

**THE REJECT SHOP (AUST) PTY LTD
ABN 33 006 122 676
AND CONTROLLED ENTITY

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 JUNE 2003**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company and its controlled entity for the financial year ended 29 June 2003.

Directors

The names of directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

John Kenneth Fox
Barry Edward Saunders
Andrew Alexander Lockhart
John Shuster
Arnold Slosberg
Robert Backwell

Ron Jones was appointed a director on 17 September 2003, and continues in office at the date of this report.

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Review of operations

The consolidated profit of the economic entity for the financial year after providing for income tax and eliminating outside equity interests amounted to \$4,615,475 (2002: \$3,686,985).

A review of the operations of the economic entity during the financial year and the results of those operations found that during the year, the economic entity continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

No significant change in the economic entity state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the economic entity during the financial year were the retailing of discount variety merchandise.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the economic entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the economic entity in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

Likely developments in the operations of the economic entity and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the economic entity.

Environmental regulation

The economic entity's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Dividends

The dividends paid or declared since the start of the financial year are as follows:

Fully franked dividend paid during the year

- (a) Paid interim fully franked dividend of \$nil (2002: \$329.72) dollars per share franked at a tax rate of 30%

Since the end of the financial year the directors have recommended the payment of a dividend for that year of \$322.47 per share franked at a tax rate of 30% which was paid on 19 September 2003.

Share options

Options that were granted over unissued shares in prior year by the economic entity and outstanding at the end of the financial year are as follows:

Options granted by The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd

89 options granted to Ronald Jones at an exercise price of \$2,528.09 per option to be exercised on or before 28 February 2005
89 options granted to Slosberg Superannuation Fund at an exercise price of \$2,528.09 per option to be exercised on or before 4 January 2005. 59 options were exercised on 16 September 2003
89 options granted to The Saunders Superannuation Fund at an exercise price of \$2,528.09 per option to be exercised on or before 4 January 2005. 59 options were exercised on 16 September 2003
33 options granted to Anthony McShanag at an exercise price of \$2,528.09 per option to be exercised on or before 10 September 2006.
311 options granted to John Fox at an exercise price of \$2,131.21 per option to be exercised on or before on 3 December 2006.

Participation rights of option holder in share or interest issues: shares on a one for one basis

Insurance of officers

During or since the end of the financial year, the economic entity has given indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

The Company has paid premiums of \$13,098 to insure all directors and officers against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in their capacity of director of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

Director
John Kenneth Fox

Director
Barry Edward Saunders

Dated this day of 2003

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 June 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Note	2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues from ordinary activities					
Sales revenue	2	163,605,911	145,649,059	163,605,911	145,649,059
Other revenues from ordinary activities	2	<u>3,017,535</u>	<u>2,785,829</u>	<u>3,017,535</u>	<u>2,181,470</u>
		<u>166,623,446</u>	<u>148,434,888</u>	<u>166,623,446</u>	<u>147,830,529</u>
Cost of Sales		86,118,709	74,534,522	86,118,709	74,534,522
Store expenses		53,343,966	49,782,135	53,343,966	49,782,135
Administrative expenses		14,608,114	13,331,226	14,608,114	13,577,736
Distribution centre expenses		<u>5,204,654</u>	<u>4,690,207</u>	<u>5,204,654</u>	<u>4,690,207</u>
		<u>159,275,443</u>	<u>140,317,556</u>	<u>159,275,443</u>	<u>140,564,066</u>
Borrowing costs expense	3	<u>746,023</u>	<u>656,559</u>	<u>746,023</u>	<u>620,157</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense		6,601,980	5,440,239	6,601,980	4,625,772
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	4	<u>(1,986,505)</u>	<u>(1,753,254)</u>	<u>(1,986,505)</u>	<u>(1,495,924)</u>
Profit from ordinary activities after related income tax expense		<u>4,615,475</u>	<u>3,686,985</u>	<u>4,615,475</u>	<u>3,129,848</u>
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		<u>4,615,475</u>	<u>3,686,985</u>	<u>4,615,475</u>	<u>3,129,848</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 29 June 2003

	Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
		2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash assets	7	820,662	1,110,750	820,662	1,110,750
Receivables	8	191,749	66,508	191,749	66,508
Inventories	9	20,159,143	18,250,854	20,159,143	18,250,854
Other	10	1,665,337	1,236,005	1,665,337	1,236,005
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		22,836,891	20,664,117	22,836,891	20,664,117
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Other financial assets	11	-	-	1,200	1,200
Property, plant and equipment	13	15,532,096	14,006,761	15,532,096	14,006,761
Deferred tax assets	14	455,091	141,779	455,091	141,779
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		15,987,187	14,148,540	15,988,387	14,149,740
TOTAL ASSETS		38,824,078	34,812,657	38,825,278	34,813,857
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	15	7,795,636	7,902,739	8,799,316	8,994,016
Interest-bearing liabilities	16	7,074,959	9,837,570	7,074,959	9,837,570
Current tax liabilities	17	1,293,483	422,369	1,293,483	334,773
Provisions	18	1,726,877	1,441,572	1,726,877	1,441,572
Other	19	2,549,546	2,422,974	2,549,546	2,422,974
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,440,501	22,027,224	21,444,181	23,030,905
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Interest-bearing liabilities	16	2,278,996	1,483,995	2,278,996	1,483,995
Provisions	18	525,567	337,898	525,567	337,898
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,804,563	1,821,893	2,804,563	1,821,893
TOTAL LIABILITIES		23,245,063	23,849,117	24,248,744	24,852,798
NET ASSETS		15,579,014	10,963,540	14,576,534	9,961,059
EQUITY					
Contributed equity	20	3,365,123	3,365,123	3,365,123	3,365,123
Reserves	21	738,773	738,773	738,773	738,773
Retained profits	22	11,475,119	6,859,644	10,472,638	5,857,163
TOTAL EQUITY		15,579,015	10,963,540	14,576,534	9,961,059

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 June 2003

Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers (inclusive of goods and services tax)	179,841,261	160,127,111	179,841,261	162,035,364
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of goods and services tax)	(169,932,010)	(150,556,117)	(169,932,010)	(153,979,072)
Interest received	14,163	19,109	14,163	15,670
Borrowing costs paid	(746,023)	(656,559)	(746,023)	(620,157)
Income tax paid	(1,428,703)	(1,861,197)	(1,428,703)	(1,710,193)
Net cash provided by operating activities	26b <u>7,748,688</u>	<u>7,062,347</u>	<u>7,748,688</u>	<u>5,741,612</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	78,633	-	78,633	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(4,495,161)	(3,663,135)	(4,495,161)	(3,663,135)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(4,416,528)</u>	<u>(3,663,155)</u>	<u>(4,416,528)</u>	<u>(3,663,155)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from share issue	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale and leaseback	1,763,404	1,986,464	1,763,404	1,986,464
Repayment of finance leases	(2,072,998)	(1,278,553)	(2,072,998)	(1,278,553)
Repayment of borrowings	(2,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Dividends paid	-	(2,006,000)	-	(2,006,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(2,309,594)</u>	<u>(4,298,089)</u>	<u>(2,309,594)</u>	<u>(4,298,089)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	1,022,566	(898,877)	1,022,566	(2,219,612)
Cash at beginning of the financial year	(4,592,503)	(3,693,626)	(4,592,503)	(2,372,891)
Cash at end of the financial year	26a <u>(3,569,936)</u>	<u>(4,592,503)</u>	<u>(3,569,936)</u>	<u>(4,592,503)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies

This general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board , Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and the Corporations Act 2001.

It is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

(a) Principles of consolidations

A controlled entity is any entity controlled by The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd. Control exists where The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd has the capacity to dominate the decision-making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd to achieve the objectives of The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd. Details of the controlled entity are contained in Note 12.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the economic entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation.

(b) Income tax

The economic entity adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense shown is based on the profit from ordinary activities adjusted for any permanent differences.

Timing differences which arise due to the different accounting periods in which items of revenue and expense are included in the determination of accounting profit and taxable income are brought to account as either a provision for deferred income tax or as a future income tax benefit at the rate of income tax applicable to the period in which the benefit will be received or the liability will become payable.

Future income tax benefits are not brought to account unless realisation of the asset is assured beyond any reasonable doubt. Future income tax benefits in relation to tax losses are not brought to account unless there is virtual certainty of realisation of the benefit.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation, and the anticipation that the economic entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

(c) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis and include an appropriate proportion of freight expenses.

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(d) **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Leasehold improvements		
- At cost	8-20 %	Straight Line
- Leased	8-20 %	Straight Line
Plant and equipment		
- At cost	8-33 %	Straight Line
- Leased	7-33 %	Straight Line
Motor vehicles		
- At cost	12 %	Straight Line
- Leased	12 %	Straight Line
Office equipment		
- At cost	8-20 %	Straight Line
- Leased	8-20 %	Straight Line
Computer equipment		
- At cost	20-33 %	Straight Line
- Leased	25-33 %	Straight Line
Fixture and fittings		
- At cost	7-20 %	Straight Line
- Leased	7-20 %	Straight Line

(e) **Leases**

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the entities within the economic entity are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the economic entity will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised in the balance sheet as both an asset and liability and are

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brought into account as income over the initial term of the lease.

