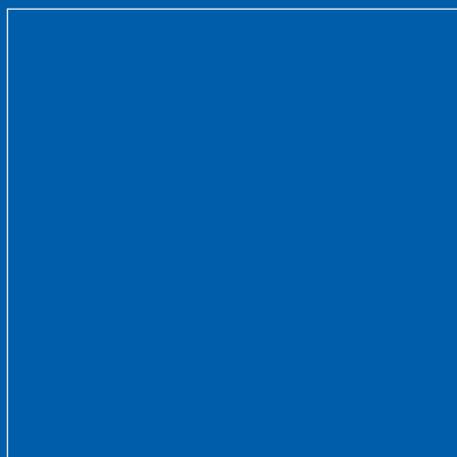
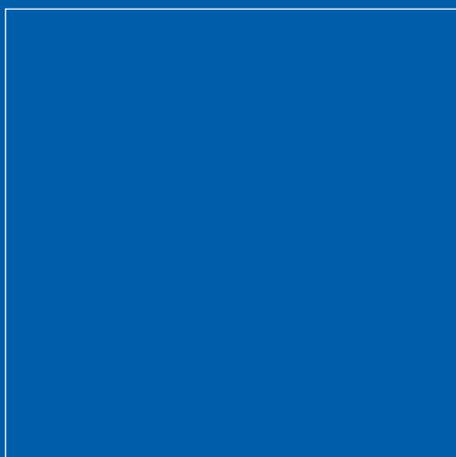
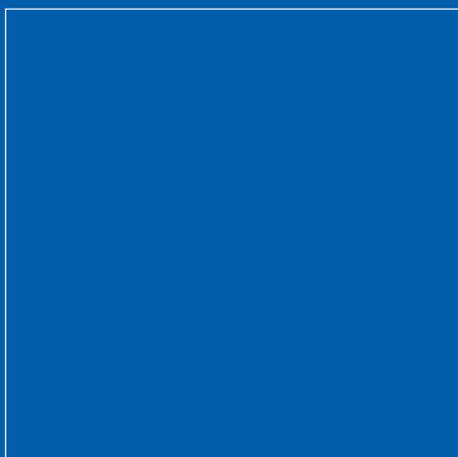


Sandhurst Trustees Limited

Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2009



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Chairman's report

Like most financial service companies, Sandhurst Trustees has faced a somewhat challenging year, however have performed credibly, considering the turmoil experienced in the financial markets throughout the year.

Whilst the Company experienced a decrease in revenue on the prior year, expenses were well contained, with a \$1 million reduction on the prior year. Total funds under management were \$2.4 billion at 30 June 2009, a reduction of \$1b during the year, following the announcement in October 2008 of the Federal Government guarantee on deposits with eligible ADI's, which saw an immediate and significant reduction in the Funds Under Management of the Sandhurst Common Funds.

Sandhurst Trustees was one of the few fund managers to keep its mortgage funds open since the introduction of the government guarantee. We have been able to achieve this due to our prudent investment mandate and appropriate liquidity facilities provided by our parent company Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, and our commitment to achieving the best outcomes for our customers.

Profit after tax of \$14.3 million for the year ended 30 June 2009 reflected a \$6.4 million decrease from the previous year. The expected improvement in market conditions however, should have a favourable impact on the expected profits in the coming financial year.

The recent merger of our parent entity, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank is also expected to continue to create growth opportunities for Sandhurst Trustees, via expanded distribution capacity and increased awareness of its product range in the external market.

The ongoing growth in our Estates Will Bank and management of our perpetual trusts (including charitable trusts) continue to make important distributions to assist community projects and areas of need. This has resulted in increased Estates revenue of almost \$0.2m (12%) from the previous year.

Sandhurst Trustees maintained its role of Trustee and Administrator for the Community Enterprise™ Foundation. The Foundation is a National Philanthropic Foundation with the aim to further enhance the prospects of communities we partner with across Australia. The Foundation, now in its fifth year of operations, continues to grow and has now raised almost \$28 million since inception. More than 100 community companies now use the Foundation to distribute grants back into their communities.

The Australian Friendly Society also produced some positive results for the year, with an increase in revenue of over \$0.2m (29%) on the prior year. New business growth from both funeral directors and the external Independent financial advisors market is providing strong growth for this business which we manage on behalf of Australian Friendly Society Limited.

The Board and management of Sandhurst Trustees has recently been reorganised in line with executive changes at our parent entity Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. Mr Mike Hirst and Mr David Oataway depart the board this year after many years of service. They are replaced by Mr Anthony Baum (General Manager, Wealth and Third Party Banking) and myself (Director, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank). I will assume the role of Chair, ably supported by long serving Director Mr Ian Mansbridge, as Deputy. Mrs Marnie Baker remains the organisations CEO.

I deeply thank all those who have been involved in the management and operation of Sandhurst Trustees for their significant contributions during the year and their dedicated service to Sandhurst Trustees' clients.



Jenny Dawson
Chairman

Directors' report

Your Directors submit the financial report of Sandhurst Trustees Limited (the Company) and its controlled entities for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Directors

The names of Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and until the date of this report are:

Jenny Dawson	<i>Chairman (appointed 18 September 2009)</i>
Ian Mansbridge	
Marnie Baker	<i>Chief Executive Officer (appointed 18 September 2009)</i>
Anthony Baum	<i>(resigned 18 October 2009)</i>
Michael Hirst	<i>(resigned 18 September 2009)</i>
David Oataway	<i>(resigned 10 October 2008)</i>
Timothy Murphy	

Joint Company Secretary

The names of the joint company secretaries at the end of the financial year are:

David A Oataway
Mark S Hall

Corporate structure

Sandhurst Trustees Limited is a public company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its ultimate parent entity is Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the economic entity during the year were:

- Responsible entity for managed investment schemes;
- Corporate trustee and custodial services;
- Estate administration / Will preparation; and
- Trustee for superannuation plans.

There was no significant change in the nature of these activities during the year.

At 30 June 2009 there were 44 (2008: 40) staff employed by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited to undertake the above activities.

Consolidated results

Economic entity results in brief	2009 \$	2008 \$
Profit before income tax	20,386,653	29,308,021
Profit after income tax	14,285,973	20,713,733

Dividends paid	2009 \$	2008 \$
Dividends paid	14,420,000	20,560,000

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a further dividend at this time.

Share options

No options for shares in the Company have been granted during the year and there were no options outstanding at the end of the financial year.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the economic entity that occurred during the financial year.

Review of operations

The economic entity achieved a profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense of \$14,285,973. This represents an 31% decrease from the \$20,713,733 profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense for 2008. Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense was \$20,386,653 compared to \$29,308,021 for 2008, representing a 30% decrease.

Funds management

Total Funds Under Management for our funds management and superannuation business managed by Sandhurst Trustees declined for the year, with funds under management decreasing to \$2.4 billion at 30 June 2009, primarily due to uncertain market conditions.

Common Funds investments declined, with Funds under management totalling \$1,663 million at 30 June 2009.

The Sandhurst Industrial Share Fund experienced the effect of the adverse market conditions during the year, decreasing to \$267 million (\$346 million - 2008). The Sandhurst Future Leaders Fund also decreased to \$23 million (\$36 million - 2008). The Professional Series fund assets totalled \$76 million (\$96 million - 2008).

The Bendigo Managed Funds, all managed by a collection of specialist investment managers, decreased to \$74 million at June 30 2009.

