

**Ricegrowers Limited
& Controlled Entities
ABN 007 481 156**

Financial Report

30 April 2008

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This financial report covers both Ricegrowers Limited as an individual entity and the consolidated entity consisting of Ricegrowers Limited and its controlled entities. The financial report is presented in Australian currency.

Ricegrowers Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Ricegrowers Limited
NIP 37 Yanco Avenue
LEETON NSW 2705

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activities is included within the annual report and in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial report.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 12 June 2008.

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Directors' Report

Your Directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of Ricegrowers Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during the year ended, 30 April 2008.

1 Directors

The following persons were Directors of Ricegrowers Limited during the financial year and up to the date of this report:

GF Lawson
DM Robertson
LJ Arthur (appointed 24/8/07)
BL Barber (resigned 24/8/07)
NG Graham
G Helou
RA Higgins
GL Kirkup
GF Latta
N McAllister
AD Walsh

2 Principal activities

The principal activities of Ricegrowers Limited and its controlled entities consist of receival and storage of paddy rice, milling of rice, manufacture of rice based products, marketing of rice and grocery products, research and development into the growing of rice, and the processing of rice and related products.

3 Consolidated entity result

The net profit of the consolidated entity for the period after income tax and after minority interests was \$14,096,000 (2007: \$14,476,000).

4 Dividends

For the year ended 30 April 2008, the Directors have declared a final dividend of 22.5 cents per share to be paid on fully paid shares. Provision for this dividend has been made in the accounts. The dividend amounting to \$7,691,000 (2007: \$5,880,000) will be paid in July 2008.

5 Review of operations

A review of operations of the consolidated entity during the financial year and the results of those operations is included in the Annual Report to shareholders.

6 Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity that occurred during the financial period under review, not otherwise disclosed in the Annual Report.

7 Events subsequent to the balance sheet date

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance, since the end of the financial year, not otherwise dealt with in the report that has significantly, or may significantly, affect the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity in subsequent financial periods.

8 Likely developments and expected results of operations

Further information on likely developments in the operations of the consolidated entity and the expected results of operations have not been included in this report because the Directors believe it is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the consolidated entity.

9 Environmental regulation

The consolidated entity is subject to significant environmental regulation in respect of its land development, construction and manufacturing activities as set out below.

Land Development Approvals

Planning approvals are required for the development of land under the *New South Wales Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Victorian Environmental Protection Act 1970*. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, all activities have been undertaken in compliance with the requirements of the planning approvals.

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9 Environmental regulation (continued)

Manufacturing

The consolidated entity holds licences and approvals for its manufacturing sites in New South Wales and Victoria. The licences require air, water and noise emissions to be below specified limits and solid wastes to be removed to an appropriate disposal facility. Ricegrowers Limited operates an environmental management system to ensure compliance.

All identified aspects are monitored and reported on to the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) as required. Complaints received in relation to environmental issues are investigated and actions planned and implemented to reduce the impact of Ricegrowers Limited's activities.

The National Packaging Covenant updated report and action plan has been completed and submitted as required. The reduction of packaging waste to landfill has been successfully maintained. Project plans have been updated and established to manage the impact of trade waste water.

10 Drought Impact

As a result of the continued drought, paddy availability for 2007/2008 financial year was 167k tonnes (1,037k tonnes in prior year). The 2008/2009 expected paddy is estimated to be the lowest in recent years (estimated 19k tonnes). As a result, 105k tonnes of paddy is being carried over from the 2007/2008 year.

11 Top Ten Shareholders

The following table represents the top ten shareholders as at 30th April 2008.

Rank	Shareholder	No. of B Class Shares
1	Burrabogie Pastoral Co Pty Ltd	1,576,743
2	Menegazzo Enterprises Pty Ltd	1,427,326
3	Dellapool Nominees Pty Ltd	1,000,195
4	Taurian Pty Ltd	467,290
4	Industry Designs Pty Ltd	467,290
5	RM & AM Brain	240,139
6	Idameneo (No 157) P/L	219,148
7	Moonraker Float Pty Ltd	205,824
8	GF & SB Lawson Pty Ltd	201,253
9	BE & NW Rose	190,109
10	D & R Chaplin Pty Ltd	160,206

12 Directors' qualifications

Refer to the Annual Report for details.

13 Directors' interests in shares

Director	Directors' interests in A and B Class shares of Ricegrowers Limited	
	30 April 2008	30 April 2007
GF Lawson	201,254	187,921
DM Robertson	124,059	103,647
LJ Arthur (appointed 24/8/07)	120,402	-
NG Graham	71,277	64,770
G Helou	-	-
RA Higgins	-	-
GL Kirkup	25,668	23,325
GF Latta	-	-
N McAllister	2,511	2,282
AD Walsh	107,799	93,935

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14 Directors' meetings

	RL Board		F & A Committee		Grower Services Committee		Remuneration Committee	
	Attended	Possible	Attended	Possible	Attended	Possible	Attended	Possible
GF Lawson	14	14	-	-	-	-	3	3
DM Robertson	14	14	5	5	4	4	3	3
LJ Arthur	9	9	3	3	-	-	-	-
BL Barber	3	4	1	1	2	2	-	-
NG Graham	13	14	5	5	2	3	-	-
G Helou	14	14	5	5	-	-	-	-
RA Higgins	13	14	5	5	-	-	-	-
GL Kirkup	14	14	-	-	4	4	-	-
GF Latta	14	14	5	5	-	-	3	3
N McAllister	14	14	-	-	1	1	-	-
AD Walsh	13	14	-	-	4	4	-	-

15 Indemnification of officers

During the year, Directors and Executive officers of Ricegrowers Limited were insured as part of an insurance policy undertaken against a liability of a nature that is required to be disclosed under the Corporations Act. In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* further details have not been disclosed due to confidentiality provisions in the insurance contract.