(f) Employee Entitlements

(i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date, and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(ii) Long service leave

A liability for long service leave is recognised, and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Expected future payments are discounted using interest rates on national government guaranteed securities with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

(i) Superannuation

Contributions are made by the economic entity to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(g) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

(h) Revenue

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised at the point of sale. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(i) Foreign Currency Translation

Foreign currency transactions during the year are recorded in Australian currency using the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction except where hedged prior to the date of transaction whereupon the hedge rate is used. Amounts receivable and payable in foreign currency using the rate of exchange ruling at that date.

The gains and losses from conversion of short-term assets and liabilities, whether realised or unrealised, are included in operating profit as they arise.

Costs or gains arising at the time of entering hedged transactions for the purchase and sale of goods and services, and exchange differences that occur up to the date of purchase or sale are deferred and included in the measurement of the purchase or sale. The net amounts receivable or payable under the hedging transaction are also recorded in the statement of financial position.

(j) Trade and other creditors

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the consolidated entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(k) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

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Note 2: Revenue

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from operating activities				
Sale of goods	<u>163,605,911</u>	<u>145,649,059</u>	<u>163,605,911</u>	<u>145,649,059</u>
Revenue from outside the operating activities				
Interest	14,163	19,109	14,163	15,670
Settlement discount	1,161,335	741,478	1,161,335	143,473
Sale of non-current assets	1,842,037	2,020,534	1,842,037	2,020,534
ther	-	4,708	-	1,793
	<u>3,017,535</u>	<u>2,785,829</u>	<u>3,017,535</u>	<u>2,181,470</u>
	<u>166,623,446</u>	<u>148,434,888</u>	<u>166,623,446</u>	<u>147,830,529</u>

Note 3: Profit From Ordinary Activities

Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense has been determined after:

(a) Expenses:

Foreign exchange losses	355,472	-	355,472	-
Borrowing costs				
other persons	<u>746,023</u>	<u>656,559</u>	<u>746,023</u>	<u>620,157</u>
Depreciation of non - current assets				
lant and equipment	2,178,240	1,482,492	2,178,240	1,482,492
Amortisation of non-current assets:				
capitalised leased assets	522,971	839,389	522,971	839,389
Provision for diminution of				
Inventories	30,000	226,000	30,000	226,000
Remuneration of the auditors of parent				
entity for:				
auditing services	52,000	62,000	52,000	62,000
other services	32,742	56,000	32,742	56,000
Research and development costs				
	-	2,704	-	2,704
Operating lease payments				
Base rentals	19,791,663	16,964,380	19,791,663	16,964,380
% rentals	238,871	72,965	238,871	72,965

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Note 3: Profit From Ordinary Activities (Continued)

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net loss on disposal of non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	189,892	141,152	189,892	141,152

Note 4: Income Tax

The income tax expense for the financial year differs from the amount calculated on the profit. The differences are reconciled as follows:

Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	6,601,980	5,440,239	6,601,980	4,625,772
Income tax calculated @ 30%	1,980,594	1,632,072	1,980,594	1,387,732
Tax effect of permanent differences				
Sundry items	5,975	108,192	5,975	108,192
Income tax adjusted for permanent differences	1,986,569	1,740,264	1,986,569	1,495,924
(Over)/Under provision in previous year	(64)	12,990	(64)	-
Income tax expense	1,986,505	1,753,254	1,986,505	1,495,924

The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd implemented the tax consolidation legislation as of 1 July 2002. The Australian Tax Office (ATO) has not yet been notified of this decision and a tax sharing agreement between members of the tax consolidated group has not yet been notified of this decision. As a consequence, The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd, as the head entity in the tax consolidated group, recognises current and deferred tax balances in this group as if those transactions, events and balances were its own, in addition to the current and deferred tax amounts arising in relation to its own transactions, events and balances. Amounts receivable or payable under an accounting tax allocation agreement with the tax consolidated subsidiaries are recognised separately as tax-related amounts receivable or payable. Expenses and revenues arising under the tax allocation agreement are recognised as a component of income tax expense (revenue).

The financial effect of the tax consolidation legislation has been recognised in these financial statements, with no material impact on the consolidated statement of financial performance or financial position.