Superannuation and share ownership continues to assume growing importance for Australians seeking to create wealth and plan for their retirement. Funds under management for the Bendigo Superannuation Plan fell to \$240 million (\$278 million - 2008). The Super Easy Plan, introduced during the 2007 financial year, offers customers a simple and low fee superannuation alternative. Fund assets grew by 16% to \$17 million at the end of the period.

Corporate trustee & custodial services

Revenue from Corporate trustee and custodial services decreased by 18% on the prior year primarily due to general depressed market conditions and lower custody fees generated by lower asset values in corporate trust clients' managed funds.

Estate administration/Will preparation

Traditional trustee and Will-making services continue to provide premium service and build long-term relationships with its clients.

The Company has continued with the strategy designed to generate growth in the Will Bank and actively promote the value of appointing a Trustee as executor.

Significant events after balance date

On the 24 August 2009, Slater and Gordon lodged a statement of claim in the Federal Court of Australia against Sandhurst Trustees Limited. The legal claim is concerning Sandhurst's role, as debenture trustee, for failed property developer Fincorp Pty Ltd. The position of Sandhurst has been reviewed by the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, and the Bank does not believe that Sandhurst has been negligent, fraudulent or in breach of its duty. Sandhurst will strongly defend itself against these claims. The Bank does not consider the legal claim to be materially adverse and will continue to monitor its proceedings.

Apart from the above, there has not been any matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the financial year that has 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

In the opinion of the Directors, disclosure of information on the likely developments in the operations of the economic entity in future years and the expected results of those operations, is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company. Accordingly, this information has not been disclosed in this report.

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

The constitution provides that the Company is to indemnify each officer or employee of the Company against liabilities incurred by an officer or employee in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or arising out of the discharge of the officer's or employee's duties.

To the extent permitted by law, the Company must indemnify each officer or employee for liabilities including costs and expenses incurred in defending any proceedings or appearing before any court, tribunal, government authority or other body, except where the liability arises from conduct involving lack of good faith.

During or since financial year end, the Company paid insurance premiums to insure certain officers of the Company and related bodies corporate against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal action arising out of their conduct while acting in their various capacities. The officers covered by the insurance policy include the Directors listed in this report, the secretary and senior management of the Company.

Disclosure of the nature of the policy and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the confidentiality clause of the contract of insurance. The Company has not provided any insurance for an auditor of the Company or a related body corporate.

Statutory Trustee

The Company is an authorised trustee corporation. Assets and liabilities of trusts, estates and agencies for which the company acts as trustee, executor or agent, are not included in the Company's financial statements.

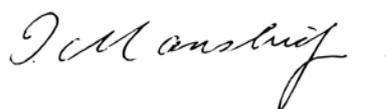
Environmental regulation and performance

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

Auditor independence declaration

The Directors received an Independence Declaration from the Auditors of Sandhurst Trustees Limited, a copy of which is attached to the Directors' Report.

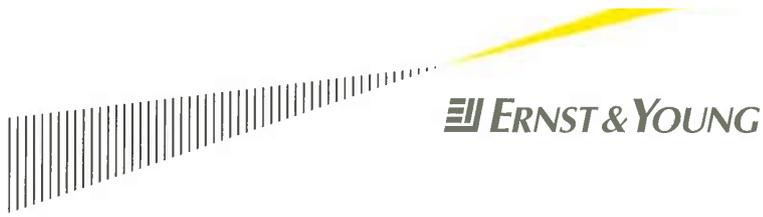
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Ian G Mansbridge
Director

Dated this 25 day of September 2009

Independent audit declaration



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Sandhurst Trustees Limited

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Sandhurst Trustees Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2009, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ernst + Young".

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Kallio".

Brett Kallio
Partner
Melbourne
25 September 2009

Income Statement

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities
Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenues	4	42,788,660	52,747,397	42,788,660	52,747,397
Total revenues	4	42,788,660	52,747,397	42,788,660	52,747,397
Fees and commissions expense	5	(13,663,993)	(15,320,644)	(13,663,993)	(15,320,644)
Business promotion expense	5	(119,382)	(482,299)	(119,382)	(482,299)
Employee benefits expense	5	(3,179,488)	(3,072,391)	(3,179,488)	(3,072,391)
Occupancy expense	5	(473,988)	(533,352)	(468,624)	(533,352)
Property, plant & equipment costs	5	(32,421)	(97,422)	(32,421)	(97,422)
Computer systems and software costs	5	(396,281)	(365,854)	(396,281)	(365,854)
Administration expense	5	(3,522,813)	(3,257,767)	(3,522,806)	(3,257,767)
Net loss on sale of non-current assets	5	(14,758)	-	(14,758)	-
Other expenses	5	(998,883)	(309,647)	(998,884)	(309,647)
Total expenses		(22,402,007)	(23,439,376)	(22,396,637)	(23,439,376)
Profit before income tax		20,386,653	29,308,021	20,392,023	29,308,021
Income tax expense	6	6,100,680	8,594,288	6,102,291	8,594,288
Net profit attributable to members of the parent		14,285,973	20,713,733	14,289,732	20,713,733

Balance Sheet

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2009

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	8	14,395,910	12,451,804	14,395,910	12,451,804
Trade and other receivables	9	3,684,063	3,951,205	3,684,063	3,951,205
Prepayments	10	7,013	-	7,013	-
Total current assets		18,086,986	16,403,009	18,086,986	16,403,009
Non - current assets					
Available-for-sale financial assets	11	78,188,984	1,714,170	78,188,984	1,714,170
Shares in controlled entities at cost				16	16
Trade and other receivables	9	46,461	92,430	46,461	92,430
Property, plant and equipment	11	1,760,688	1,789,834	1,760,688	1,789,834
Intangible assets	12	946	2,727	946	2,727
Deferred tax assets	6	8,345	360,059	8,345	360,039
Total non - current assets		80,005,424	3,959,220	80,005,440	3,959,216
Total assets		98,092,410	20,362,229	98,092,426	20,362,225
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	15	10,922,476	8,857,797	10,924,121	8,556,032
Provisions	16	-	699,289	-	699,289
Total current liabilities		10,922,476	9,557,086	10,924,121	9,255,321
Non - current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	15	72,416,400	-	72,109,251	-
Deferred tax liability	6	2,870,536	276,908	2,870,536	276,908
Provisions	16	-	50,858	-	50,858
Total non - current liabilities		75,286,936	327,766	74,979,787	327,766
Total liabilities		86,209,412	9,884,852	85,903,908	9,583,087
Net assets		11,882,998	10,477,377	12,188,518	10,779,138
Equity attributable to equity holders					
Contributed equity	17	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Retained earnings	18	4,959,034	5,093,061	5,264,554	5,394,822
Reserves		1,923,964	384,316	1,923,964	384,316
Total equity		11,882,998	10,477,377	12,188,518	10,779,138

Statement of Changes in Equity

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2009

Consolidated	Issued capital	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at 1 July 2007	5,000,000	942,575	4,915,635	10,858,210
Revaluation increments	-	(763,663)	-	(763,663)
Tax effect of revaluations	-	229,097	-	229,097
Total income & expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	(534,566)	-	(534,566)
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	20,713,733	20,713,733
Total income for the period	-	(534,566)	20,713,733	20,179,167
Transfer to retained earnings	-	(23,693)	23,693	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(20,560,000)	(20,560,000)
Balance at 30 June 2008	5,000,000	384,316	5,093,061	10,477,377
Balance at 1 July 2008	5,000,000	384,316	5,093,061	10,477,377
Revaluation increments	-	2,199,496	-	2,199,496
Tax effect of revaluations	-	(659,848)	-	(659,848)
Total income & expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	1,539,648	-	1,539,648
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	14,285,973	14,285,973
Total income for the period	-	1,539,648	14,285,973	15,825,621
Transfer to retained earnings	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(14,420,000)	(14,420,000)
Balance at 30 June 2009	5,000,000	1,923,964	4,959,034	11,882,998