16 Remuneration Report (audited)

This report outlines Ricegrowers Limited remuneration policy for Directors and Key Management Personnel (KMP) in accordance with AASB124 *Related Party Disclosures* and the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Details of other transactions with Key Management Personnel are disclosed in Note 31 and Note 34 to the financial statements.

(i) Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration

In keeping with our vision to be truly world class in all aspects of our operations, our remuneration is guided by the need to foster a high performance culture and maintain market competitiveness. CEO and Senior Executive Salary packages are based on the level of responsibility of the role and are linked to performance based Key Performance Indicators. Salaries are determined by the Remuneration Committee chaired by Mr Grant Latta and approved by the Board after extensive consultation with remuneration experts including Newton Consulting, Mercer Human Resource Consulting and Slade Group. In addition, remuneration surveys from Corporate Remuneration Advisors, Australian Institute of Management, Mercer Human Resource Consulting and FMCG Careers are taken into consideration. This ensures that remuneration decisions are consistent with similar roles in comparable organisations. This reinforces our commitment to our Pay for Performance philosophy that attracts and retains highly skilled employees.

(ii) Non-executive directors

Ricegrowers Limited's constitution requires that the remuneration of directors for their services as directors be by fixed sum and not a commission or a percentage of profits or operating revenue. At the 2002 Annual General Meeting, shareholders determined the following Directors' fees and remuneration:

- a) A Director attending a duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors or a meeting of a Committee of the Board of Directors will receive a sitting fee of \$252.00 per meeting;
- b) A Director attending to the business of the Company under direction from the Board of Directors shall receive \$252.00 per day together with travelling and out-of-pocket expenses;
- c) The Chairman of Directors shall receive an additional allowance of \$58,400 per annum;
- d) The Deputy Chairman of Directors shall receive an additional allowance of \$36,150 per annum;
- e) External Directors shall receive an additional allowance of \$36,150 per annum;
- f) Each other member of the Board of Directors shall receive an additional allowance of \$25,030 per annum.

The non-executive directors do not receive equity-based remuneration or performance-based remuneration. Statutory superannuation is paid.

The non-executive directors receive a retirement allowance as defined in the constitution which adopts the arrangements permissible under Section 237 of the Corporations Act.

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16 Remuneration Report (continued)

(iii) Retirement allowances for directors

For Directors leaving after less than three years service the SCG superannuation contribution is payable. The Directors retirement allowance is payable for directors who leave after three years service and is pro rated between three and seven years. After seven years of service the retirement benefit payable on leaving is equal to the last three years' total emoluments. This is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 sections 200A to 200J.

(iv) Executive pay

The executive pay and reward framework has three components:

- * base pay and benefits
- * other remuneration such as superannuation
- * incentives

The combination of these comprises the executive's total remuneration.

(v) Base pay

Structured as a Total Fixed Remuneration package which may be delivered as a combination of cash and prescribed non-financial benefits at the executives' discretion. While there is an annual salary review process, increases are not guaranteed.

(vi) Benefits

Executives are able to elect to take a range of benefits as part of their Total Fixed Remuneration package, including a company car, novated vehicle or car allowance; remote housing subsidy or travel allowance.

(vii) Retirement benefits

Retirement benefits are delivered under the relevant employers'/employees' superannuation fund. Ricegrowers Limited contributes the statutory 9% superannuation to an accumulation fund on behalf of all employees. Employees can elect to make additional contributions from their Total Fixed Remuneration, either pre or post tax.

(viii) Incentives/Bonuses

The CEO participates in both a short and long term incentive plan. Both plans are contingent upon Ricegrowers Limited and the CEO achieving predetermined performance targets set by the Board.

A discretionary bonus scheme has been in place in 2008 for management. Final values have been determined by the Remuneration Committee and the Board.

17 Directors' benefits

The Directors have direct dealings with the company on the same terms and conditions that apply to all members whether by contractual arrangements or otherwise.

No Director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the company or a controlled entity with the Director or a firm of which the Director has a substantial financial interest other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by Directors as shown above.

Several Directors sit on local Boards which serve the rice industry as disclosed in the Annual Report. The consolidated entity has dealings with these Boards and Committees whose purpose is to deal with issues that relate to the rice industry. The transactions involved are conducted on terms no more favourable than other bodies that affect the rice industry.

18 Prospectus

On 13 June 2008 a prospectus is to be issued.

19 Non-audit services

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company and/or Group are important. Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (PricewaterhouseCoopers) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out below. The board of directors has considered the position and, in accordance with advice received from the audit committee, is satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001.

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19 Non-audit services (continued)

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

	Consolidated	
	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Audit services		
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	334,330	424,375
Fees paid to related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	99,586	99,196
Fees paid to non-PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	11,534	-
Total remuneration for audit services	445,450	523,571
Other assurance services		
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	-	181,617
Fees paid to related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	4,900	-
Fees paid to non-PricewaterhouseCoopers audit firm	15,126	-
Total remuneration for other assurance services	20,026	181,617
Total remuneration for assurance services	465,476	705,188
Taxation services		
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	362,721	396,517
Fees paid to related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	15,327	-
Fees paid to non-PricewaterhouseCoopers audit firm	744	-
Total remuneration for taxation services	378,792	396,517

20 Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditors' independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 7.

21 Rounding of amounts

The company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100 issued by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the Directors' Report. Amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

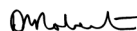
This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

For and on behalf of the Board.



GF Lawson
Chairman

Sydney
12 June 2008



DM Robertson
Deputy Chairman

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Directors' Declaration

In the directors' opinion :

(a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 8 to 46 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* , and:

(i) comply with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and

(ii) give a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 April 2008 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended on that date;

(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Ricegrowers Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

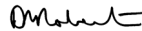
(c) the audited remuneration disclosures set out on pages 3 to 4 of the directors' report comply with Accounting Standards AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

For and on behalf of the Board.