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Note 5: Remuneration And Retirement Benefits

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2002	2001
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Directors' remuneration				
Income paid or payable to all directors of each entity in the economic entity by the entities of which they are directors	1,036,280	956,815		
Income paid or payable to all directors of the parent entity by the parent entity and any related parties			1,036,280	956,815
Number of parent entity directors whose income from the parent entity or any related parties was within the following bands:				
	No.	No.	No.	No.
\$1 - \$9,999	1	1	1	1
\$10,000 - \$19,999	2	2	2	2
\$50,000 - \$59,999	1	1	1	1
\$340,000 - \$349,999	-	1	-	1
\$350,000 - \$359,999	1	-	1	-
\$520,000 - \$529,999	-	1	-	1
\$580,000 - \$589,999	1	-	1	-

The names of directors of the parent entity who have held office during the financial year are:

John Kenneth Fox
 Barry Edward Saunders
 Andrew Alexander Lockhart
 John Shuster
 Arnold Slosberg
 Robert Backwell
 Ron Jones, was appointed a director on 17th September 2003.

Note 6: Dividends

Paid interim fully franked dividend of \$nil (2002: \$329.72) dollars per share franked at tax rate of 30% (2002: 30%)	-	2,006,000	-	2,006,000
Since the end of the financial year, the directors have recommended the payment of a dividend for that year of \$322.47 per share, franked at a rate of 30%, which was paid on 19 September 2003.	2,000,000		2,000,000	
	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,006,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,006,000</u>

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Note 6: Dividends (Continued)

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance of franking account at year-end adjusted for franking credits arising from payment of provision for income tax and dividends recognised as receivables, franking debits arising from payment of proposed dividends and any credits that may be prevented from distribution in subsequent years	<u>6,909,957</u>	<u>4,610,138</u>	<u>6,486,579</u>	<u>4,186,762</u>

Note 7: Cash Assets

Cash on hand	233,073	220,270	233,073	220,270
Cash at bank	<u>587,589</u>	<u>890,480</u>	<u>587,589</u>	<u>890,480</u>
	<u>820,662</u>	<u>1,110,750</u>	<u>820,662</u>	<u>1,110,750</u>

Note 8: Receivables

CURRENT				
Other debtors	191,749	66,508	191,749	66,508
	<u>191,749</u>	<u>66,508</u>	<u>191,749</u>	<u>66,508</u>

Note 9: Inventories

CURRENT				
Finished goods at cost	20,418,103	18,574,791	20,418,103	18,574,791
Less provision for diminution in value	<u>(258,960)</u>	<u>(323,937)</u>	<u>(258,960)</u>	<u>(323,937)</u>
	<u>20,159,143</u>	<u>18,250,854</u>	<u>20,159,143</u>	<u>18,250,854</u>

Note 10: Other Assets

CURRENT				
Prepayments	1,475,574	1,211,720	1,475,574	1,211,720
Other current assets	<u>189,763</u>	<u>24,285</u>	<u>189,763</u>	<u>24,285</u>
	<u>1,665,337</u>	<u>1,236,005</u>	<u>1,665,337</u>	<u>1,236,005</u>

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Note 11: Other Financial Assets

	Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
		2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Shares in controlled entities at cost	12	-	-	1,200	1,200
Total other financial assets		-	-	1,200	1,200

Note 12: Controlled Entities

Subsidiary: TRS Trading Group Pty Ltd
Country of incorporation: Australia
Percentage owned 100% (2002 100%)

Note 13: Property, Plant And Equipment

Leasehold Improvements

At cost	6,718,817	6,503,195	6,718,817	6,503,195
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,736,811)	(3,384,603)	(3,736,811)	(3,384,603)
	<u>2,982,006</u>	<u>3,118,592</u>	<u>2,982,006</u>	<u>3,118,592</u>

Leased leasehold improvements

Capitalised leased assets at cost	1,021,779	536,152	1,021,779	536,152
Less accumulated amortisation	(88,073)	(39,954)	(88,073)	(39,954)
	<u>933,706</u>	<u>496,198</u>	<u>933,706</u>	<u>496,198</u>

Plant and equipment

At cost	3,164,381	3,111,196	3,164,381	3,111,196
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,155,332)	(1,934,873)	(2,155,332)	(1,934,873)
	<u>1,009,049</u>	<u>1,176,323</u>	<u>1,009,049</u>	<u>1,176,323</u>

Leased plant and equipment

Capitalised leased assets at cost	651,144	487,690	651,144	487,690
Less accumulated amortisation	(80,376)	(37,004)	(80,376)	(37,004)
	<u>570,768</u>	<u>450,686</u>	<u>570,768</u>	<u>450,686</u>

Motor vehicles

At cost	416,216	529,931	416,216	529,931
Less accumulated depreciation	(234,596)	(259,139)	(234,596)	(259,139)
	<u>181,620</u>	<u>270,792</u>	<u>181,620</u>	<u>270,792</u>

Capitalised leased assets at cost

Less accumulated amortisation	694,261	520,721	694,261	520,721
	(128,377)	(155,641)	(128,377)	(155,641)
	<u>565,884</u>	<u>365,080</u>	<u>565,884</u>	<u>365,080</u>

