

Appendix 4B

Half yearly/preliminary final report

Introduced 30/6/2002.

Name of entity

Australian United Investment Company Ltd

ABN or equivalent company reference

37 004 268 679

Half yearly
(tick)



Preliminary
final (tick)



Half year/financial year ended ('current period')

31 December 2002

For announcement to the market

Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1).

\$A'000

Revenues from operating activities (<i>item 1.1</i>)	up	37%	to	7,805
Revenues from the sale of long term investments	Down	29%	to	23,295
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (<i>item 1.22</i>)	up	40%	to	6,406
Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (<i>item 2.5(d)</i>)	Gain (loss) of	-		-
Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members (<i>item 1.11</i>)	up	40%	to	6,406
Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security		
Final dividend (<i>Preliminary final report only - item 15.4</i>)	6.0¢	6.0¢		
Interim dividend (<i>Half yearly report only - item 15.6</i>)				
Previous corresponding period (<i>Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7</i>)	5.5¢	5.5¢		
†Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) (<i>see item 15.2</i>)		28 March 2003		
Brief explanation of any of the figures reported above (see Note 1) and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:				

If this is a half yearly report it is to be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report.

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Consolidated statement of financial performance

		Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.1	Revenues from operating activities (<i>see items 1.23 -1.25</i>)	7,805	5,681
	Revenues from the sale of long term investments	23,295	32,853
1.2	Expenses from ordinary activities (<i>see items 1.26 & 1.27</i>)	23,633	33,067
1.3	Borrowing costs	1,005	980
1.4	Share of net profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities (<i>see item 16.7</i>)	-	-
1.5	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	6,462	4,487
1.6	Income tax on ordinary activities (<i>see note 4</i>)	56	(77)
1.7	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	6,406	4,564
1.8	Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax (<i>see item 2.5</i>)	-	-
1.9	Net profit (loss)	6,406	4,564
1.10	Net profit (loss) attributable to outside ⁺ equity interests	-	-
1.11	Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members	6,406	4,564
Non-owner transaction changes in equity			
1.12	Increase (decrease) in revaluation and investment fluctuation reserves	(27,319)	(766)
1.13	Net exchange differences recognised in equity	-	-
1.14	Other revenue, expense and initial adjustments recognised directly in equity (attach details)	-	-
1.15	Initial adjustments from UIG transitional provisions	-	-
1.16	Total transactions and adjustments recognised directly in equity (items 1.12 to 1.15)	(27,319)	(766)
1.17	Total changes in equity not resulting from transactions with owners as owners	(20,913)	3,798

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Earnings per security (EPS)	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
1.18 Basic EPS	7.99cps	6.71cps
1.19 Diluted EPS	N/A	N/A

Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of financial performance

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.20 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (item 1.7)	6,406	4,564
1.21 Less (plus) outside ⁺ equity interests	-	-
1.22 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax, attributable to members	6,406	4,564

Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

(see note 15)

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.23 Revenue from sales or services	-	-
1.24 Interest revenue	511	120
1.25 Other relevant revenue		
Dividends received or receivable	7,294	5,561
Gross proceeds from sale of investments	23,295	32,853
1.26 Details of relevant expenses		
Operating expenses	338	214
Borrowing costs	1,005	980
Book value of investments sold	23,295	32,853
Total	<u>24,638</u>	<u>34,047</u>
1.27 Depreciation and amortisation excluding amortisation of intangibles (see item 2.3)	-	-

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Capitalised outlays		
1.28 Interest costs capitalised in asset values	47	204
1.29 Outlays capitalised in intangibles (unless arising from an ⁺ acquisition of a business)	-	-

Consolidated retained profits

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.30 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	19,505	13,168
1.31 Net profit (loss) attributable to members (<i>item 1.11</i>)	6,406	4,564
1.32 Net transfers from (to) reserves (<i>details if material</i>)	-	-
1.33 Net effect of changes in accounting policies	-	-
1.34 Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	(5,133)	-
1.35 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period	20,778	17,732