GF Lawson
Director



DM Robertson
Director

Sydney
12 June 2008

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Ricegrowers Limited for the year ended 30 April 2008 I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Ricegrowers Limited and its controlled entities during the year.



Paddy Carney
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney
12 June 2008

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**Income statements
For the year ended 30 April 2008**

	Note	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
		\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Sales revenue	4	535,921	584,487	707,653	733,880
Other revenue	4	6,775	5,228	2,829	4,190
Revenue from continuing operations		542,696	589,715	710,482	738,070
Other income	5	1,440	381	1,650	455
Changes in inventories of finished goods		32,437	35,606	29,273	14,232
Raw materials and consumables used		(376,779)	(389,371)	(482,644)	(459,875)
Employee benefits expense		(52,009)	(60,428)	(66,813)	(74,211)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	6	(12,416)	(11,366)	(22,781)	(20,359)
Finance costs		(15,181)	(19,940)	(20,295)	(23,257)
Other expenses	6	(111,155)	(134,873)	(128,794)	(153,251)
Share of net profit of associate accounted for using the equity method	14	-	-	378	772
Profit before income tax		9,033	9,724	20,456	22,576
Income tax expense	7	(1,707)	(3,925)	(5,479)	(7,752)
Profit for the year		7,326	5,799	14,977	14,824
Profit attributable to minority interests		-	-	(881)	(348)
Profit attributable to members of Ricegrowers Limited		7,326	5,799	14,096	14,476
 Earnings per share for profit attributable to B Class Shareholders					
Basic and Diluted Earnings	33			0.46	0.57

The above income statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**Balance sheets
As at 30 April 2008**

	Note	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
		\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	8	1,734	-	13,532	6,966
Receivables	9	97,170	95,446	80,091	85,051
Inventories	10	156,090	210,602	230,800	275,096
Derivative financial instruments	13	522	227	814	330
Total current assets		<u>255,516</u>	<u>306,275</u>	<u>325,237</u>	<u>367,443</u>
Non-current assets					
Receivables	9	6,985	7,775	1,000	1,000
Available-for-sale financial assets	12	321	386	332	397
Other financial assets	11	4,199	4,199	140	202
Property, plant and equipment	15	92,741	100,649	242,114	254,231
Investment properties	17	5,108	4,725	5,108	4,725
Intangible assets	16	3,473	3,896	7,455	7,717
Deferred tax assets	18	6,534	11,161	9,774	12,748
Investments accounted for using the equity method	14	3,588	3,588	5,712	5,334
Total non-current assets		<u>122,949</u>	<u>136,379</u>	<u>271,635</u>	<u>286,354</u>
Total assets		<u>378,465</u>	<u>442,654</u>	<u>596,872</u>	<u>653,797</u>
Current liabilities					
Payables	19	63,970	57,247	83,781	75,057
Grower payables	19	14,403	62,134	14,403	62,134
Borrowings	20	145,431	102,231	190,441	117,525
Current tax liabilities		1,914	1,715	2,945	1,767
Provisions	21	7,670	9,850	8,826	10,983
Derivative financial instruments	13	-	83	247	393
Total current liabilities		<u>233,388</u>	<u>233,260</u>	<u>300,643</u>	<u>267,859</u>
Non current liabilities					
Payables	19	-	-	79,215	88,962
Grower payables	19	1,154	8,585	1,154	8,585
Borrowings	20	42,029	113,157	77,081	171,957
Deferred tax liabilities	22	2,010	1,832	3,396	2,533
Provisions	21	1,358	1,702	2,603	2,826
Total non-current liabilities		<u>46,551</u>	<u>125,276</u>	<u>163,449</u>	<u>274,863</u>
Total liabilities		<u>279,939</u>	<u>358,536</u>	<u>464,092</u>	<u>542,722</u>
Net assets		<u>98,526</u>	<u>84,118</u>	<u>132,780</u>	<u>111,075</u>
Equity					
Contributed equity	23	54,194	39,573	54,194	39,573
Reserves	24	19,280	19,128	20,068	19,992
Retained profits	24	25,052	25,417	53,262	46,857
Total parent entity interest		98,526	84,118	127,524	106,422
Minority interest	30	-	-	5,256	4,653
Total equity		<u>98,526</u>	<u>84,118</u>	<u>132,780</u>	<u>111,075</u>

The above balance sheets should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**Statements of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 April 2008**

		Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
	Note	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		84,118	76,955	111,075	97,017
Changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax	24	(38)	5	(38)	2
Changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax	24	190	(1,298)	369	(1,331)
Movement in minority interest in reserves		-	-	603	(465)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	24	-	-	(255)	(1,281)
Net income/(loss) recognised directly in equity		152	(1,293)	679	(3,075)
Profit for the year		7,326	5,799	14,096	14,476
Total recognised income and expense for the year		7,478	4,506	14,775	11,401
Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders:					
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs	23	14,621	8,537	14,621	8,537
Dividends provided or paid	25	(7,691)	(5,880)	(7,691)	(5,880)
		6,930	2,657	6,930	2,657
Total equity at the end of the financial year		98,526	84,118	132,780	111,075