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Note 13: Property, Plant And Equipment (Continued)

Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment				
At cost	264,373	236,512	264,373	236,512
Less accumulated depreciation	(224,815)	(215,361)	(224,815)	(215,361)
	<u>39,558</u>	<u>21,151</u>	<u>39,558</u>	<u>21,151</u>
 Capitalised leased assets at cost	 43,276	 25,906	 43,276	 25,906
Less accumulated amortisation	(10,525)	(4,826)	(10,525)	(4,826)
	<u>32,751</u>	<u>21,080</u>	<u>32,751</u>	<u>21,080</u>
 Computer equipment				
At cost	1,391,646	1,243,452	1,391,646	1,243,452
Less accumulated depreciation	(928,499)	(773,521)	(928,499)	(773,521)
	<u>463,147</u>	<u>469,931</u>	<u>463,147</u>	<u>469,931</u>
 Capitalised leased assets at cost	 4,017,115	 3,043,718	 4,017,115	 3,043,718
Less accumulated amortisation	(2,199,359)	(1,508,030)	(2,199,359)	(1,508,030)
	<u>1,817,756</u>	<u>1,535,688</u>	<u>1,817,756</u>	<u>1,535,688</u>
 Furniture, fixtures and fittings				
At cost	10,725,083	10,199,259	10,725,083	10,199,259
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,847,778)	(5,163,381)	(5,847,778)	(5,163,381)
	<u>4,877,305</u>	<u>5,035,878</u>	<u>4,877,305</u>	<u>5,035,878</u>
 Capitalised leased assets at cost	 2,523,158	 1,384,004	 2,523,158	 1,384,004
Less accumulated amortisation	(464,612)	(338,641)	(464,612)	(338,641)
	<u>2,058,546</u>	<u>1,045,363</u>	<u>2,058,546</u>	<u>1,045,363</u>
 Total plant and equipment	 <u>11,616,384</u>	 <u>10,391,972</u>	 <u>11,616,384</u>	 <u>10,391,972</u>
 Total property, plant and equipment	 <u>15,532,096</u>	 <u>14,006,761</u>	 <u>15,532,096</u>	 <u>14,006,761</u>

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year (Economic entity and Parent Entity)

	Leasehold improvements		Plant & equipment	
	At Cost	Leased	At Cost	Leased
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2003				
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,118,592	496,198	1,176,323	450,686
Additions	844,732	489,849	183,675	164,300
Disposals	(565,146)	(3,655)	(87,349)	(731)
Depreciation expense	(416,172)	(48,686)	(263,600)	(43,487)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>2,982,006</u>	<u>933,706</u>	<u>1,009,049</u>	<u>570,768</u>

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	Computer equipment		Motor vehicles	
	At Cost	Leased	At Cost	Leased
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2003				
Balance at the beginning of the year	469,931	1,535,688	270,792	365,080
Additions	212,577	973,397	-	369,740
Disposals	(50,124)	-	(38,440)	(93,599)
Depreciation/amortisation expense	(169,237)	(691,329)	(50,732)	(75,337)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>463,147</u>	<u>1,817,756</u>	<u>181,620</u>	<u>565,884</u>

	Office equipment		Furniture fixtures and fittings	
	At Cost	Leased	At Cost	Leased
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2003				
Balance at the beginning of the year	21,151	21,080	5,035,878	1,045,363
Additions	45,431	17,367	1,814,556	1,142,938
Disposals	(15,635)	-	(1,175,149)	(2,192)
Depreciation expense	(11,389)	(5,699)	(797,980)	(127,563)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>39,558</u>	<u>32,751</u>	<u>4,877,304</u>	<u>2,058,546</u>

	Total
	\$
2003	
Balance at the beginning of the year	14,006,761
Additions	6,258,565
Disposals	(2,032,019)
Depreciation expense	(2,701,211)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>15,532,096</u>

Note 14: Deferred Tax Assets

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
The future income tax benefits comprise				
Timing differences	<u>455,091</u>	<u>141,779</u>	<u>455,091</u>	<u>141,779</u>

Note 15: Payables

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities				
Trade creditors	6,076,638	6,757,016	6,076,638	6,757,016
Sundry creditors and accruals	1,718,998	1,145,723	1,718,998	1,145,723
Amounts owing to controlled entities	-	-	1,003,680	1,091,277
	<u>7,795,636</u>	<u>7,902,739</u>	<u>8,799,316</u>	<u>8,994,016</u>

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Note 16: Interest Bearing Liabilities

	Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
		2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT					
Secured liabilities					
Bank overdrafts		4,390,598	5,703,253	4,390,598	5,703,253
Bank loans		500,000	2,500,000	500,000	2,500,000
Finance lease liability	23	763,164	679,335	763,164	679,335
Hire purchase liability	23	1,421,197	954,982	1,421,197	954,982
		<u>7,074,959</u>	<u>9,837,570</u>	<u>7,074,959</u>	<u>9,837,570</u>
NON-CURRENT					
Secured liabilities					
Finance lease liability	23	798,354	596,921	798,354	596,921
Hire purchase liability	23	1,480,642	887,074	1,480,642	887,074
		<u>2,278,996</u>	<u>1,483,995</u>	<u>2,278,996</u>	<u>1,483,995</u>

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Note 16: Interest Bearing Liabilities (continued)

Bank overdraft and bank loans are secured by:

Cross Guarantee and Indemnity between The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd ABN 33 006 122 676 and TRS Trading Group Pty Ltd ABN 20 059 935 465 supported by :

First Registered Company Charge (Mortgage Debt) over all the assets and undertakings of The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd ABN 33 006 122 676 (already held)- this to be a fixed and floating charge over all present and future assets, undertaking (including goodwill) and unpaid/uncalled capital of the company.

First Registered Company Charge (Mortgage Debt) over all the assets and undertakings of TRS Trading Group Pty Ltd ABN 20 059 935 465 (already held)- this to be a fixed and floating charge over all present and future assets, undertaking (including goodwill) and unpaid/uncalled capital of the company.

Letter of Set-Off by and on account of The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd ABN 33 006 122 676 and TS Trading Group Pty Ltd ABN 20 059 935 465

Note 17: Tax Liabilities

Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Income tax	<u>1,293,483</u>	<u>422,369</u>	<u>1,293,483</u>	<u>334,773</u>

Note 18: Provisions

CURRENT				
Employee entitlements	<u>1,726,877</u>	<u>1,441,572</u>	<u>1,726,877</u>	<u>1,441,572</u>
NON-CURRENT				
Employee entitlements	<u>525,567</u>	<u>337,898</u>	<u>525,567</u>	<u>337,898</u>
(a) Aggregate employee entitlements liability	<u>2,252,444</u>	<u>1,779,470</u>	<u>2,252,444</u>	<u>1,779,470</u>

	Number		Number	
Employee numbers				
Average number of employees during the financial year	<u>1,795</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>1,795</u>	<u>1,685</u>

Note 19: Other Liabilities

CURRENT				
Accrued expenses	2,009,712	1,865,613	2,009,712	1,865,613
Deferred income	<u>539,834</u>	<u>557,361</u>	<u>539,834</u>	<u>557,361</u>
	<u>2,549,546</u>	<u>2,422,974</u>	<u>2,549,546</u>	<u>2,422,974</u>

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Note 20: Contributed Equity

	Note				
Paid up Capital					
6,084 (2002: 6,084) fully paid ordinary shares		<u>3,365,123</u>	<u>3,365,123</u>	<u>3,365,123</u>	<u>3,365,123</u>
Detail of share options refer Directors Report					

Note 21: Reserves

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital profits reserve	<u>738,773</u>	<u>738,773</u>	<u>738,773</u>	<u>738,773</u>

Note 22: Retained Profits

Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	6,859,644	5,178,659	5,857,163	4,733,315
Net profit attributable to members of the entity	4,615,475	3,686,985	4,615,475	3,129,848
Dividends provided for or paid	-	2,006,000	-	2,006,000
Retained profits at reporting date	<u>11,475,119</u>	<u>6,859,644</u>	<u>10,472,638</u>	<u>5,857,163</u>

Note 23: Capital And Leasing Commitments

(a) Finance Leasing Commitments

Payable				
not later than one year	886,023	755,352	886,023	755,352
later than one year and not later than five years	<u>874,321</u>	<u>642,061</u>	<u>874,321</u>	<u>642,061</u>
Minimum lease payments	1,760,344	1,397,413	1,760,344	1,397,413
Less future finance charges	<u>198,826</u>	<u>121,157</u>	<u>198,826</u>	<u>121,157</u>
Total lease liability	<u>1,561,518</u>	<u>1,276,256</u>	<u>1,561,518</u>	<u>1,276,256</u>
Represented by:				
Current liability	16 763,164	679,335	763,164	679,335
Non-current liability	16 798,354	596,921	798,354	596,921
	<u>1,561,518</u>	<u>1,276,256</u>	<u>1,561,518</u>	<u>1,276,256</u>

