439	1,327,383
Total current liabilities	6,387,871	10,038,103
Loans and borrowings	19,159	61,609
Employee entitlements	278,879	70,578
Total non-current liabilities	298,038	132,187
Total liabilities	6,685,909	10,170,290
Net assets	40,108,571	41,237,558
Equity		
Share capital	20,641,943	19,777,237
Reserves	(243,096)	(361,716)
Retained earnings	19,709,724	21,822,037
Total equity	40,108,571	41,237,558

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Options Reserve	Translation Reserve	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 July 2009	19,777,237	21,822,037	209,689	(571,405)	41,237,558
Comprehensive income	-	3,327,393	-	21,261	3,348,654
Cost of share based payment	-	-	97,359	-	97,359
Dividends	-	(5,439,706)	-	-	(5,439,706)
Issue of new shares as part of acquisition	864,706	-	-	-	864,706
Balance as at 31 December 2009	20,641,943	19,709,724	307,048	(550,144)	40,108,571
	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Options Reserve	Translation Reserve	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 July 2008	19,792,706	13,335,544	76,514	97,823	33,302,587
Comprehensive income	-	7,173,165	-	1,262,358	8,435,523
Cost of share based payment	-	-	65,586	-	65,586
Cost of issue	(53,257)	-	-	-	(53,257)
Dividends	-	(4,800,000)	-	-	(4,800,000)
Peru earnings reserve reclassified to equity	-	222,328	-	-	222,328
Balance as at 31 December 2008	19,739,449	15,931,037	142,100	1,360,181	37,172,767

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2008
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from customers	43,372,632	54,514,078
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(37,930,526)	(45,437,751)
Interest received	273,401	729,281
Interest paid	(108,260)	(171,528)
Income taxes paid	(2,734,662)	(5,014,262)
Net cash from operating activities	2,872,585	4,619,818
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	(11,782,637)	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(345,880)	(1,400,392)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(12,128,517)	(1,400,392)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Costs of issue of shares	-	(53,257)
Repayment of borrowings	(198,178)	(436,090)
Dividends paid	(5,439,706)	(4,800,000)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(5,637,884)	(5,289,347)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(14,893,816)	(2,069,921)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	31,305,768	25,689,555
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	(139,287)	764,734
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	16,272,665	24,384,368

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements

1. Reporting entity

Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited (the "Company") is a company domiciled in Australia. The consolidated interim financial report of the Company as at and for the six months ended 31 December 2009 comprises the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred as the "Group").

The consolidated annual financial report of the Group as at and for the year ended 30 June 2009 is available upon request from the Company's registered office at 41 Macedonia Street Naval Base Western Australia 6165 or at www.scee.com.au.

2. Statement of compliance

The consolidated interim financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001.

The consolidated interim financial report does not include all of the information required for a full annual financial report, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated annual financial report of the Group as at and for the year ended 30 June 2009.

The consolidated interim financial report was approved by the Board of Directors on 22nd February 2009.

3. Estimates

The preparation of the interim financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this consolidated interim financial report, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied that applied to the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2009.

4. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the Group in this consolidated interim financial report are the same as those applied by the Group in its consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2009.

(a) Change in accounting policy

(i) Determination and presentation of operating segments

As of 1 July 2009, the Group determines and presents its operating segments based on the information that internally is provided to the Managing Director, who is the Group's chief operating decision maker. This change in accounting policy is due to the adoption of AASB 8 *Operating Segments*. Previously operating segments were determined and presented in accordance with AASB 114 *Segment Reporting*. The new accounting policy in respect of segment operating disclosures is as follows.

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. An operating segment's operating results are reviewed regularly by the Managing Director to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements

4. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Determination and presentation of operating segments (continued)

Segment results that are reported to the Managing Director include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly corporate assets (primarily the Company's head office), head office expenses, and income tax assets and liabilities.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets other than goodwill.

(ii) Presentation of financial statements

The Group applies revised AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* (2007), which became effective as of 1 January 2009. As a result, the Group presents in the consolidated statement of changes in equity all owner changes in equity, whereas all non-owner changes in equity are presented in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. This presentation has been applied in these condensed interim financial statements as of and from the six month period ended 31 December 2009.

Comparative information has been re-presented so that it is also in conformity with the revised standard. Since the change in accounting policy only impacts presentation aspects, there is no impact on earnings per share.

