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In the statement, Mr. Skase said that on the basis of current interest rates in Australia, the company's asset sales would reduce interest expense by about AS 120 million a year in addition to eliminating certain liabilities.

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In March, Quintex sold 49% of the three Mirage resorts to Japan's Nippon Shinpan Co. and Mitsui & Co. for AS 433 million.

[21372016]

Yesterday's statement did n't say whether the Japanese companies will acquire Quintex's remaining stake in the resorts.

[21372017]

Before its shares were suspended from trading, Quintex Australia plunged to 16 Australian cents (12 U.S. cents) a share yesterday from 33 Australian cents Friday.

[21372018]

The shares traded at about AS 1.50 in March, when the plan to acquire MGM/UA was announced.

[21372019]

Quintex Ltd. shares sank to AS 1.50 yesterday from AS 3.05 Friday.

[21372020]

Mr. Skase's statement cited four recent problems that he said had cut group cash flow by more than AS 200 million.

[21372023]

Quintex Australia has n't yet reported results for the fiscal year ended July 31.

[21372024]

In his statement, Mr. Skase said preliminary accounts showed that group profit before interest, tax and depreciation "will exceed AS 170 million."

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He gave no further details.

[21372026]

Shareholders' funds as of July 31 were estimated at more than AS 1 billion, Mr. Skase said, compared with AS 725 million a year earlier.

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The company will make "adequate provisions" to cover costs of the dispute with MGM/UA and any loss from the investment in Quintex Entertainment, he said.

[21372028]

Mr. Skase also disclosed a disagreement among directors of Qintex Australia over certain fees claimed by Qintex Group Management Services Pty. , a management-services concern in which Qintex Australia executives have an interest .

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Qintex Australia paid the management company AS 32.6 million in the latest fiscal year .

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Mr. Skase said most of the money went to other parties for expenses such as rent and travel , but a smaller portion is owed to senior executives and others for management services .

[21372031]

Non-executive directors of Qintex Australia , who must approve payments to the senior executives , balked at the amount .

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Two of the directors resigned , Mr. Skase said , so the payments have n't yet been approved .