Intangible and extraordinary items

<i>Consolidated – current period</i>				
	Before tax \$A'000 (a)	Related tax \$A'000 (b)	Related outside ⁺ equity interests \$A'000 (c)	Amount (after tax) attributable to members \$A'000 (d)
2.1 Amortisation of goodwill				
2.2 Amortisation of other intangibles				
2.3 Total amortisation of intangibles	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.4 Extraordinary items (details)				
2.5 Total extraordinary items	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

	Current year - \$A'000	Previous year - \$A'000
3.1 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members reported for the <i>1st</i> half year (item 1.22 in the half yearly report)	N/A	N/A
3.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members for the <i>2nd</i> half year	N/A	N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Consolidated statement of financial position		At end of current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000	As in last half yearly report \$A'000
Current assets				
4.1	Cash	10,997	8,159	1,992
4.2	Receivables	116	1,938	88
4.3	Investments	-	30,000	-
4.4	Inventories	-	-	-
4.5	Tax Assets	-	-	-
4.6	Other (provide details if material)	47	183	204
4.7	Total current assets	11,160	40,280	2,284
Non-current assets				
4.8	Receivables	-	-	-
4.9	Investments (equity accounted)	-	-	-
4.10	Other investments	335,074	333,662	326,775
4.11	Inventories	-	-	-
4.12	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised (<i>see para .71 of AASB 1022</i>)	-	-	-
4.13	Development properties (+mining entities)	-	-	-
4.14	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	-	-	-
4.15	Intangibles (net)	-	-	-
4.16	Tax assets	29	12	6
4.17	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.18	Total non-current assets	335,103	333,674	326,781
4.19	Total assets	346,263	373,954	329,065
Current liabilities				
4.20	Payables	174	1,868	230
4.21	Interest Bearing liabilities	-	-	-
4.22	Tax liabilities	-	-	559
4.23	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	-	-	-
4.24	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.25	Total current liabilities	174	1,868	789
Non-current liabilities				
4.26	Payables	-	-	-
4.27	Interest bearing liabilities	30,000	30,000	30,000
4.28	Tax liabilities	-	-	-
4.29	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	90	40	20
4.30	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.31	Total non-current liabilities	30,090	30,040	30,020

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

4.32	Total liabilities	30,264	31,908	30,809
4.33	Net assets	315,999	342,046	298,256
	Equity			
4.34	Capital/contributed equity	144,285	144,285	88,194
4.35	Reserves	150,936	178,256	192,330
4.36	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	20,778	19,505	17,732
4.37	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	315,999	342,046	298,256
4.38	Outside ⁺ equity interests in controlled entities	-	-	-
4.39	Total equity	315,999	342,046	298,256
4.40	Preference capital included as part of 4.37	N/A	N/A	N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Notes to the consolidated statement of financial position

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred.)

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
5.1 Opening balance	N/A	N/A
5.2 Expenditure incurred during current period		
5.3 Expenditure written off during current period		
5.4 Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.		
5.5 Expenditure transferred to Development Properties		
5.6 Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.12)	N/A	N/A

Development properties

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material)