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**Cash flow statements
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	Note	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
		\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Cash flows from operating activities					
Receipts from customers (inclusive of goods and services tax)		545,194	617,375	715,441	769,556
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of goods and services tax)		(385,252)	(324,955)	(515,055)	(445,645)
Payments of wages, salaries and on-costs		(54,480)	(58,436)	(69,141)	(72,083)
Dividends received		360	369	15	23
Interest received		682	1,914	772	1,214
Other charges reimbursed		1,662	2,945	2,128	3,430
Interest paid		(15,484)	(19,893)	(21,189)	(23,257)
Subsidiary performance fee income		3,940	10,265	-	-
Income taxes paid		(526)	(21)	(687)	(86)
		96,096	229,563	112,284	233,152
Payments to growers		(71,198)	(169,860)	(71,198)	(169,860)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	32	24,898	59,703	41,086	63,292
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,348)	(7,172)	(12,091)	(13,772)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		558	1,032	944	1,169
Payments for intangibles		(102)	(1,000)	(420)	(1,008)
Repayment loans controlled entities		-	19,550	-	-
Payments for business		-	-	-	(2,700)
Proceeds from sale of investments		178	-	188	-
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		-	2,400	-	2,400
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities		(3,714)	14,810	(11,379)	(13,911)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceeds from borrowings		146,752	199,500	157,350	229,116
Repayment of borrowings		(157,082)	(265,170)	(159,124)	(265,170)
Proceeds from issue of shares		10,428	401	10,428	401
Repayment of rice bonds		(12,254)	(9,713)	(12,254)	(9,713)
Repayment of finance leases		(122)	(27)	(122)	(27)
RMB equity redemptions		-	-	(9,863)	-
Dividends paid to company's shareholders		(3,807)	(3,530)	(3,807)	(3,530)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(16,085)	(78,539)	(17,392)	(48,923)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		5,099	(4,026)	12,315	458
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		(3,365)	661	221	(591)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		-	-	203	354
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	8	1,734	(3,365)	12,739	221

The above cash flow statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial report includes separate financial statements for Ricegrowers Limited as an individual entity and the consolidated entity consisting of Ricegrowers Limited and its subsidiaries.

(a) Basis of preparation of financial report

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

Compliance with IFRS's

Australian Accounting Standards include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the consolidated financial statements and notes of Ricegrowers Limited comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS's).

Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available for-sale financial assets and investment property.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

(b) Principles of consolidation

(i) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements comprise the assets and liabilities of Ricegrowers Limited ("company" or "parent entity") as at 30 April 2008 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Ricegrowers Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the Group or the consolidated entity.

Subsidiaries are all those entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Minority interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated income statement and balance sheet respectively.

(ii) Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for in the parent entity financial statements using the cost method and in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting.

The Group's share of its associates' post acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment.

(c) Foreign currency translation

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions denominated in a foreign currency are converted at the exchange rate achieved over the reporting period. Foreign currency receivables and payables at balance date are translated at exchange rates current at that date. Resulting exchange gains and losses are recognised in the income statement except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges.

The financial position of the Group entities is translated into Australian currency at exchange rates existing at balance date and the exchange gain or loss arising on translation is carried directly to a foreign currency translation reserve. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average rate ruling during the year.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Investments and other financial assets

Investments have been brought to account as follows:

(i) Subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are valued in the Company's accounts at cost less any amounts provided for impairment. Dividends are brought to account when proposed by the subsidiaries.

(ii) Associates

Investments in associated corporations, where significant influence exists, are accounted for in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method. This is further detailed in note 1(b).

(iii) Other corporations

Investments in listed corporations are accounted for as available-for-sale financial assets. Investments in unlisted corporations, other than subsidiaries and associates, are valued at cost. Dividends and interest are brought to account as they are received.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are comprised of principally marketable securities. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale are recognised in equity in the available-for-sale financial assets revaluation reserve. When securities classified as available-for-sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments are included in the income statement as gains and losses from investment securities. The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. A prolonged and significant 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 profit and loss, 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.

(v) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included within receivables in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

(e) Investment property

Investment property comprises freehold land and buildings that were previously owner occupied. Owner occupation ceased and these properties are now classified as "Investment properties" as they are held for long term capital appreciation. These properties are carried at fair value representing open-market value determined by external valuers. Changes in fair value are recorded in the income statement as part of other income.

(f) Inventory

Raw materials, finished goods, packaging materials and engineering and consumable stores have been valued on the basis of the lower of cost or net realisable value. Raw materials, finished goods, packaging materials and engineering and consumable stores inventory are determined from standard costs. Cost in relation to processed inventories comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate allowance for milling, fixed and variable overheads less by-products recovery on the basis of normal operating capacity.

(g) Property, plant and equipment and leasehold improvements

Property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land, are stated at historical cost less depreciation and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. Freehold land is held at cost and not depreciated.

Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on a regular basis for all assets, with annual reassessments for major items.

The expected useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	25 to 50 years
Leasehold improvements	over the term of the lease
Leased plant and equipment	3 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	7 to 15 years

The profit or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment in the normal course of business has been brought to account within operating profit.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Impairment of assets

Goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash generating units).

Should there have been impairments in prior periods, assessment of trigger events will determine if a subsequent increase in value is required.

(i) Intangible assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary/associate at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisition of associates is included in investment in associates. Goodwill is not amortised but is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing.

Patents and brands are deferred and amortised on a straight line basis over the periods of their expected benefit which varies from 5 to 20 years.

Capitalised software and re-engineered systems are amortised over 3 years.

(j) Research and development costs

Research and development costs do not meet the relevant recognition and measurement criteria to be capitalised. As a result, such costs are charged as an expense in the year incurred.

(k) Receivables and accounts payable

External trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less provision for impairment. Trade receivables are due for settlement within 30 days from date of recognition. Bad debts are written off in the period in which they are identified. Collectibility of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. A provision for impairment of receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is recognised in the income statement within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which a provision has been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the provision. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the income statement.

Trade accounts payable including accounts not yet billed are recognised when the consolidated entity becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of provision of assets, goods or services. Trade accounts payable are unsecured and generally settled within 30 days.