(b) Hire purchase commitments

Payable				
not later than one year	1,673,142	1,070,846	1,673,142	1,070,846
later than one year and not later than five years	<u>1,681,326</u>	<u>922,735</u>	<u>1,681,326</u>	<u>922,735</u>
Minimum hire purchase payments	3,354,468	1,993,581	3,354,468	1,993,581
Less future finance charges	<u>452,629</u>	<u>151,525</u>	<u>452,629</u>	<u>151,525</u>
Total hire purchase liability	<u>2,901,839</u>	<u>1,842,056</u>	<u>2,901,839</u>	<u>1,842,056</u>

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Represented by:

	Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
		2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Current liability	16	1,421,197	954,982	1,421,197	954,982
Non-current liability	16	1,480,642	887,074	1,480,642	887,074
		<u>2,901,839</u>	<u>1,842,056</u>	<u>2,901,839</u>	<u>1,842,056</u>

(c) Operating Lease Commitments
Non-cancellable operating leases
contracted for but not capitalised in the
accounts:

Payable					
not later than one year		17,909,967	17,354,413	17,909,967	17,354,413
later than one year and not later than five years		30,395,021	35,138,704	30,395,021	35,138,704
later than five years		1,590,211	4,511,637	1,590,211	4,511,637
		<u>49,895,199</u>	<u>57,004,754</u>	<u>49,895,199</u>	<u>57,004,754</u>

Note 24: Contingent Liabilities

Estimates of the maximum amounts of
contingent liabilities that may become
payable:

*Workcover claims by certain employees
have been brought against the company.
The actions are being defended by
company's counsel*

Letters of credit established for acquisition of goods for resale	352,206	47,542	352,206	-
ANZ Bank indemnity guarantee to landlords	894,060	716,557	894,060	716,557
	<u>1,246,266</u>	<u>764,099</u>	<u>1,246,266</u>	<u>716,557</u>

Note 25: Related Party Transactions

(a) Consulting fees paid or payable to
director related entities under normal
commercial terms and conditions

33,333	36,364	33,333	36,364
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(b) Rent paid or payable to director
related entities under normal commercial
terms and conditions

-	18,671	-	18,671
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(c) Out of pocket expenses paid to
directors and director related entities

11,577	8,214	11,577	8,214
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(d) Stock purchased by TRS

24,732,028	24,484,806	24,732,028	24,484,806
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Note 26: Cash Flow Information

Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Reconciliation of Cash				
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:				
Cash on hand	233,073	220,270	233,073	220,270
Cash at bank	587,589	890,480	587,589	890,480
Bank overdrafts	(4,390,598)	(5,703,253)	(4,390,598)	(5,703,253)
	<u>(3,569,936)</u>	<u>(4,592,503)</u>	<u>(3,569,936)</u>	<u>(4,592,503)</u>
(b) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities				
Profit from ordinary activities after				
Income Tax	4,615,475	3,686,985	4,615,475	3,129,848
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities				
Amortisation of leased assets	522,971	839,389	522,971	839,389
Depreciation	2,178,240	1,482,492	2,178,240	1,482,492
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	189,892	141,152	189,892	141,152
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries				
(Increase) / Decrease in receivables and other assets	(554,573)	143,800	(554,573)	1,673,631
(Increase) in inventories	(1,908,289)	(2,576,281)	(1,908,289)	(7,211,005)
Increase in trade and other creditors and other provisions	2,147,170	3,452,753	2,147,170	5,990,374
Increase/(Decrease) in income tax payable	871,114	(91,928)	871,114	(162,652)
(Increase) in deferred taxes	(313,312)	(16,015)	(313,312)	(51,617)
Net Cash provided by operations	<u>7,748,688</u>	<u>7,062,347</u>	<u>7,748,688</u>	<u>5,741,612</u>

(c) Credit stand-by arrangement and loan facilities

The company has a total bank facility of \$36,392,000 (2002: \$31,692,000). Included in the facility is a seasonal interchange facility totalling \$12,000,000 (2002: \$9,000,000) which is repayable by 31 December 2003. As at 29 June 2003, the standard bank facility of \$24,392,000 (2002: \$22,692,000) remains. The used portion of this facility totals \$11,075,483 while \$13,316,517 remains unused (2002: \$15,279,985).

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Note 27: Financial Instruments

(a) Financial instruments

(i) Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments are used by the economic entity to hedge exposure to exchange rate risk associated with foreign currency borrowings and interest rate risk associated with movements in interest rates which impact on the borrowings of the economic entity. The derivative financial instruments used by the entity are not recognised in the financial statements. Transactions for hedging purposes are undertaken without the use of collateral as only reputable institutions with sound financial positions are dealt with.

(ii) Unrecognised financial instruments

Forward Exchange Contracts

The economic entity enters into forward exchange contracts to buy and sell specified amounts of foreign currency in the future at stipulated exchange rates. The objective in entering the forward exchange contracts is to protect the economic entity against unfavourable exchange rate movements for both the contracted and anticipated future sales and purchases undertaken in foreign currencies.