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
6.1 Opening balance	N/A	N/A
6.2 Expenditure incurred during current period		
6.3 Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation		
6.4 Expenditure written off during current period		
6.5 Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.		
6.6 Expenditure transferred to mine properties		
6.7 Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.13)	N/A	N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1	-	-
7.2	(359)	(281)
7.3	-	-
7.4	9,098	7,302
7.5	502	125
		received
7.6	(835)	(917)
7.7	(46)	(210)
7.8	-	-
		Other (provide details if material)
7.9	8,360	6,019
Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.10	-	-
		Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment
7.11	-	-
		Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment
7.12	(34,414)	(18,139)
		Payment for purchases of equity investments
7.13	4,025	11,034
		Proceeds from sale of equity investments
7.14	-	-
		Loans to other entities
7.15	-	-
		Loans repaid by other entities
7.16	30,000	-
		Other (provide details if material) - Net proceeds from bank bills
7.17	(389)	(7,105)
Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.18	-	-
		Proceeds from issues of ⁺ securities (shares, options, etc.)
7.19	-	-
		Proceeds from borrowings
7.20	-	-
		Repayment of borrowings
7.21	(5,133)	-
		Dividends paid
7.22	-	-
		Other (provide details if material)
7.23	(5,133)	-
7.24	2,838	(1,086)
		Net increase (decrease) in cash held
7.25	8,159	3,078
		Cash at beginning of period (see Reconciliation of cash)
7.26	-	-
		Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25.
7.27	10,997	1,992
		Cash at end of period (see Reconciliation of cash)

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. (If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.)

--

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding Period - \$A'000
8.1 Cash on hand and at bank	10,997	1,992
8.2 Deposits at call	-	-
8.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
8.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
8.5 Total cash at end of period (item 7.27)	10,997	1,992

Other notes to the condensed financial statements

Ratios	Current period	Previous corresponding period
9.1 Profit before tax / revenue Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (item 1.5) as a percentage of revenue (item 1.1)	20.8%	11.6%
9.2 Profit after tax / ⁺equity interests Consolidated net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (item 1.11) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.37)	2.03%	1.53%

Earnings per security (EPS)

10. Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 9 and 18 of *AASB 1027: Earnings Per Share* are as follows.

The basic earnings per share for the 2001 half year is calculated on a weighted average adjusted number of ordinary shares of 68,055,591 taking into account the new share issue in June 2002. The 2002 figure is based on the number of ordinary shares on issue throughout the period of 80,209,262.

	31 December 2002	31 December 2001
Basic EPS	7.99cps	6.71cps
Diluted EPS	N/A	N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

NTA backing <i>(see note 7)</i>	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per + ordinary security	\$3.94	\$4.65
11.2 Net tangible asset backing per + ordinary security and after provision for tax on unrealised gains based on market value	\$3.59	\$4.08

Discontinuing Operations

(Entities must report a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations in accordance with paragraph 7.5 (g) of AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting, or, the details of discontinuing operations they have disclosed in their accounts in accordance with AASB 1042: Discontinuing Operations (see note 17).)

12.1 Discontinuing Operations

N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	N/A
13.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was ⁺ acquired	\$
13.3 Date from which such profit has been calculated	
13.4 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	\$

Loss of control of entities having material effect

14.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	N/A
14.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	\$
14.3 Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	
14.4 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	\$
14.5 Contribution to consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	\$

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1 Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	11 April 2003
15.2 ⁺ Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if ⁺ securities are not ⁺ CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if ⁺ securities are ⁺ CHESS approved)	28 March 2003
15.3 If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? <i>(Preliminary final report only)</i>	N/A

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Amount per security

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax (see note 4)	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
15.4	<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i> Final dividend: Current year	N/A	N/A	N/A
15.5	Previous year	N/A	N/A	N/A
15.6	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> Interim dividend: Current year	6.0¢	6.0¢	0¢
15.7	Previous year	5.5¢	5.5¢	0¢

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim plus final)

(Preliminary final report only)

	Current year	Previous year
15.8 +Ordinary securities	N/A	N/A
15.9 Preference +securities	N/A	N/A

**Half yearly report - interim dividend (distribution) on all securities or
Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities**

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
15.10 +Ordinary securities <i>(each class separately)</i>	4,813	3,529
15.11 Preference +securities <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.12 Other equity instruments <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.13 Total	4,813	3,529

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

The company operates a dividend investment plan which offers shares in lieu of a cash dividend issued at no discount to market.