(iii) Business combinations

The Group has applied AASB 3 *Business Combinations* for business combinations occurring in the financial year starting 1 July 2009. All business combinations occurring on or after 1 July 2009 are accounted for by applying the acquisition method. The Group has applied the acquisition method for the business combination that occurred during the interim period ended 31 December 2009 as disclosed in note 7.

Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefit from its activities. The acquisition date is the date on which control is transferred to the acquirer. Judgement is applied in determining the acquisition date and determining whether control is transferred from one party to another.

The Group measures goodwill as the fair value of the consideration transferred including the recognised amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree, less the net recognised (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed, all measured as of the acquisition date.

Consideration transferred includes the fair values of the assets transferred, liabilities incurred by the Group to the vendors and equity interests issued by the Group.

Transaction costs that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination, such as legal fees, due diligence fees and other professional fees are expenses as incurred.

5. Financial risk management

During the six months ended 31 December 2009 the Group's financial risk management objectives and policies were consistent with that disclosed in the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements

6. Segment reporting

Revenue is principally derived by the Group from the provision of electrical and instrumentation services to the resources, energy and infrastructure sectors. The Group therefore operates within one operating segment.

7. Acquisition of subsidiary and non-controlling interest

Business Combination – FMC Corporation Pty Ltd

This business combination was part of the Group's strategy to expand operations in oil and gas, and continue the long term strategy to grow the business.

On the 1st July 2009, the Group obtained control of FMC Corporation Pty Limited ("FMC") by acquiring 100% of the shares in FMC. FMC is an unlisted private company that operates as an electrical contractor, predominantly in the maintenance, design and inspection of electrical works in Australia.

The total cost for the combination was \$4,127,381, made up of \$2,668,144 cash and the Group issued 882,353 shares which were trading at \$0.98 at the date of acquisition, equating to a fair value of \$864,706 and deferred payments totalling \$594,531. There is also additional consideration of \$500,000 which is subject to earnings hurdles and deferred consideration totalling \$750,000 subject to Mr Craig Hindle being employed by the Group on the first anniversary and the second anniversary.

Under AASB 3 *Business Combinations*, the amount of deferred consideration to be paid to the vendors is required to be recognised as remuneration and not as part of the cost of FMC.

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of FMC as at the date of acquisition were:

	Pre- acquisition carrying amounts \$	Fair value adjustment \$	Recognised values on acquisition \$
Cash	332,733	-	332,733
Trade receivables	923,863	-	923,863
Property, plant and equipment	159,387	-	159,387
Other Assets	28,222	(1,251)	26,971
Trade and other payables	(286,384)	-	(286,384)
Financial liabilities	(61,763)	-	(61,763)
Tax liabilities	(134,626)	-	(134,626)
Net Identifiable assets and liabilities	961,432	(1,251)	960,181
Goodwill on acquisition			3,167,200
			4,127,381

Cost of the combination

Cash	2,668,144
Deferred payments	594,531
Shares issued, at fair value	864,706
Total Cost of the Combination	4,127,381

The cash outflow of the acquisition is as follows

Net cash acquired	332,733
Cash paid	(2,668,144)
Net consolidated cash outflow	(2,335,411)

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements

7. Acquisition of subsidiary and non-controlling interest (continued)

Business Combination – FMC Corporation Pty Ltd (continued)

Pre-acquisition carrying amounts were determined based on applicable AASB standards immediately before the acquisition. The values of assets and liabilities recognised on acquisition are their fair values.

The goodwill recognised on the acquisition of \$3,167,200 is attributable mainly to the skills and technical talent of the acquired business's work force and the synergies expected to be achieved from integrating FMC into the Group's existing electrical contracting business. None of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

In the six months to 31 December 2009, FMC contributed revenue of \$2,879,104 and a profit of \$377,097 which is included in the consolidated income statement.

Business Combination – K J Johnson Pty Ltd

On 7 August 2009, the Group obtained control of certain assets and liabilities from K J Johnson Pty Ltd ("KJJ") necessary to conduct KJJ's business as a power line construction specialist.

The total cost for the combination was \$9,447,226. The business combination was part of the Group's strategy to expand electrical contracting operations, and continue the long term strategy to grow the business.