The accounting policy in regard to forward exchange contracts is detailed in note 1(i)

At balance date, the details of outstanding forward exchange contracts are:

	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
Sell Australian Dollars Settlement	Buy United States Dollars		Average Exchange Rate	
Less than 6 months	7,599,314	11,859,849	0.66	0.54
Sell Australian Dollars Settlement	Buy Euro			
Less than 6 months	349,319	331,126	0.57	0.60
Sell Australian Dollars Settlement	Buy Pounds Sterling			
Less than 6 months	492,009	537,781	0.37	0.37
Sell Australian Dollars Settlement	Buy Denmark DK			
Less than 6 months	68,751	-	4.22	-

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(b) Interest Rate Risk

The economic entity's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Fixed Interest Rate Maturing within 1 Year	
	2003 %	2002 %	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
Financial Assets						
Cash	3.75	4.50	820,662	1,110,750	-	-
Financial Liabilities						
Bank loans and overdrafts	4.95	5.48	-	-	4,890,598	8,203,253
Hire purchase liabilities	6.50	6.98	-	-	1,421,197	954,982
Lease liabilities	6.80	10.50	-	-	763,164	679,335
Total Financial Liabilities			-	-	7,074,959	9,837,570

Fixed Interest Rate Maturing

	1 to 5 years		Over 5 Years	
	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
Financial Assets				
Financial Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Hire purchase liabilities	1,480,642	887,074	-	-
Lease liabilities	798,354	596,921	-	-
Total Financial Liabilities	2,278,996	1,483,995	-	-

	Non-interest Bearing		Total	
	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
Financial Assets				
Cash	-	-	820,662	1,110,750
Receivables and other debtors	338,789	66,508	338,789	66,508
Total Financial Assets	338,789	66,508	1,012,411	1,177,258
Financial Liabilities				
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	4,890,598	8,203,253
Trade and Sundry creditors	7,795,636	7,902,739	7,795,636	7,902,739
Hire purchase liabilities	-	-	2,901,839	1,842,056
Lease liabilities	-	-	1,561,518	1,276,256
Total Financial Liabilities	7,795,636	7,902,739	17,149,591	19,224,304

(c) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provisions for doubtful debts of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

Credit risk for derivative financial instruments arises from the potential failure by counterparties to the contract to meet their obligations. The credit risk exposure to forward exchange contracts is the net fair value of these contracts.

The economic entity does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity

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(d) Net Fair Values

For other assets and other liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying value.

No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments, forward exchange contracts and interest rate swaps.

Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the economic entity intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and in the notes to the financial statements.

Note 28: Non-cash financing and investing activities

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Acquisition of plant & equipment by means of finance lease	<u>3,157,595</u>	<u>2,754,177</u>	<u>3,157,595</u>	<u>2,754,177</u>

Note 29: Equity

Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	10,963,540	9,282,555	9,961,059	8,837,211
Total changes in equity recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance	4,615,475	3,686,985	4,615,475	3,129,848
Transactions with owners as owners				
- Dividends	-	(2,006,000)	-	(2,006,000)
Total equity at reporting date	<u>15,579,013</u>	<u>10,963,540</u>	<u>14,576,534</u>	<u>9,961,059</u>

Note 30: Segment

The Reject Shop operates within with the one geographic segment (Australia) and the one business segment (retailing of discount variety merchandise).

Note 31: Business information

The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

The registered office of the company is:

The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd
5 Lloyd Street
West Melbourne Vic 3003

The principal place of business is:

The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd
5 Lloyd Street
West Melbourne Vic 3003

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE REJECT SHOP (AUST) PTY LTD
ABN 33 006 122 676
AND CONTROLLED ENTITY

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors declare that the financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 – 23:

- (a) comply with Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- (b) give a true and fair view of the company's and economic entity's financial position as at 29 June 2003 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows, for the financial year ended on that date.

In the director's opinion

- (a) the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Director

Barry Edward Saunders

Director

John Kenneth Fox

Dated this

day of

2003

Independent audit report to the members of The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd:

- gives a true and fair view, as required by the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia, of the financial position of The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd as at 29 June 2003, and of their performance for the period ended on that date, and
- is presented in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

This opinion must be read in conjunction with the rest of our audit report.

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors' declaration for The Reject Shop (Aust) Pty Ltd (the company), for the period ended 29 June 2003. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled during that period.

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the company. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's, and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

When this audit report is included in a document containing the directors' report, our procedures include reading the directors' report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial report.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Our audit did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or management.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Nadia Carlin
Partner

Melbourne
12 September 2003