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities
Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2009

Company	Issued capital	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at 1 July 2007	5,000,000	942,575	5,217,396	11,159,971
Revaluation increments	-	(763,663)	-	(763,663)
Tax effect of revaluations	-	229,097	-	229,097
Total income & expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	(534,566)	-	(534,566)
Profit for the period	-	-	20,713,733	20,713,733
Total income for the period	-	(534,566)	20,713,733	20,179,167
Transfer to retained earnings	-	(23,693)	23,693	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(20,560,000)	(20,560,000)
Balance at 30 June 2008	5,000,000	384,316	5,394,822	10,779,138
Balance at 1 July 2008	5,000,000	384,316	5,394,822	10,779,138
Revaluation increments	-	2,199,496	-	2,199,496
Tax effect of revaluations	-	(659,848)	-	(659,848)
Total income & expense for the period recognised directly in equity	-	1,539,648	-	1,539,648
Profit for the period	-	-	14,289,732	14,289,732
Total income for the period	-	1,539,648	14,289,732	15,829,380
Transfer to retained earnings	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(14,420,000)	(14,420,000)
Balance at 30 June 2009	5,000,000	1,923,964	5,264,554	12,188,518

Nature and purpose of reserve

The reserve amount above relates to the asset revaluation reserve. This reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the value of non-current assets, including property and shares. The reserve can be used to pay dividends in limited circumstances.

Cash Flow Statement

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2009 \$	2008 \$	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash flows from operating activities					
Fees & commissions received		41,815,628	51,527,702	41,815,628	51,527,702
Payments to suppliers and employees		(21,935,899)	(25,236,517)	(21,930,529)	(25,236,517)
Income tax paid		(1,062,359)	(7,703,400)	(1,062,359)	(7,703,388)
Dividends received		125,715	230,618	125,715	230,618
Interest received		877,583	852,188	877,583	852,188
Net cash flows from operating activities	20 (b)	19,820,668	19,670,591	19,826,038	19,670,603
Cash flows from investing activities					
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(15,312)	-	(15,312)
Proceeds from sale of intangible software		-	-	-	-
Purchase of intangible software		(1,494)	-	(1,494)	-
Purchase of equity investments		(75,107,928)	-	(75,107,928)	-
Proceeds from sale of financial assets		5,242	-	5,242	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		(75,104,180)	(15,312)	(75,104,180)	(15,312)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Receipt/(repayment) of funding from parent entity		71,647,618	(1,032,455)	71,642,248	(1,032,467)
Dividends paid		(14,420,000)	(20,560,000)	(14,420,000)	(20,560,000)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		57,227,618	(21,592,455)	57,222,248	(21,592,467)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,944,106	(1,937,176)	1,944,106	(1,937,176)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		12,451,804	14,388,980	12,451,804	14,388,980
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	20 (a)	14,395,910	12,451,804	14,395,910	12,451,804

Notes to the Financial Statements

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009

Note 1 - Corporate information

The financial report of Sandhurst Trustees Limited for year ended 30 June 2009 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 25 September 2009.

The financial report covers Sandhurst Trustees Limited as an individual parent entity and Sandhurst Trustees Limited and controlled entities as an economic entity. Sandhurst Trustees Limited is a public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the group are described in the Directors' Report.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The financial report is prepared on a historical cost basis except for land and buildings and available-for-sale assets which have been measured at their fair value.

(b) Statement of compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The following Australian Accounting Standards that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2009.

These are outlined in the table below:

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date of standard*	Impact on Group financial report	Application date for Group *
AASB 8 and AASB 2007-3	Operating Segments and consequential amendments to other Australian Accounting Standards	New Standard replacing AASB 114 Segment Reporting, which adopts a management reporting approach to segment reporting.	01-Jan-09	No Impact	01-July-09
AASB 1039 (revised)	Concise Reporting	AASB 1039 was revised in August 2008 to achieve consistency with AASB 8 Operating Segments. The revisions include changes to terminology and descriptions to ensure consistency with the revised AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements.	01-Jan-09	No Impact	01-July-09
AASB 101 (Revised), AASB 2007-8 and AASB 2007-10	Presentation of Financial Statements and consequential amendments to other Australian Accounting Standards	Introduces a statement of comprehensive income. Other revisions include impacts on the presentation of items in the Statement of Changes in Equity, new presentation requirements for restatements or reclassifications of items in the financial statements, changes in the presentation requirements for dividends and changes to the titles of the financial statements.	01-Jan-09	No Impact	01-July-09

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date of standard*	Impact on Group financial report	Application date for Group*
AASB 127 (Revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	There are a number of changes arising from the revision to AASB 127 relating to changes in ownership interest in a subsidiary without loss of control, allocation of losses of a subsidiary and accounting for the loss of control of a subsidiary. Specifically in relation to a change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary (that does not result in loss of control) – such a transaction will be accounted for as an equity transaction.	01-Jul-09		01-July-09
AASB 2008-3	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 3 and AASB 127	Amending Standard issued as a consequence of revisions to AASB 3 and AASB 127. Refer above.	01-Jul-09	No Impact	01-July-09
AASB 2008-7	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate	<p>The main amendments of relevance to Australian entities are those made to AASB 127 deleting the “cost method” and requiring all dividends from a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate to be recognised in profit or loss in an entity's separate financial statements (i.e., parent company accounts). The distinction between pre- and post-acquisition profits is no longer required. However, the payment of such dividends requires the entity to consider whether there is an indicator of impairment.</p> <p>AASB 127 has also been amended to effectively allow the cost of an investment in a subsidiary, in limited reorganisations, to be based on the previous carrying amount of the subsidiary (that is, share of equity) rather than its fair value.</p>	01-Jan-09	No Impact	01-July-09

Sandhurst Trustees Limited and Controlled Entities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date of standard*	Impact on Group financial report	Application date for Group*
AASB 2009-2	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments [AASB 4, AASB 7, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]	<p>The main amendment to AASB 7 requires fair value measurements to be disclosed by the source of inputs, using the following three-level hierarchy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1); • inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (Level 2); and • inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3). <p>These amendments arise from the issuance of Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 7) by the IASB in March 2009.</p> <p>The amendments to AASB 4, AASB 1023 and AASB 1038 comprise editorial changes resulting from the amendments to AASB 7.</p>	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 that end on or after 30 April 2009.	No Impact	01-July-09
AASB 2009-Y	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 5, 7, 107, 112, 136 & 139 and Interpretation 17]	These comprise editorial amendments and are expected to have no major impact on the requirements of the amended pronouncements.	01-Jul-09	No Impact	01-July-09

*designates the beginning of the applicable annual reporting period unless otherwise stated

(c) Changes in accounting policies

All accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

(d) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements are the financial statements of Sandhurst Trustees Limited and all of its controlled entities. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 24 to the financial statements.

Controlled entities prepare financial reports for consolidation in conformity with Group accounting policies.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the economic entity have been eliminated on consolidation.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group.