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans

28 March 2003

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions). *(For half yearly reports, provide details in accordance with paragraph 7.5(d) of AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting)*

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
16.1 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	N/A	N/A
16.2 Income tax on ordinary activities		
16.3 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	N/A	N/A
16.4 Extraordinary items net of tax		
16.5 Net profit (loss)	N/A	N/A
16.6 Adjustments		
16.7 Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	N/A	N/A

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. *(If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from dd/mm/yy") or disposal ("to dd/mm/yy").)*

<i>Name of entity</i>	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss) (<i>item 1.9</i>)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
17.1 Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities				
17.2 Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17.3 Other material interests				
17.4 Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

(Description must include rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates)

Category of ⁺ securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 14) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 14) (cents)
18.1 Preference⁺ securities <i>(description)</i>				
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions				
18.3 ⁺Ordinary securities	80,209,262	80,209,262		
18.4 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks	-	-		
18.5 ⁺Convertible debt securities <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>				
18.6 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
18.7 Options <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>			<i>Exercise Price</i>	<i>Expiry date (if any)</i>
18.8 Issued during current period				
18.9 Exercised during current period				
18.10 Expired during current period				
18.11 Debentures <i>(description)</i>				
18.12 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
18.13 Unsecured notes <i>(description)</i>				
18.14 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Segment reporting

(Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with *AASB 1005: Segment Reporting* and for half year reports, *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. Because entities employ different structures a pro forma cannot be provided. Segment information in the layout employed in the entity's ⁺accounts should be reported separately and attached to this report.)

The Company operates as an investment company in Australia.

Comments by directors

(Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Act) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.)

Basis of financial report preparation

- 19.1 *If this report is a half yearly report, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. **It should be read in conjunction with the last ⁺annual report and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period.** The financial statements in this report are "condensed financial statements" as defined in AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. This report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. [Delete if preliminary final report.]*
- 19.2 Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period. In a half yearly report, provide explanatory comments about any seasonal or irregular factors affecting operations.

Refer attached letter

- 19.3 A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and which is not already reported elsewhere in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

19.4 Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year.

There are \$3,737,322 of franking credits as at 31 December 2002 and the directors expect dividends for the next year to be fully franked.

19.5 Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this report are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows. (Disclose changes and differences in the half yearly report in accordance with *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. Disclose changes in accounting policies in the preliminary final report in accordance with *AASB 1001: Accounting Policies-Disclosure*).

Refer Attached Additional Notes

19.6 Revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous +annual reports if those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

19.7 Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last + annual report.

Additional disclosure for trusts

20.1 Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.

20.2 A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity.

Identify:

- initial service charges
- management fees
- other fees

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Annual meeting

(Preliminary final report only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place

Date

Time

Approximate date the ⁺annual report will be available

Compliance statement

- 1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 12).

Identify other standards used

N/A

- 2 This report, and the ⁺accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

- 3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

- 4 This report is based on ⁺accounts to which one of the following applies.

(Tick one)

The ⁺accounts have been audited.



The ⁺accounts have been subject to review.

The ⁺accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.

The ⁺accounts have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

- 5 If the audit report or review by the auditor is not attached, details of any qualifications are attached.

- 6 The entity has a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: Date:
(Company Secretary)

Print name: Andrew Justin Hancock

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Notes

1. **For announcement to the market** The percentage changes referred to in this section are the percentage changes calculated by comparing the current period's figures with those for the previous corresponding period. Do not show percentage changes if the change is from profit to loss or loss to profit, but still show whether the change was up or down. If changes in accounting policies or procedures have had a material effect on reported figures, do not show either directional or percentage changes in profits. Explain the reason for the omissions in the note at the end of the announcement section. Entities are encouraged to attach notes or fuller explanations of any significant changes to any of the items in page 1. The area at the end of the announcement section can be used to provide a cross reference to any such attachment.
2. **True and fair view** If this report does not give a true and fair view of a matter (for example, because compliance with an Accounting Standard is required) the entity must attach a note providing additional information and explanations to give a true and fair view.
3. **Condensed consolidated statement of financial performance**
 - Item 1.1 The definition of "revenue" and an explanation of "ordinary activities" are set out in *AASB 1004: Revenue*, and *AASB 1018: Statement of Financial Performance*.
 - Item 1.6 This item refers to the total tax attributable to the amount shown in item 1.5. Tax includes income tax and capital gains tax (if any) but excludes taxes treated as expenses from ordinary activities (eg, fringe benefits tax).
4. **Income tax** If the amount provided for income tax in this report differs (or would differ but for compensatory items) by more than 15% from the amount of income tax *prima facie* payable on the profit before tax, the entity must explain in a note the major items responsible for the difference and their amounts. The rate of tax applicable to the franking amount per dividend should be inserted in the heading for the column "Franked amount per security at % tax" for items 15.4 to 15.7.
5. **Condensed consolidated statement of financial position**