(l) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

(m) Grower payables

Grower payables comprises of the balance of pool payments owed to growers for the current and next financial year's paddy rice received by the company. The portion of the payable in respect of the current financial year is based on the final paddy price for the year, with a portion in respect of paddy rice received for the next financial year based on that year's budgeted paddy price.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(n) Employee benefits

Wages and salaries, annual and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in accordance with the relevant awards in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date, and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

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 government securities with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised when a detailed plan for the terminations has been developed and a valid expectation has been raised in those employees affected that those terminations will be carried out.

(o) Income tax

The income tax expense or revenue for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income adjusted for changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and to unused tax losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arose in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction, did not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Except where indicated, no provision has been made for any taxes on capital gains which could arise in the event of a sale of certain revalued non-current assets for the amounts at which they are stated in the financial statements as it is not expected that any such liability will crystallise through continued use.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

Ricegrowers Limited and its wholly owned Australian controlled entities have adopted the tax consolidation legislation. The stand-alone taxpayer approach has been adopted. Under this approach each entity in the tax-consolidated group measures its current and deferred taxes as if it continued to be a separate taxable entity in its own right.

Both the head entity and the subsidiaries will continue to recognise deferred tax balances. All current tax balances will be assumed by the head entity. Any deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits will also be recognised in the head entity.

(p) Derivatives

Derivative financial instruments, principally interest rate swap contracts and forward foreign exchange contracts, are entered into mainly to hedge financial risks.

The Group designates derivatives as hedges. The Group documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Group also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions have been and will continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in equity and in the hedging reserve. The gain or loss on the ineffective portion is immediately recognised in the income statement. Amounts accumulated in equity are recycled in the income statement in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss.

Derivatives that form part of the hedging transaction are initially recognised at their fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(q) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes deposits at call which are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(r) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, duties, trade allowances and taxes paid. Sales revenue is recognised when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the customer and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity. Revenue from the provision of services is recognised in the accounting period in which the service is performed. Dividends are recognised in revenue when the right to receive payment is established. Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis at the effective interest rate. Subsidiary performance fees, grain storage income and other revenue is recognised on provision of the appropriate service.

(s) Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases (note 15). Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in current and non-current borrowings. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases (note 28). Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Lease income from operating leases is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(t) Acquisition of assets

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for all acquisitions of assets (including business combinations) regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. Cost is measured as the fair value of the assets given, shares issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Where equity instruments are issued in an acquisition, the value of the instruments is their published market price as at the date of exchange unless it can be demonstrated that the published price at the date of exchange is an unreliable indicator of fair value and that other evidence and valuation methods provide a more reliable measure of fair value. Transaction costs arising on the issue of equity instruments are recognised directly in equity.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill (refer to note 1 (i)). If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the income statement, but only after a reassessment of the identification and measurement of the net assets acquired.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

(u) Segment reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products and services that are subject to risks and returns that are different to those of other business segments. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment and is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

(v) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the settlement of a future obligation is probable. Any change in the provision amount is recognised in the income statement.

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(w) Dividends

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared on or before the end of the year but not distributed at balance date.

(x) Comparatives

The classification of certain comparative figures may be amended to reflect changes in the presentation of these financial statements.

(y) Contributed equity

Contributed equity comprises B Class shares and is recognised when shares are fully paid for.

(z) Government assistance

Government assistance relating to costs is deferred and recognised in the income statement over the period necessary to match it with the costs that they are intended to compensate. Government assistance in the form of non interest bearing loans are stated at face value not fair value in accordance with AASB120.

(aa) Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to B Class shareholders of the company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of B Class shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in shares issued during the year.

(ab) Commodity Contracts

Commodity contracts are derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in fair value of any derivative instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the income statement and are included in other revenue or expenses.

(ac) Rounding of amounts

The company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100 issued by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission, relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial report. Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

(ad) New accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 April 2008 reporting periods. The Group's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

(i) *AASB 8 Operating Segments* and *AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8*. AASB 8 and AASB 2007-3 are effective for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2009. AASB 8 is likely to result in a change in the approach to segment reporting, as it requires adoption of a 'management approach' to reporting on financial performance.

The information being reported will be based on what the key decision makers use internally for evaluating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to operating segments. The Group has not yet decided when to adopt AASB 8. Application of AASB 8 may result in different segments, segment results and different types of information being reported in the segment note of the financial report. However, at this stage, it is not expected to affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

(ii) *Revised AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements* and *AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101*. A revised AASB 101 was issued in September 2007 and is applicable for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. It requires the presentation of a statement of comprehensive income and makes changes to the statement of changes in equity, but will not affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements. If an entity has made a prior period adjustment or has reclassified items in the financial statements, it will need to disclose a third balance sheet (statement of financial position), this one being as at the beginning of the comparative period. The Group intends to apply the revised standard from 1 May 2009.

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2 Financial Risk Management

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks; market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group. The Group uses derivative financial instruments such as foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swaps to hedge certain risk exposures. Derivatives are mainly used for hedging purposes, i.e. not as trading or other speculative instruments. The Group uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rates and foreign exchange and ageing analysis for credit risk.

Financial risk management is executed under guidance from the Treasury Management Committee in accordance with policies approved by the Board of Directors. The Board provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as mitigating foreign exchange, interest rate and credit risks, use of derivative financial instruments and investing excess liquidity.

(a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from currency exposures to the US dollar (USD), Papua New Guinea Kina (PGK), Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD), Hong Kong Dollar (HKD), Japanese Yen (JPY) and Jordanian Dinar (JOD).

Foreign exchange risk arises when future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. The risk is measured using cash flow forecasting.

Forward contracts are used to manage foreign exchange risk. Each subsidiary is responsible for managing exposures in each foreign currency by using external forward currency contracts.

The Group's risk management policy is to hedge up to 60% of its US dollar foreign currency denominated exposure for the subsequent 12 months.

The table below sets out the Group's and Ricegrowers Limited exposure to foreign currency risk at the reporting date denominated in foreign currency.