(e) Significant accounting judgements, estimates & assumptions

The carrying amount of certain assets and liabilities are often determined based on estimates and assumptions of future events. The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period are:

Impairment of assets

The Group has to make a judgement as to whether an impairment trigger is evident at each balance date. If a trigger is evident the asset must be tested for impairment, which requires the estimation of future cash flows and the use of an appropriate discount rate.

Long service leave

As discussed in note 2(l), the liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at balance date. In determining the present value of the liability, attrition and pay increases through inflation have been taken into account.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet comprise cash at bank and on hand and short-term deposits that are readily convertible to known

amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash on hand and at bank and short-term deposits are stated at nominal value. This also includes our deposits at short call, which mature on a quarterly basis.

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, short-term money market investments readily convertible into cash within 2 working days, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(g) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less an allowance for any uncollectable amounts. The effective interest rate calculation includes the contractual terms of the loan together with all fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts.

Debts that are known to be uncollectable are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the debt.

(h) Investments and other financial assets

Financial assets in the scope of AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* are classified as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, or available-for-sale financial assets. All assets are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition charges associated with the investment. The Group determines the classification of its financial assets after initial recognition and, when allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this designation at each financial year-end.

All financial assets of Sandhurst Trustees Limited are currently classified as available-for-sale.

Impairment

The Group assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of equity securities classified as available for sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of a security below its cost is considered in determining whether the security is impaired. If any such evidence exists for available for sale financial assets, the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in the Income Statement

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is removed from equity and recognised in the Income Statement. Impairment losses recognised in the Income Statement on equity instruments are not reversed through the Income Statement.

The fair values of investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets are determined by reference to quoted bid prices at the close of business on the Balance Sheet date. Investments with no active market are recorded at cost.

Derecognition of financial assets

The derecognition of a financial asset takes place when the entity no longer controls the contractual rights that comprise the financial asset. This is normally the case when the asset is sold, or all the cash flows attributable to the instrument are passed through an independent third party.

(i) Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation, and any impairment losses.

Land and buildings are independently valued at least every three years and are measured at fair value, less accumulated depreciation on buildings and any impairment losses recognised after the date of revaluation.

Revaluations

Fair value is determined by reference to market-based evidence, which is the amount which the assets could be exchanged between a knowledgeable willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction as at the valuation date.

Any revaluation surplus is credited to the asset revaluation reserve included in the equity section of the Balance Sheet unless it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in the Income Statement.

Any revaluation deficit is recognised in the Income Statement unless it directly offsets a previous surplus of the same asset recognised in the asset revaluation reserve.

An annual transfer from the asset revaluation reserve is made to retained earnings for the depreciation relating to the revaluation surplus. In addition, any accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Upon disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to the particular asset being disposed is transferred to retained earnings.

Depreciation/amortisation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Major depreciation periods are:

Asset category	2009	2008
Freehold buildings	40	40
Office furniture & equipment	5	5
Computer hardware	3	3
Motor vehicles	5	5

Impairment

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset or cash-generating unit is then written down to its recoverable amount.

For property, plant and equipment, impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement. However, because land and buildings are measured at revalued amounts, impairment losses on land and buildings are treated as a revaluation decrement.

Derecognition and disposal

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying value of the item) is included in the Income Statement in the period the item is derecognised.

(j) Intangible assets

Computer software, other than software that is an integral part of the computer hardware, is capitalised as intangible software and amortised on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset.

The useful life of intangible software has been assessed as finite.

(k) Trustee and funds management activities

The economic entity acts as trustee and/or manager for a number of funds. The assets and liabilities of these funds are not included in the consolidated financial statements, other than those that are deemed controlled entities as defined by Accounting Standard AASB 127 "*Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*". Commissions and fees generated by the fund management activities are brought to account on an accruals basis when earned.

(l) Employee benefits

Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries have been recognised and measured as the amount which the economic entity has a present obligation to pay, at balance date, in respect of employees' service up to that date. Liabilities have been calculated at nominal amounts based on wage and salary rates current at balance date and include related on-costs. Annual leave liabilities are accrued on the basis of full pro-rata entitlement measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Sick leave liabilities have been calculated at balance date, after consideration of the economic entity's experience of employee departures.

Long service leave

Long service leave has been assessed at full pro-rata entitlement in respect of all employees with more than five years service. The amount provided currently meets the requirement of Accounting Standard AASB 119 "*Employee Benefits*", which requires the assessment of the likely number of employees that will ultimately be entitled to long service leave, the estimated salary rates that will apply when the leave is paid, discounted to take account of the time value of money.

Superannuation

Contributions are made to an employee accumulation superannuation fund and are charged to expenses when incurred.

(m) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised and measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable to the extent it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured.

Interest, fees and commissions

Revenue is recognised when control of a right to receive consideration for the provision of, or investment in, assets has been attained. Interest, fee and commission revenue is brought to account on an accruals basis. Interest is accrued using the effective interest rate method, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Dividends

Revenue is recognised when the right to receive consideration for the investment in assets is attained, evidenced by the declaration of dividends by the investee.

Property revenue

Property revenue is recognised as income on an accruals basis.

(n) Corpus commission

Corpus commission from estates is recognised as part of commission and management fees according to the estimated proportion of administration work completed at balance date.

(o) Income tax

The income tax for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the notional income tax rate, adjusted for changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities and unused tax losses.

The Company has adopted the balance sheet liability method of tax effect accounting, which focuses on the tax effects of transactions and other events that affect amounts recognised in either the Balance Sheet or a tax-based Balance Sheet. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences, except where the deferred tax asset/liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity. Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

Income taxes relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in the Income Statement.

(p) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the Balance Sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

(q) Reserve fund

Part VI of the *Trustee Companies Act 1984* (Vic) ("the Act") requires that the Company maintain a Reserve fund, monies from which may only be paid out in accordance with section 39(3) of the Act in the event of the appointment of a liquidator, a receiver, a receiver and manager, or an administrator to the Company.

Refer to note 13 for a breakdown of asset amounts that comprise the Reserve fund.

(r) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Company becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and paid within 30 days of recognition.

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at amortised cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the consolidated entity. Payables to related parties are carried at the principal amount.

(s) Contributed equity

Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Company. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction, net of tax, of the share proceeds received.

(t) Comparative figures

Where necessary, comparatives have been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

Note 3 - Financial risk management objectives and policies

The management of risk is an essential element of the Group's strategy and profitability and the way the Group operates. The Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Board, being ultimately responsible for risk management associated with the Group's activities, has established an integrated governance and accountability framework, policies and controls to identify, assess, monitor and manage risk.

The risk management strategy is based upon risk principles approved by the Board and is underpinned by a system of delegations, passing from the Board through Board committees, management committees to the various risk, support and business units of the Group.

A structured framework has been established to ensure that the risk management objectives are linked to the Group's business strategy and operations. The risk management strategy is underpinned by an integrated framework of responsibilities and functions driven from the Board level down to operational levels, covering all aspects of risk.

The group's principal financial instruments comprise of bank loans, cash, short term deposits, managed fund and share investments.

The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the company's operations. The group has other various financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations.

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial assets and liability are disclosed in note 2(e) and 2(m) to the financial statements.

The main risks arising from the group's financial instruments are cash flow interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

Interest rate risk

The economic entity's exposure to interest rate risk is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates.

Credit risk

Credit risk represents the risk that the counterparty to the financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the Company to incur a financial loss.

The Board Credit Committee is responsible for monitoring adherence to credit policies, practices and procedures within the Group. The Board has established levels of delegated lending authority under which various levels of management (including the Credit Committee), partners and the Board Credit Committee can approve transactions.