Format The format of the consolidated statement of financial position should be followed as closely as possible. However, additional items may be added if greater clarity of exposition will be achieved, provided the disclosure still meets the requirements of *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*, and *AASB 1040: Statement of Financial Position*. Also, banking institutions, trusts and financial institutions may substitute a clear liquidity ranking for the Current/Non-Current classification.

Basis of revaluation If there has been a material revaluation of non-current assets (including investments) since the last ⁺annual report, the entity must describe the basis of revaluation adopted. The description must meet the requirements of *AASB 1010: Accounting for the Revaluation of Non-Current Assets*. If the entity has adopted a procedure of regular revaluation, the basis for which has been disclosed and has not changed, no additional disclosure is required.

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

6. **Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows** For definitions of “cash” and other terms used in this report see *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows*. Entities should follow the form as closely as possible, but variations are permitted if the directors (in the case of a trust, the management company) believe that this presentation is inappropriate. However, the presentation adopted must meet the requirements of *AASB 1026*. ⁺Mining exploration entities may use the form of cash flow statement in Appendix 5B.
7. **Net tangible asset backing** Net tangible assets are determined by deducting from total tangible assets all claims on those assets ranking ahead of the ⁺ordinary securities (ie, all liabilities, preference shares, outside ⁺equity interests etc). ⁺Mining entities are *not* required to state a net tangible asset backing per ⁺ordinary security.
8. **Gain and loss of control over entities** The gain or loss must be disclosed if it has a material effect on the ⁺accounts. Details must include the contribution for each gain or loss that increased or decreased the entity’s consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax by more than 5% compared to the previous corresponding period.
9. **Rounding of figures** This report anticipates that the information required is given to the nearest \$1,000. If an entity reports exact figures, the \$A’000 headings must be amended. If an entity qualifies under ASIC Class Order 98/0100 dated 10 July 1998, it may report to the nearest million dollars, or to the nearest \$100,000, and the \$A’000 headings must be amended.
10. **Comparative figures** Comparative figures are to be presented in accordance with *AASB 1018* or *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting* as appropriate and are the unadjusted figures from the latest annual or half year report as appropriate. However, if an adjustment has been made in accordance with an accounting standard or other reason or if there is a lack of comparability, a note explaining the position should be attached. For the statement of financial performance, *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting* requires information on a year to date basis in addition to the current interim period. Normally an Appendix 4B to which *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting* applies would be for the half year and consequently the information in the current period is also the year to date. If an Appendix 4B Half yearly version is produced for an additional interim period (eg because of a change of reporting period), the entity must provide the year to date information and comparatives required by *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting*. This should be in the form of a multi-column version of the consolidated statement of financial performance as an attachment to the additional Appendix 4B.
11. **Additional information** An entity may disclose additional information about any matter, and must do so if the information is material to an understanding of the reports. The information may be an expansion of the material contained in this report, or contained in a note attached to the report. The requirement under the listing rules for an entity to complete this report does not prevent the entity issuing reports more frequently. Additional material lodged with the ⁺ASIC under the Corporations Act must also be given to ASX. For example, a director’s report and declaration, if lodged with the ⁺ASIC, must be given to ASX.
12. **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if one exists) must be complied with.