Consolidated - 30 April 2008	USD 000's	PGK 000's	SBD 000's	JOD 000's	HKD 000's	JPY 000's
Cash	1,127	2,582	4,462	-	6	-
Trade receivables	13,130	22,981	9,075	55	3,630	-
Bank loans	(198)	(29,920)	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	(24,856)	(13,109)	(397)	(127)	(30)	-
Forward exchange contracts:						
-selling foreign currency	(35,100)	-	-	-	-	-
-buying foreign currency	19,500	-	-	-	-	-
Net exposure - selling currency/(buying currency)	(26,397)	(17,466)	13,140	(72)	3,606	-

Consolidated - 30 April 2007	USD 000's	PGK 000's	SBD 000's	JOD 000's	HKD 000's	JPY 000's
Cash	1,695	4	-	-	20	-
Trade receivables	13,130	20,860	7,912	51	2,463	-
Bank loans	(205)	(25,814)	(5,034)	-	-	-
Trade payables	(13,950)	(12,798)	(339)	-	(885)	(9,781)
Forward exchange contracts:						
-selling foreign currency	(29,802)	-	-	-	-	-
-buying foreign currency	42,922	-	-	-	-	-
Net exposure - selling currency/(buying currency)	13,790	(17,748)	2,539	51	1,598	(9,781)

Ricegrowers Limited	2008 USD 000's	2008 HKD 000's	2008 JPY 000's	2007 USD 000's	2007 HKD 000's	2007 JPY 000's
Cash	779	6	-	1,484	19	-
Trade receivables	54,597	3,630	-	41,789	2,463	-
Bank loans	5,600	-	-	5,600	-	-
Trade payables	(24,902)	(30)	-	(13,841)	(885)	(9,781)
Forward exchange contracts selling foreign currency	(35,100)	-	-	(29,802)	-	-
Net exposure - selling currency/(buying currency)	974	3,606	-	5,230	1,597	(9,781)

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2 Financial Risk Management (continued)

(i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

Group sensitivity analysis

At 30 April 2008, had the US dollar moved by 0.5 cents to the Australian dollar with all other variables held constant, the Group's post tax profit for the year would have been \$104,000 higher/lower (2007: \$70,000 higher/lower) mainly as a result of foreign exchange gain/loss on translation of US dollar assets and liabilities.

At 30 April 2008, had the Papua New Guinea Kina moved by 1.6 Kina to the Australian dollar with all other variables held constant, the Group's post tax profit for the year would have been \$293,000 higher/lower (2007: \$298,000 higher/lower) mainly as a result of foreign exchange gain/loss on translation of Papua New Guinea Kina assets and liabilities.

At 30 April 2008, had the Solomon Islands dollar moved by 6.3 cents to the Australian dollar with all other variables held constant, the Group's post tax profit for the year would have been \$124,000 higher/lower (2007: \$32,000 higher/lower) mainly as a result of foreign exchange gain/loss on translation of Solomon Islands dollar assets and liabilities.

The Group's exposure to other foreign exchange movements other than USD, PGK and SBD is not considered material.

Ricegrowers Limited sensitivity analysis

At 30 April 2008, had the US dollar moved by 0.5 cents to the Australian dollar with all other variables held constant, the Group's post tax profit for the year would have been \$4,000 higher/lower (2007: \$27,000 higher/lower) mainly as a result of foreign exchange gain/loss on translation of US dollar assets and liabilities.

The Company's exposure to other foreign exchange movements other than USD is not considered material.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's main interest rate risk arises from borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings issued at fixed interest rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. The Group manages its cash flow interest rate risk by using floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps.

The Group and Ricegrowers Limited had the following variable rate borrowings and interest rate swap contracts outstanding:

30 April 2008	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	Weighted average interest rate	Balance \$000's	Weighted average interest rate	Balance \$000's
Bank loans	8.4	158,700	7.7	238,762
Interest rate swap (notional principal amount)	5.9	(41,350)	6.1	(55,350)
Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk		<u>117,350</u>		<u>183,412</u>

30 April 2007	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	Weighted average interest rate	Balance \$000's	Weighted average interest rate	Balance \$000's
Bank loans	6.9	172,395	6.9	246,489
Interest rate swap (notional principal amount)	5.9	(41,350)	6.1	(55,350)
Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk		<u>131,045</u>		<u>191,139</u>

An analysis by maturities is provided in (c) below.

Group sensitivity analysis

At 30 April 2008, if interest rates had changed by + / - 25 basis points from the year end rates with all other variables held constant, post tax profit for the year would have been \$321,000 lower/higher (2007: \$334,000 lower/higher) mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expense on variable borrowings.

Ricegrowers Limited sensitivity

At 30 April 2008, if interest rates had changed by + / - 25 basis points from the year end rates with all other variables held constant, post tax profit for the year would have been \$205,000 lower/higher (2007: \$229,000 lower/higher) as a result of lower/higher interest expense on variable borrowings.

(iii) Price risk

The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk. This arises from investments held by the Group and classified on the balance sheet as available-for-sale financial assets. The Group's exposure to movements in equity securities price risk is not considered material.

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(b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to domestic and export customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. For banks and financial institutions, only independently rated parties with a minimum rating of Moodys A3 or Standard and Poors A minus are accepted. Domestic customers are assessed for credit quality taking into account its financial position, past experience, trade references, ASIC searches and other factors. Export customers trading terms are secured by letter of credit, telegraphic transfer, cash against documents or documentary collection and prepayment. Individual risk limits are set in accordance with the limits set by the Board. Compliance with credit limits is regularly monitored

(c) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close-out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, Treasury aims at maintaining flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available.