Group Credit Risk has responsibility for:

- Managing, maintaining and enhancing the currency and relevance of the Group's Credit Policies;
- Providing support and analysis of credit portfolio information for credit management purposes; and
- Reporting to the Executive Credit Committee and the Board Credit Committee.

With respect to credit risk arising from the financial assets of the Company, the Company's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparty, with the current exposure equal to the fair value of these instruments as disclosed in the Balance Sheet. This does not represent the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values, but best represents the current maximum exposure at the reporting date.

The Group holds no collateral as security or any other credit enhancements. There are no financial assets that are past due or impaired, or would otherwise be past due or impaired except for the terms having been renegotiated.

The group trades only with recognised, creditworthy third parties, and as such collateral is not requested nor is it the Group's policy to securitise its trade and other receivables.

There is generally no significant concentration of credit risks as the organisation transacts with a large number of individually immaterial debtors.

Credit risk is not considered to be significant to the Group except in relation to investments in available for sale financial assets.

The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the Balance Sheet.

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Gross maximum exposure				
Cash and cash equivalents	14,395,910	12,451,804	14,395,910	12,451,804
Trade and other receivables	3,730,524	4,043,635	3,730,524	4,043,635
Prepayments	7,013	-	7,013	-
Available for sale financial assets	78,188,984	1,714,170	78,188,984	1,714,170
Shares in controlled entities at cost	-	-	16	16
Total credit risk exposure	96,322,431	18,209,609	96,322,447	18,209,625

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 4 - Revenues				
Revenue				
- Commission and management fees received	41,651,225	51,326,401	41,651,225	51,326,401
- Interest	750,624	947,315	750,624	947,315
- Dividends (a)	125,715	230,618	125,715	230,618
- Property revenue	261,063	243,063	261,063	243,063
Total revenue	42,788,627	52,747,397	42,788,627	52,747,397
Other income				
- Net gains on sale of available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-
- Other revenues	33	-	33	-
Total other income	33	-	33	-
Total revenues	42,788,660	52,747,397	42,788,660	52,747,397
(a) Dividends from:				
- Other corporations	23,064	25,019	23,064	25,019
- Unit trust distributions	102,651	205,599	102,651	205,599
	125,715	230,618	125,715	230,618

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 5 - Expenses				
Management fees and commissions paid				
- Managed investment schemes	(13,612,076)	(15,186,053)	(13,612,076)	(15,186,053)
- Superannuation	(51,917)	(134,591)	(51,917)	(134,591)
	(13,663,993)	(15,320,644)	(13,663,993)	(15,320,644)
Business promotion expense				
- Sponsorship	(34,883)	(113,160)	(34,883)	(113,160)
- Printing	(66,920)	(359,371)	(66,920)	(359,371)
- Promotional items	(182)	(472)	(182)	(472)
- Other	(17,397)	(9,296)	(17,397)	(9,296)
	(119,382)	(482,299)	(119,382)	(482,299)
Employee benefits expense				
- Salaries and wages recharge	(2,155,564)	(2,221,203)	(2,155,564)	(2,221,203)
- Superannuation contributions recharge	(231,982)	(229,745)	(231,982)	(229,745)
- Provision for annual leave recharge	(293,886)	(244,818)	(293,886)	(244,818)
- Provision for long service leave recharge	(16,737)	(120,268)	(16,737)	(120,268)
- Other provisions recharge	(258,393)	(64,809)	(258,393)	(64,809)
- Payroll tax recharge	(163,367)	(148,488)	(163,367)	(148,488)
- Fringe benefits tax recharge	(21,730)	(10,093)	(21,730)	(10,093)
- Other recharge	(37,829)	(32,967)	(37,829)	(32,967)
	(3,179,488)	(3,072,391)	(3,179,488)	(3,072,391)
Occupancy expense				
- Operating lease rental expense	(430,459)	(495,324)	(425,095)	(495,324)
- Rates and taxes	(20,429)	(27,594)	(20,429)	(27,594)
- Repairs and maintenance	(21,754)	(7,705)	(21,754)	(7,705)
- Outgoings	(1,346)	(2,729)	(1,346)	(2,729)
	(473,988)	(533,352)	(468,624)	(533,352)
Property, plant and equipment costs				
- Building depreciation	(23,693)	(23,693)	(23,693)	(23,693)
- Plant and equipment depreciation	(5,453)	(2,766)	(5,453)	(2,766)
- Intangible software amortisation	(3,275)	(70,963)	(3,275)	(70,963)
	(32,421)	(97,422)	(32,421)	(97,422)

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 5 - Expenses (cont.)				
Computer systems and software costs				
- Computer line rental & installations	(40,549)	(22,393)	(40,549)	(22,393)
- Leasing costs	(47,864)	(51,025)	(47,864)	(51,025)
- Repairs and maintenance hardware	(8,787)	(8,503)	(8,787)	(8,503)
- Software maintenance	(264,890)	(245,752)	(264,890)	(245,752)
- Software purchases	(34,191)	(38,181)	(34,191)	(38,181)
	(396,281)	(365,854)	(396,281)	(365,854)
Administration expense				
- Parent entity cost recoveries	(2,954,185)	(2,775,473)	(2,954,185)	(2,775,473)
- Legal expenses	(117,297)	(29,656)	(117,297)	(29,656)
- Consulting expenses	(65,631)	(87,849)	(65,631)	(87,849)
- Accounting expenses	(26,230)	(136)	(26,230)	(136)
- Stationery and office supplies	(66,351)	(48,743)	(66,344)	(48,743)
- Motor vehicle expenses	(19,472)	(20,830)	(19,472)	(20,830)
- Insurance premiums	(11,475)	(12,487)	(11,475)	(12,487)
- Telephone	(59,835)	(57,137)	(59,835)	(57,137)
- Postage	(91,551)	(65,566)	(91,551)	(65,566)
- Travel expenses	(12,935)	(27,674)	(12,935)	(27,674)
- Subscriptions to associations	(77,892)	(114,141)	(77,892)	(114,141)
- Electricity / gas and fuel	(19,959)	(18,075)	(19,959)	(18,075)
	(3,522,813)	(3,257,767)	(3,522,806)	(3,257,767)
Net loss on sale of non-current assets	(14,758)	-	(14,758)	-
Other expenses	(998,883)	(309,647)	(998,884)	(309,647)
Total expenses	(22,402,007)	(23,439,376)	(22,396,637)	(23,439,376)

The ultimate parent entity provides administrative services that are charged back to the reporting entity.