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

13. **Corporations Act financial statements** This report may be able to be used by an entity required to comply with the Corporations Act as part of its half-year financial statements if prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
14. **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 18.1 and 18.3 for fully paid securities.
15. **Details of expenses** *AASB 1018* requires disclosure of expenses from ordinary activities according to either their nature or function. For foreign entities, there are similar requirements in other accounting standards accepted by ASX. *AASB ED 105* clarifies that the disclosures required by *AASB 1018* must be either *all* according to nature or *all* according to function. Entities must disclose details of expenses using the layout (by nature or function) employed in their ⁺accounts.

The information in lines 1.23 to 1.27 may be provided in an attachment to Appendix 4B.

Relevant Items *AASB 1018* requires the separate disclosure of specific revenues and expenses which are not extraordinary but which are of a size, nature or incidence that disclosure is *relevant* in explaining the financial performance of the reporting entity. The term “relevance” is defined in *AASB 1018*. There is an equivalent requirement in *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. For foreign entities, there are similar requirements in other accounting standards accepted by ASX.

16. **Dollars** If reporting is not in A\$, all references to \$A must be changed to the reporting currency. If reporting is not in thousands of dollars, all references to “000” must be changed to the reporting value.
17. **Discontinuing operations**

Half yearly report

All entities must provide the information required in paragraph 12 for half years beginning on or after 1 July 2001.

Preliminary final report

Entities must either provide a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations equivalent to that required by paragraph 7.5 (g) of *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*, or, the details of discontinuing operations they are required to disclose in their ⁺accounts in accordance with *AASB 1042 Discontinuing Operations*.

In any case the information may be provided as an attachment to this Appendix 4B.

18. **Format**

This form is a Word document but an entity can re-format the document into Excel or similar applications for submission to the Companies Announcements Office in ASX.

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Additional Notes to Appendix 4B

1. Taxation

	\$A'000 2002	\$A'000 2001
Income Tax Expense		
Prima facie income tax expense calculated at 30% (2001 at 30%) on the profit from ordinary activities	1,939	1,346
Less tax effect of permanent differences		
Rebate on dividend income	(2,439)	(1,945)
Other permanent differences	556	522
Prima facie tax adjusted for permanent differences	56	(77)
Income tax expense/(benefit) attributable to profit from ordinary activities	56	(77)

2. Changes in Accounting Policy

(a) Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Company has applied AASB 1044 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets" (issued in October 2001) for the first time from 1 July 2002.

Dividends are now recognised at the time they are declared, determined or publicly recommended. Previously, final dividends were recognised in the financial year to which they related, even though the dividends were announced after the end of that financial year.

The adjustments to the consolidated financial report as at 1 July 2002 as a result of this change are:

- \$5,133,382 increase in the opening retained profits
- \$5,133,382 decrease in provision for dividends

There was no impact on profit or loss for the reporting period to 31 December 2002.

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

(b) Restatement of retained profits and provision for dividends.

The restatement of retained profits and provision for dividends, below, show the information that would have been disclosed had the new accounting policies disclosed in this note always been applied.

	2002 \$'000 (restated)	2001 \$'000 (restated)
Reported retained profits at end of the previous year	14,372	13,169
Increase /(decrease) in retained profits due to change in accounting policy on adoption of:		
▪ AASB 1044 “Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets”	5,133	-
Restated retained profits at beginning of period	19,505	13,169
Net profit	6,406	4,564
Dividends provided for or paid	(5,133)	-
<i>Restated retained profits at end of the period</i>	20,778	17,733

	31 December 2002 \$'000 (restated)	30 June 2002 \$'000 (restated)
Restatement of provision for dividends		
Balance at end of period – as previously reported	-	5,133
Effect of change in accounting policy	-	(5,133)
<i>Restated balance at end of period</i>	-	-

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.