



## FSA GROUP LIMITED

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### FY2015 Results Announcement

FSA Group is pleased to announce its final result for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 which included operating income of \$69.6 million and a profit after tax attributable to members of \$14.7 million.

Chairman Sam Doumany said "Our Services division continued to perform well throughout the year, which resulted in our debt agreement market share increasing from 45% to 48%. This division continues to deliver stable and predictable cash profit which underpins our lending initiatives.

Our focus has been and will remain on growing our loan pools. Over the past year we hired additional staff, increased our marketing spend and decreased our upfront settlement fee to stimulate lending growth. This upfront investment in the future growth of our loan pools came at a pre-tax cost of approximately \$2 million over the year, impacting profitability for our Consumer and Business lending divisions. We have seen growth in these pools, although the real benefit of our investment will be realised over the next few years".

<b>Financial Overview</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Operating income	\$69.6m	+ 6%
Profit before tax	\$22.4m	+ 8%
Profit after tax attributable to members	\$14.7m	+ 9%
EPS basic	11.74c	+ 9%
Net cash inflow from operating activities	\$10.9m	-10%
Dividend/share	6.50c	+ 8%

<b>Profit before tax by division</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Services	\$14.8m	+ 31%
Consumer Lending	\$ 5.1m	- 26%
Business Lending	\$ 2.6m	- 7%
Profit before tax	\$22.4m	+ 8%

<b>Loan Pools</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Home Loans	\$233.0m	+ 5%
Personal Loans	\$ 5.9m	+ 440%
Factoring Finance	\$ 31.5m	+ 30%
Total	\$270.4m	+ 10%

## **Net Cash inflow from operating activities**

During the 2015 financial year, FSA Group maintained strong cash inflow driven by long term annuity income from its clients. The reduction in net cash inflow from operations, when compared to the previous corresponding period, is attributable to the upfront investment in the future growth of our loan pools.

## **Dividends**

The Directors have declared a fully franked final dividend of 3.50 cents per share, with a record date of 28 August 2015 and payable on 11 September 2015. This brings the full year dividend to 6.50 cents per share.

## **5 Year Strategic Plan**

Sam Doumany said "We have rolled out a 5 year strategic plan. A key component of our plan is to ensure our Services division maintains its leading position in a niche market and to continue to expand our product offering in our Consumer and Business lending divisions. Our aim is to grow our loan pools from \$270 million to around \$500 million.

We are excited about our new service, Easy Bill Pay. We all have bills to pay and this service makes it easier and streamlines this task. There is real potential in this service. Our target over the next few years is to add over 500 new clients per month to Easy Bill Pay which will ensure it makes a meaningful contribution to group earnings.

If we are successful in the execution of our 5 year strategic plan we expect average long term earnings growth of around 10% per annum. The growth rate in earnings may be lower in the earlier years. We expect our dividend payout ratio to be around 50% to 60% of earnings with the balance of earnings to be re-invested to support the capital requirements of our growing loan pools. Our strategy is self-funding so we do not expect to raise equity capital. If market conditions change and our loan pools do not grow as expected, we would consider increasing our dividend payout ratio accordingly.

Consumer debt levels are at a record high and demand for our products and services is growing. However, we may face a number of headwinds over the next few years, including historically low interest rates adversely affecting certain areas of our business.

We have a committed, experienced and highly motivated team focussed on growth and creating opportunities. The next few years will be very exciting for FSA Group".

***This announcement should be read in conjunction with the Cautionary Statements and Disclaimer Regarding Forward-Looking Information and the Appendix 4E which incorporates the 2015 Annual Report.***

**Cellina Chen**  
**Company Secretary**

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