Note 6 - Income tax expense				
Major components of income tax expense are:				
<i>Income Statement</i>				
Current income tax:				
Current income tax charge	3,839,553	8,876,294	3,841,184	8,876,306
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	(14,458)	(194,569)	(14,458)	(194,569)
Deferred income tax:				
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	2,285,470	(76,715)	2,285,450	(76,727)
Imputation credits	(9,885)	(10,722)	(9,885)	(10,722)
Income tax expense reported in the Income Statement	6,100,680	8,594,288	6,102,291	8,594,288

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 6 - Income tax expense (cont.)				
<i>Statement of Changes in Equity</i>				
Deferred income tax related to items charged or credited directly in equity:				
Unrealised gain of available-for-sale financial assets	659,848	(229,099)	659,848	(229,099)
Net gain on revaluation of land and buildings	-	-	-	-
Income tax expense / (benefit) reported in equity	659,848	(229,099)	659,848	(229,099)
<i>A reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit before income tax multiplied by the Group's applicable income tax rate is as follows:</i>				
Income tax attributable to:				
Accounting profit before income tax	20,386,652	29,308,019	20,392,023	29,308,019
The income tax expense comprises amounts set aside as:				
Provision attributable to current year at statutory rate, being prima facie tax on accounting profit before tax	6,115,996	8,792,406	6,117,607	8,792,406
Under (over) provision in prior years	(14,458)	(194,569)	(14,458)	(194,569)
Imputation credits	(9,885)	(10,722)	(9,885)	(10,722)
Revaluation of investments	(2,058,935)	-	(2,058,935)	-
Land, buildings & improvements	3,554	7,108	3,554	7,108
Plant & equipment	(2,593)	(1,927)	(2,593)	(1,927)
Capital allowances	(347)	36	(327)	48
Capital gains	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax movement	2,285,469	(76,715)	2,285,449	(76,727)
Expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	6,062	30,081	6,062	30,081
Other	(224,183)	48,591	(224,183)	48,591
Income tax expense reported in the consolidated Income Statement	6,100,680	8,594,289	6,102,291	8,594,289
Effective income tax rate	29.92%	29.32%	29.92%	29.32%

	Balance Sheet		Income Statement	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 6 - Income tax expense (cont.)				
Deferred income tax				
Deferred income tax at 30 June relates to the following:				
Consolidated				
<i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>				
Revaluations of investments	(2,595,078)	123,705	2,058,935	(26,125)
Land, buildings and improvements	(273,354)	(276,908)	(3,554)	(7,108)
Deferred expenses	(2,104)	-	2,104	(754)
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,870,536)	(153,203)	2,057,485	(33,987)
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>				
Revaluations of investments				
Post-employment benefits	-	173,814	173,814	(25,177)
Expenses tax depreciable	1,241	1,588	347	(36)
Plant & equipment	7,104	9,698	2,593	1,927
Adjustment to employee provision	-	51,230	51,230	(19,443)
Other	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax assets	8,345	236,330	227,984	(42,729)
Deferred tax income/(expense)			2,285,469	(76,716)
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<i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>				
Revaluations of investments	(2,595,078)	123,705	2,058,935	(26,125)
Revaluations of land & buildings to fair value	(273,354)	(276,908)	(3,554)	(7,108)
Deferred expenses	(2,104)	-	2,104	(754)
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,870,536)	(153,203)	2,057,485	(33,987)

	Balance Sheet		Income Statement	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 6 - Income tax expense (cont.)				
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>				
Revaluations of investments				
Post-employment benefits	-	173,814	173,814	(25,177)
Expenses tax depreciable	1,241	1,568	327	(48)
Plant & equipment	7,104	9,698	2,593	1,927
Adjustment to employee provision	-	51,230	51,230	(19,443)
Other	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax assets	8,345	236,310	227,964	(42,741)
Deferred tax income/(expense)			2,285,449	(76,728)

At 30 June 2009, there is no unrecognised deferred income tax liability (2008: Nil) for taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain of the group's subsidiaries or associate, as the group has no liability for additional taxation should such amounts be remitted.

Tax consolidation

Effective 1 July 2002, for the purposes of income taxation, the parent of Sandhurst Trustees, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited and its 100% owned subsidiaries have formed a tax consolidated group. Members of the group have entered into a tax sharing arrangement in order to allocate income tax expense to the wholly-owned subsidiaries on a pro-rata basis. In addition the agreement provides for the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. At the balance date, the possibility of default is remote. The head entity of the tax consolidated group is Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. There has not been any material effect on tax assets or liabilities as a result of the revised tax legislation. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited has formally notified the Australian Tax Office of its adoption of the tax consolidation regime upon the lodgement of its 2003 income tax return.

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 7 - Dividends paid and proposed				
Total interim fully franked dividends paid franked at tax rate of 30% (2008 - 30%) 2009: \$1.442 per share (2008: \$2.056)	14,420,000	20,560,000	14,420,000	20,560,000

Franking credits have been allocated to the head entity of the tax consolidated group, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. There were no dividends proposed or declared before the financial statements were authorised for issue.

Note 8 - Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash at bank	1,397,576	212,062	1,397,576	212,062
Cash on hand	9,154	166,610	9,154	166,610
Deposits at short call	12,989,180	12,073,132	12,989,180	12,073,132
	14,395,910	12,451,804	14,395,910	12,451,804

Deposits at short call are made for varying periods and earn interest at the respective distribution rate.

Deposits at short call mature on a quarterly basis. The average interest rate for the year ended 30 June 2009 was 5.44% (2008 - 7.21%).

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 9 - Trade and other receivables				
<i>Current</i>				
Sundry debtors and accrued income	3,684,063	3,951,205	3,684,063	3,951,205
<i>Non-current</i>				
Other debtors	46,461	92,430	46,461	92,430

All current receivables are non-interest bearing. Sundry debtors and accrued interest generally have payment terms of between 30 and 90 days.

Non-current receivables are non-interest bearing and have an average maturity of 44 months.

Note 10 - Prepayments				
<i>Current</i>	7,013	-	7,013	-

Note 11 - Available-for-sale financial assets				
<i>Non-current</i>				
Shares -				
In listed corporations at fair value	77,155,981	433,807	77,155,981	433,807
In managed investment schemes at fair value	1,033,003	1,260,363	1,033,003	1,260,363
In unlisted other corporations at cost	-	20,000	-	20,000
	78,188,984	1,714,170	78,188,984	1,714,170

Available-for-sale share investments consist of investments in ordinary shares and units in unit trusts, and therefore have no fixed maturity date or coupon rate.

Listed shares and shares in managed investment schemes are based on fair value which has been determined directly by reference to published price quotations in an active market and published unit prices.

Unlisted shares are measured at cost as fair value cannot be reliably measured for these investments.

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 12 - Property, plant and equipment				
Total freehold land	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000
Freehold buildings	947,721	947,721	947,721	947,721
Accumulated depreciation	(47,386)	(23,693)	(47,386)	(23,693)
Total freehold buildings	900,335	924,028	900,335	924,028
Plant and equipment at cost	912,573	912,573	912,573	912,573
Accumulated depreciation	(902,220)	(896,767)	(902,220)	(896,767)
Total plant and equipment	10,353	15,806	10,353	15,806
Total property, plant and equipment	1,760,688	1,789,834	1,760,688	1,789,834
<i>Reconciliation</i>				
<i>Freehold land</i>				
Carrying amount at beginning	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increment	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at end	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000
<i>Freehold buildings</i>				
Carrying amount at beginning	924,028	947,721	924,028	947,721
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(23,693)	(23,693)	(23,693)	(23,693)
Revaluation increment	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at end	900,335	924,028	900,335	924,028
<i>Plant and equipment</i>				
Carrying amount at beginning	15,806	3,259	15,806	3,259
Additions	-	15,312	-	15,312
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(5,453)	(2,765)	(5,453)	(2,765)
Carrying amount at end	10,353	15,806	10,353	15,806

The fair values of freehold land and buildings on freehold land have been determined by reference to Director valuations, based upon independent valuations previously obtained. The independent valuations are performed on an open market basis, being the amounts for which the assets could be exchanged between a knowledgeable willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction at the valuation date. The effective date of the revaluation was 30 June 2007.