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities as at the date of acquisition were:

	Pre- acquisition carrying amounts \$	Fair value adjustment \$	Recognised values on acquisition \$
Land and buildings	1,354,861	2,445,139	3,800,000
Property Plant & Equipment	976,000	-	976,000
Inventory	100,000	-	100,000
Intangible assets - customer contracts	-	1,057,852	1,057,852
Employee entitlements	(102,774)	-	(102,774)
Net identifiable assets	<u>2,328,087</u>	<u>3,502,991</u>	<u>5,831,078</u>
Goodwill on acquisition			<u>3,616,148</u>
			<u>9,447,226</u>

Cost of the combination

Consideration paid satisfied in cash	<u>9,447,226</u>
Total Cost of the Combination	<u>9,447,226</u>

The cash outflow of the acquisition is as follows

Cash paid	<u>(9,447,226)</u>
Net consolidated cash outflow	<u>(9,447,226)</u>

Pre-acquisition carrying amounts were determined based on applicable AASB standards immediately before the acquisition. The values of assets and liabilities recognised on acquisition are their estimated fair values.

The goodwill recognised on the acquisition of \$3,616,148 is attributable mainly to the skills and technical talent of the acquired business's work force and the synergies expected to be achieved from integrating the company into the Group's existing electrical contracting business. None of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements

7. Acquisition of subsidiary and non-controlling interest (continued)

Business Combination – K J Johnson Pty Ltd (continued)

The contract intangibles recognised represents a valuation of customer contracts which existed as at the date of acquisition.

In the six months to 31 December 2009, KJJ contributed revenue of \$6,417,899 and a profit of \$990,383 which is included in the consolidated income statement.

8. Intangible assets – customer contracts and goodwill

Reconciliation of carrying amount

Cost	Note	Goodwill	Customer Contracts	Total
Balance as at 1 July 2008		-	-	-
Acquisitions through business combinations		-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2008		-	-	-
Balance as at 1 July 2009		-	-	-
Acquisitions through business combinations	7	6,783,348	1,057,852	7,841,200
Balance as at 31 December 2009		6,783,348	1,057,852	7,841,200
Amortisation and impairment losses				
Balance as at 1 July 2008		-	-	-
Impairment loss		-	-	-
Amortisation		-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2008		-	-	-
Balance as at 1 July 2009		-	-	-
Impairment loss		-	-	-
Amortisation		-	(906,731)	(906,731)
Balance as at 31 December 2009		-	(906,731)	(906,731)
Carrying amounts				
At 1 July 2008		-	-	-
At 31 December 2008		-	-	-
At 1 July 2009		-	-	-
At 31 December 2009		6,783,348	151,121	6,934,469

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements**9. Share based payment**

During the six months ended 31 December 2009 there were nil employee share options issued. On 31 December 2009, Mr Stephen Pearce submitted his resignation as Managing Director. As a result the following share options will be cancelled on 26th February 2010.

Number	Grant date	Exercise price	First exercise date
500,000	29 April 2009	\$1.15	26 November 2010
500,000	29 April 2009	\$1.15	26 November 2011

10. Related parties

Arrangements with related parties continue to be in place on the same basis as at 30 June 2009. For full disclosure on these transactions refer to the 30 June 2009 annual financial report.

11. Events after the balance sheet date

Other than events disclosed below there are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since 31 December 2009 which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent reporting periods.

On 1 February 2010, SCEE entered into an agreement to acquire Oceanic Industries Pty Ltd ("Oceanic") for \$12.4 million. The acquisition is to be funded by a combination of existing cash (\$3.4 million), debt (\$5.0 million) and equity (\$4.0 million).

Oceanic is a Queensland based electrical and instrumentation contractor which primarily services coal seam gas and fuel refinery clients. This acquisition is aligned with SCEE's strategic objectives of increasing the amount of work performed for energy clients as well as re-entering Queensland.

On 17 February 2010, SCEE entered into a \$5.0 million debt facility to partially fund the acquisition of Oceanic with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The term of the facility is 3 years and will be fully amortised across the term.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited ("the Company"):

1. the financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 15, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:
 - a. giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and of its performance for the six month period ended on that date; and
 - b. complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Sydney, this 22nd day of February 2009

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors



G Tomasi

Chairman



Independent auditor's review report to the members of Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited

Report on the financial report

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial report of Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited, which comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2009, consolidated income statement, consolidated comprehensive income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year period ended on that date, a statement of accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the Group comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during the half-year period.

Directors' responsibility for the interim financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of Interim and Other Financial Reports 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 interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and its performance for the half-year period ended on that date; and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As auditor of Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of an interim 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 have 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 interim financial report of Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and of its performance for the half-year period ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

KPMG

R Gambitta
Partner

Perth

22 February 2010



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review for the half-year ended 31 December 2009, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

KPMG

R Gambitta
Partner

Perth

22 February 2010