Financing arrangements

The Group and Ricegrowers Limited had access to the following undrawn borrowing facilities at the reporting date:

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Floating rate:				
Bank overdraft - expiring within one year	5,000	1,635	9,963	3,300
Bank loans - expiring within one year	238,100	234,770	244,764	285,310
Bank loans - expiring beyond one year	400	400	5,900	14,000
	243,500	236,805	260,627	302,610

For additional information on significant terms and conditions of bank facilities refer to note 20.

Maturities of financial liabilities

The tables below analyse the Group's and the Company's financial liabilities. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. For interest rate swaps the cash flows have been estimated using forward interest rates applicable at reporting date.

Consolidated - 30 April 2008	Less than 12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Total carrying amount
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Non-derivatives						
Non-interest bearing	98,184	15,743	42,686	21,940	178,553	178,553
Variable rate	182,958	22,176	30,684	-	235,818	233,613
Fixed rate	11,733	12,695	13,382	-	37,810	33,909
Total non-derivatives	292,875	50,614	86,752	21,940	452,181	446,075
Derivatives						
Interest rate swaps - net settled	(257)	(533)	-	-	(790)	(790)
Foreign currency contracts - gross settled						
(inflow)	(58,470)	-	-	-	(58,470)	(24)
outflow	58,693	-	-	-	58,693	247
Total derivatives	(34)	(533)	-	-	(567)	(567)

Consolidated - 30 April 2007	Less than 12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Total carrying amount
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Non-derivatives						
Non-interest bearing	137,191	18,423	43,176	35,948	234,738	234,738
Variable rate	106,283	113,786	28,029	-	248,098	241,951
Fixed rate	20,138	10,970	22,006	-	53,114	47,531
Total non-derivatives	263,612	143,179	93,211	35,948	535,950	524,220
Derivatives						
Interest rate swaps - net settled	-	(180)	(122)	-	(302)	(302)
Foreign currency contracts - gross settled						
(inflow)	(87,781)	-	-	-	(87,781)	(28)
outflow	88,146	-	-	-	88,146	393
Total derivatives	365	(180)	(122)	-	63	63

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2 Financial Risk Management (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

Ricegrowers Limited - 30 April 2008	Less than 12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Total carrying amount
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Non-derivatives						
Non-interest bearing	78,373	1,154	-	-	79,527	79,527
Variable rate	137,670	22,176	184	-	160,030	159,194
Fixed rate	10,249	12,387	8,245	-	30,881	28,266
Total non-derivatives	226,292	35,717	8,429	-	270,438	266,987
Derivatives						
Interest rate swaps - net settled	(257)	(241)	-	-	(498)	(498)
Foreign currency contracts - gross settled						
(inflow)	(37,600)	-	-	-	(37,600)	(24)
outflow	37,576	-	-	-	37,576	-
Total derivatives	(281)	(241)	-	-	(522)	(522)

Ricegrowers Limited - 30 April 2007	Less than 12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Total carrying amount
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Non-derivatives						
Non-interest bearing	119,381	8,585	-	-	127,966	127,966
Variable rate	87,073	82,786	229	-	170,088	169,382
Fixed rate	14,882	10,970	22,006	-	47,858	42,641
Total non-derivatives	221,336	102,341	22,235	-	345,912	339,989
Derivatives						
Interest rate swaps - net settled	-	(180)	(47)	-	(227)	(227)
Foreign currency contracts - gross settled						
(inflow)	(35,946)	-	-	-	(35,946)	-
outflow	36,029	-	-	-	36,029	83
Total derivatives	83	(180)	(47)	-	(144)	(144)

3 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(a) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(i) Impairment of assets

The Group tests for impairment of assets and goodwill in accordance with note 1(h). The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations required the use of assumptions. Refer to note 16 for the details of these assumptions.

(b) Critical judgements in applying the entity's accounting policies

(i) Raw material inventory and amounts payable to growers

Raw materials and amounts payable to growers in the parent entity are valued in accordance with the inventory accounting policy in note 1(f). Raw materials in the form of paddy carried over from 2007 to 2008 has been valued at the actual grower return. Raw materials in the form of paddy carried over from 2006 to 2007 has been valued at the expected paddy return.

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4 Revenue

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Sales revenue				
Sale of goods	535,921	584,487	706,555	732,612
Services	-	-	1,098	1,268
	535,921	584,487	707,653	733,880
Other revenue				
Interest received	682	1,914	773	1,214
Dividends received	360	369	15	23
Other sundry items	927	586	1,175	594
Grain storage fee income	109	443	109	443
Commodity contracts	757	1,916	757	1,916
Subsidiary performance fee income	3,940	-	-	-
	6,775	5,228	2,829	4,190
	542,696	589,715	710,482	738,070

5 Other income

Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	381	-	406
Fair value adjustment to investment properties	383	-	383	-
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	169	-	169	-
Foreign exchange gains	888	-	1,098	49
	1,440	381	1,650	455

6 Expenses

Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:

Contributions to employee superannuation plans	1,805	2,203	2,538	2,831
Depreciation and amortisation				
Buildings	1,194	1,299	7,710	6,897
Plant and equipment	10,686	9,623	14,201	12,653
Leasehold improvements	11	16	192	247
Patents/brands and software	525	428	678	562
Total depreciation and amortisation expense	12,416	11,366	22,781	20,359

Other expenses

Freight and distribution costs	35,623	53,567	51,205	67,738
Rice Marketing Board fees	243	878	243	878
AGS storage asset charge	12,396	7,832	-	-
Energy	5,796	9,902	6,402	10,369
Water procurement	2,377	10,321	2,377	10,321
Contracted services	9,782	7,738	9,207	6,953
Operating lease expenditure	3,485	3,491	6,613	5,814
Research and development	1,000	3,754	519	3,162
Advertising and artwork	3,767	3,546	7,167	6,625
Fair value adjustment to investment properties	-	350	-	350
Redundancy expenses	8,600	-	8,600	-
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	72	-	414	-
Impairment losses - trade receivables	29	55	33	56
Other	27,985	33,439	36,014	40,985
Total other expenses	111,155	134,873	128,794	153,251