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 13 - Intangible assets				
Intangible software	400,284	398,790	400,284	398,790
Accumulated amortisation	(399,338)	(396,063)	(399,338)	(396,063)
Total intangible assets	946	2,727	946	2,727
<i>Reconciliation</i>				
<i>Intangible software</i>				
Carrying amount at beginning	2,727	73,690	2,727	73,690
Additions	1,494	-	1,494	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Amortisation expense	(3,275)	(70,963)	(3,275)	(70,963)
Carrying amount at end	946	2,727	946	2,727

Note 14 - Reserve fund

The assets from time to time comprising the Reserve fund have been appropriated to that fund as required pursuant to section 36 of the *Trustee Companies Act 1984* (Vic).

Section 38 of the Act provides that monies in a Reserve fund may be invested in any manner in which trust monies may be invested by a trustee under the *Trustee Act 1958* (Vic).

In addition to the powers of investment as prescribed above, a trustee company may invest monies in its Reserve fund in freehold land and buildings in the State.

At balance date, the entity has invested Reserve fund monies in the following assets, which are already included in the Balance Sheet:

Deposits at short call	8,237,453	10,074,695	8,237,453	10,074,695
Managed fund investments	1,033,003	1,260,363	1,033,003	1,260,363
Freehold land and buildings	1,750,335	1,774,028	1,750,335	1,774,028
Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees share investment	2,479,209	390,914	2,479,209	390,914
	13,500,000	13,500,000	13,500,000	13,500,000

Deposits at short call and managed fund investments are carried at fair value and are items readily convertible into cash and generally repayable on demand. The managed fund investments are regarded as available-for-sale assets. Freehold land and buildings are at Directors' valuation (based on an independent valuation at 30 June 2007). Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees shares are measured at fair value, being quoted market price at balance date, and are regarded as available-for-sale assets.

Note 15 - Trade and other payables				
Trade creditors and accrued expenses (a)	379,682	299,049	379,682	299,049
Amounts payable to ultimate parent entity (b)	82,959,194	8,558,748	82,653,690	8,256,983
	83,338,876	8,857,797	83,033,372	8,556,032

Terms and conditions:

(a) Trade creditors and accrued expenses are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on commercial 30 day terms.

(b) The amounts payable to the ultimate chief entity are non-interest bearing, with expected repayment between 1 to 5 years.

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 16 - Provisions				
Employee entitlements				
<i>Current</i>				
Provision for annual leave	-	294,487	-	294,487
Provision for long service leave	-	234,034	-	234,034
Provision for sick leave bonus	-	61,912	-	61,912
Provision for employee on-costs	-	108,856	-	108,856
	-	699,289	-	699,289
<i>Non-Current</i>				
Provision for long service leave	-	50,858	-	50,858
Total employee benefits	-	750,147	-	750,147
<i>Movements</i>				
Opening balance	750,147	750,147	750,147	750,147
Additional provisions recognised	-	271,877	-	271,877
Amounts utilised during the year	-	(258,655)	-	(258,655)
Reduction from settlement	-	(13,222)	-	(13,222)
Transfer to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank provisions	(750,147)	-	(750,147)	-
Closing balance	-	750,147	-	750,147

Note 17 - Financial risk management

The Company has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk from their use of financial instruments.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, their objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company has adopted the policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

The Company's exposure to credit risk is limited to Australia by geographic area.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the Balance Sheet, net of any provisions for losses, represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk.

None of the assets of the Company are past due (2008: nil past due) and based on historic default rates, the Company believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of assets not past due.

Note 17 - Financial risk management (cont.)

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the inability to access funds, both anticipated and unforeseen, which may lead to the Company being unable to meet its obligations in an orderly manner as they arise or forgoing investment opportunities. Management monitors liquid funds on a monthly basis, and ensures funds are sufficient to meet upcoming commitments. This excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.

The following are the estimated contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments:

Consolidated	Carrying Amount \$'000	1 year or less \$'000	1 to 5 years \$'000	more than 5 years \$'000	Total \$'000
30 June 2009					
Trade and other payables	83,338,876	10,922,476	72,416,400	-	83,338,876
Total financial liabilities	83,338,876	10,922,476	72,416,400	-	83,338,876
30 June 2008					
Trade and other payables	1,067,830	1,067,830	-	-	1,067,830
Total financial liabilities	1,067,830	1,067,830	-	-	1,067,830

Company	Carrying Amount \$'000	1 year or less \$'000	1 to 5 years \$'000	more than 5 years \$'000	Total \$'000
30 June 2009					
Trade and other payables	83,033,372	10,924,121	72,109,251	-	83,033,372
Total financial liabilities	83,033,372	10,924,121	72,109,251	-	83,033,372
30 June 2008					
Trade and other payables	766,052	766,052	-	-	766,052
Total financial liabilities	766,052	766,052	-	-	766,052

Note 17 - Financial risk management (cont.)

(c) Market risk

(i) 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. Management monitors the exposure to interest rate risk on a monthly basis.

Available for Sale financial assets and trade and other receivables are non-interest earning. Trade and other receivables are generally settled within 12 months.

Trade and other payables are non-interest bearing and generally mature within 12 months.

Sensitivity analysis for fixed and variable rate instruments

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Company's Income Statement and equity.

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Post tax profit				
+ 1% (100 basis points)	139,758	21,206	139,758	21,206
- 1% (100 basis points)	(139,758)	(21,206)	(139,758)	(21,206)
Equity				
+ 1% (100 basis points)	139,758	21,206	139,758	21,206
- 1% (100 basis points)	(139,758)	(21,206)	(139,758)	(21,206)

Note 17 - Financial risk management (cont.)

(ii) Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Group reviews the exposure to equity price risk on a regular basis.

(iii) Fair value sensitivity analysis for available-for-sale financial assets

The following table demonstrates a reasonably possible change in available for sale financial asset prices at the reporting date, with reference to benchmarking to the ASX200. This would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. The analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2008.

Consolidated	Profit or loss		Equity	
	10% increase \$	10% decrease \$	10% increase \$	10% decrease \$
30 June 2009				
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	7,818,898	(7,818,898)
30 June 2008				
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	169,417	(169,417)

Company	Profit or loss		Equity	
	10% increase \$	10% decrease \$	10% increase \$	10% decrease \$
30 June 2009				
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	7,818,898	(7,818,898)
30 June 2008				
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	169,417	(169,417)

(d) Net fair values

All assets and liabilities recognised in the Balance Sheet, whether they are carried at cost or at fair value, are recognised at amounts that represents a reasonable approximation of fair value, unless otherwise stated in the applicable notes.

(e) Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to sustain the future development of the Company. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the Balance Sheet. The ultimate parent entity contributes additional capital to the Company as and when required.

Under Section 36(2) of the *Trustee Companies Act 1984* (Vic) and *Trustee Companies Regulations 1995* (Vic), Sandhurst Trustees must maintain a Reserve Fund of not less than 0.5% of the value of Trust Estate and Common Fund monies held in the State of Victoria. Refer to note 13 for further detail.

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 18 - Contributed equity				
<i>Issued capital</i>				
10,000,000 ordinary shares fully paid	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

All shares are fully owned by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

Ordinary shares have the right to receive dividends as declared and, in the event of winding up of the Company, proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on shares held. Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Company.

Note 19 - Retained earnings				
<i>Movements in retained earnings were as follows:</i>				
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	5,093,061	4,915,635	5,394,822	5,217,396
Net profit attributable to members of the Company	14,285,973	20,713,733	14,289,732	20,713,733
Depreciation transfer for buildings	-	23,693	-	23,693
Dividends provided for or paid	(14,420,000)	(20,560,000)	(14,420,000)	(20,560,000)
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	4,959,034	5,093,061	5,264,554	5,394,822

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2007 \$
Note 20 - Cash flow information				
(a) Reconciliation of cash				
Cash at end of the financial year as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:				
Cash on hand	9,154	166,610	9,154	166,610
Cash at bank	1,397,576	212,062	1,397,576	212,062
Deposits at short call	12,989,180	12,073,132	12,989,180	12,073,132
	14,395,910	12,451,804	14,395,910	12,451,804
(b) Reconciliation of net profit after tax to net cash flows from operations				
Net profit after income tax	14,285,973	20,713,733	14,289,732	20,713,733
<i>Adjustments:</i>				
Depreciation	29,146	26,458	29,146	26,458
Amortisation	3,275	70,963	3,275	70,963
(Profit)/loss on investments sold	14,758	-	14,758	-
Impairment losses on available for sale financial assets	812,607	87,083	812,607	87,083
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>				
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	313,111	(2,262,985)	313,111	(2,262,985)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(7,013)	-	(7,013)	-
(Increase)/decrease in deferred tax assets	227,989	(42,728)	227,993	(42,742)
(Decrease)/ increase in deferred tax liability	2,717,333	(263,085)	2,717,333	(263,085)
(Decrease)/ increase in accounts payable	2,173,636	1,192,421	2,175,243	1,192,447
(Decrease)/ increase in provisions	(750,147)	148,731	(750,147)	148,731
Net cash flows from operating activities	19,820,668	19,670,591	19,826,038	19,670,603
(c) Financing facilities available				
At balance date, the following financing facility with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank had been negotiated and was available:				
Stand-by Australian dollar loan facility	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
Guarantee	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
(d) Non-cash financing and investing activities				
During the financial year no non-cash financing and investing activities occurred.				

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Note 21 - Related party disclosures

The Directors of Sandhurst Trustees Limited during the financial year are disclosed in the Directors' report.

(a) The ultimate parent entity of Sandhurst Trustees Limited is Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

(b) The ultimate parent entity has provided to Sandhurst Trustees Limited an interest free loan in connection with the payment of administration costs on behalf of the Company. The loan has no fixed repayment date and may be recalled at anytime.

		Receipts and fees received from Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd	Supplies, Fixed Assets and service fees charged by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd	Net Amount Owing to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd
		\$	\$	\$
Sandhurst Trustees Ltd	- 2009	(61,129,719)	10,060,507	70,723,239
	- 2008	28,830,741	30,246,058	466,987
Bendigo Asset Management	- 2009	5,371	-	307,165
	- 2008	-	12	301,794

(c) The parent entity provides a standby funding facility of \$20,000,000 (\$20,000,000 - 2008) under normal commercial terms and conditions. The facility is unsecured.

(d) The Company pays the parent entity an inter-company cross-charge, on normal terms and conditions, for the provision of administrative and support services of \$2,954,185 - 2009 (\$2,775,473 - 2008).

(e) Sandhurst Trustees Limited purchased 17,938,337 shares from the ultimate parent entity in IOOF Holdings Ltd to the value of \$72,829,648 on 29 June 2009. This transaction was conducted on an arm's length basis.

(f) Sandhurst Trustees Limited purchased 886,490 shares from the ultimate parent entity in Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees Limited to the value of \$2,278,279 on 30 June 2009. This transaction was conducted on an arm's length basis.

(g) The Company holds Investments in the Sandhurst Professional Series and Bendigo Managed funds, valued at \$1,033,003 at 30th June 2009 (\$1,260,362 - 2008).

(h) The Company holds Investments in the Sandhurst Common funds, valued at \$12,989,179 at 30 June 2009 (\$12,073,131 - 2008).

	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 22 - Director and executive disclosures				
(a) Details of key management personnel				
Ian G Mansbridge <i>Chairman</i>				
Marnie A Baker <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>				
Michael J Hirst				
Timothy J Murphy (<i>resigned 10 October 2008</i>)				
David A Oataway				
(b) The compensation of key management personnel is as follows:				
Short term benefits	340,421	415,557	340,421	415,557
Post employment benefits	37,966	35,709	37,966	35,709
Other long term benefits	7,195	(9,433)	7,195	(9,433)
Termination benefits	-	-	-	-
Share-based payments	91,369	64,641	91,369	64,641
Total	476,951	506,474	476,951	506,474

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	Consolidated		Company	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 23 - Capital and leasing commitments				
<i>Operating lease commitments</i>				
Payable -				
Not later than 1 year	-	10,240	-	10,240
Later than 1 but not later than 5 years	-	-	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-	-	-
	-	10,240	-	10,240

Operating lease commitment is a property lease with a term of 3 years expiring September 2008.

Note 24 - Economic dependence

The Company is a controlled entity of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The Company has entered into a service arrangement with its parent entity and is dependent upon the parent entity for provision of administration and support.

Note 25 - Controlled entities

Sandhurst Trustees Limited is the parent entity of the following wholly-owned subsidiary companies (which were all incorporated in Australia):

- Sandhurst Nominees (Victoria) Limited
- Sandhurst Custodian Limited
- Sandhurst Nominees (Canberra) Limited
- Bendigo Asset Management Limited

Non-operating controlled entities are excluded from the above list.

Note 26 - Segment reporting

The economic entity operates in the trustee and financial services business segment where it offers specialised trustee and funds management services throughout Australia. The entity operates in the one geographical segment, within Australia.

Note 27 - Contingent liabilities and assets

The economic entity has no material contingent liabilities.

Estate administration

The Company acts as executor and trustee for a significant number of trusts and estates. In this capacity, the Company has incurred liabilities for which it has a right of indemnity out of the assets of those trusts and estates. Accordingly, these liabilities are not reflected in the financial statements.

Note 28 - Subsequent events

On 24 August 2009, Slater and Gordon lodged a statement of claim in the Federal Court of Australia against Sandhurst Trustees Limited. The legal claim is concerning Sandhurst's role, as debenture trustee, for failed property developer Fincorp Pty Ltd. The position of Sandhurst has been reviewed by the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, and the Bank does not believe that Sandhurst has been negligent, fraudulent or in breach of its duty. Sandhurst will strongly defend itself against these claims. The Bank does not consider the legal claim to be materially adverse and will continue to monitor its proceedings.

Apart from the above, no matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2009 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 subsequent financial years.

Note 29 - Auditors remuneration

Chief entity auditors

The auditor of Sandhurst Trustees Limited is Ernst & Young.

All audit fees in relation to this company are borne by the parent company.

Directors' declaration

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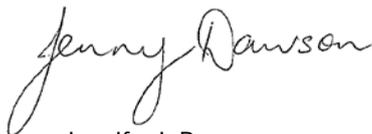
Directors' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Sandhurst Trustees Limited, I state that:

1. In the opinion of the directors:
 - (a) the financial statements and notes of the Company and of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2009 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Standards in Australia to the extent described in note 1 to the financial statements and complying with *Corporations Regulations 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 Board of Directors.

Director



Jennifer L Dawson

Dated this 25 day of September 2009



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Independent auditor's report to the members of Sandhurst Trustees Limited

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Sandhurst Trustees Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. In Note 2(b), the directors also state that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit we have met the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, a copy of which is included in the directors' report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

1. the financial report of Sandhurst Trustees Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Sandhurst Trustees Limited and the consolidated entity at 30 June 2009 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.
2. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brett Kallio'.

Brett Kallio
Partner
Melbourne
25 September 2009

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