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7 Income tax expense

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
(a) Income tax expense	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current tax expense	(3,265)	(4,378)	(8,233)	(8,386)
Deferred tax benefit	621	1,005	2,225	1,112
Adjustments for current tax of prior periods	937	(552)	529	(478)
Income tax expense attributable to profit from continuing operations	<u>(1,707)</u>	<u>(3,925)</u>	<u>(5,479)</u>	<u>(7,752)</u>

Deferred income benefit/(expense) included in income tax expense comprises:

Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax assets (note 18)	602	(976)	2,810	(930)
(Increase)/decrease in deferred tax liabilities (note 22)	19	1,981	(585)	2,042
	<u>621</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>2,225</u>	<u>1,112</u>

(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable

Profit from continuing operations before related income tax	<u>9,033</u>	<u>9,724</u>	<u>20,456</u>	<u>22,576</u>
Income tax expense calculated at the Australian rate of tax of 30% (2007:30%)	<u>(2,710)</u>	<u>(2,917)</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>	<u>(6,773)</u>
Tax effect of amounts which are not taxable/(deductible) in calculating taxable income:				
Entertainment	(23)	(26)	(32)	(34)
Income from controlled foreign companies	(102)	(97)	(102)	(97)
Tax offset for intercompany dividends	4	104	4	104
Research & development	106	103	102	103
Sundry items	81	(475)	157	(524)
	<u>66</u>	<u>(391)</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>(448)</u>
Adjustments for current tax of prior periods	937	(552)	529	(478)
Effect of timing differences and tax losses (not booked)/recovered	-	(65)	-	(53)
Income tax expense	<u>(1,707)</u>	<u>(3,925)</u>	<u>(5,479)</u>	<u>(7,752)</u>

(c) Amounts recognised directly in equity

Aggregate current and deferred tax arising in the reporting period and not recognised in net profit or loss but directly debited or credited to equity

Net deferred tax - debited (credited) directly to equity (note 18 and 22)	<u>(65)</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>(157)</u>	<u>337</u>
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(d) Tax consolidation legislation

Ricegrowers Limited and its wholly owned Australian controlled entities implemented the tax consolidation legislation as at 1 May 2004. The accounting policy in relation to this legislation is set out in note 1(o).

On adoption of the tax consolidation legislation as at 1 May 2004, the entities have entered into a tax funding agreement under which the wholly-owned entities fully compensate Ricegrowers Limited for any current tax payable assumed and are compensated by Ricegrowers Limited for any current tax receivable and deferred tax assets relating to unused tax losses or unused tax credits that are transferred to Ricegrowers Limited under the tax consolidation legislation. The funding amounts are determined by reference to the amounts recognised in the wholly-owned entities' financial statements. The funding amounts are recognised as current intercompany receivables or payables.

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8 Cash and cash equivalents

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Cash at bank and on hand	1,734	-	13,532	3,966
Deposits at call	-	-	-	3,000
	1,734	-	13,532	6,966

(a) Reconciliation to cash at the end of the year

The above figures are reconciled to cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	1,734	-	13,532	6,966
Less: Bank overdraft (note 20)	-	(3,365)	(793)	(6,745)
Balances per statement of cash flows	1,734	(3,365)	12,739	221

(b) Interest rate risk exposure

The Group's and the Company's exposure to interest rate risk is discussed in note 2.

9 Receivables

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current				
Trade receivables	42,302	46,012	72,988	75,226
Provision for impairment of receivables (note a)	(111)	(113)	(188)	(297)
	42,191	45,899	72,800	74,929
Other receivables	918	227	2,930	2,377
Owing by subsidiaries	51,367	42,657	-	-
GST receivable	1,186	5,556	1,193	5,556
Prepayments	1,508	1,107	3,168	2,189
	97,170	95,446	80,091	85,051
Non-current				
Loan receivable	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Owing by subsidiaries	5,985	6,775	-	-
	6,985	7,775	1,000	1,000

(a) Impaired trade receivables

Nominal value of impaired trade receivables is as follows:

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
1 to 3 months	86	30	164	114
3 to 6 months	112	173	112	274
	198	203	276	388

Impaired receivables mainly relate to customers that are in unexpectedly difficult economic situations. It is expected these receivables will be recovered.

Movements in the provision for impairment of trade receivables is as follows:

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
At May 2007	113	58	297	242
Provision for impairment recognised during the year	29	55	33	56
Receivables written off during the year as uncollectible	(68)	-	(72)	(1)
Foreign currency difference on translation	-	-	(6)	-
Unused amount reversed	37	-	(64)	-
	111	113	188	297

The creation and release of the provision for impaired receivables has been included in 'other expenses' in the income statement. Amounts charged to the allowance account are generally written off when there is no expectation of recovering additional cash.

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9 Receivables (continued)

(b) Past due but not impaired

The ageing of trade receivables past due and not impaired is as follows:

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Up to 3 months	1,257	2,434	5,533	6,737
3 to 6 months	187	134	377	169
	1,444	2,568	5,910	6,906

The other classes within receivables do not contain impaired assets and are not past due.

(c) Foreign exchange and interest rate risk

Information about the Group's and the parent entity's exposure to foreign currency risk and interest rate risk in relation to trade and other receivables is provided in note 2.

(d) Fair values

The Directors consider the carrying amount of trade receivables and amounts owing by subsidiaries approximate their fair value.

(e) Credit risk

Refer note 2 for more information on the risk management policy and the credit quality of trade receivables.

10 Inventories

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Raw materials at net realisable value	61,526	146,942	92,204	166,372
Finished goods at net realisable value	86,964	54,527	126,222	96,949
Packaging materials at net realisable value	3,353	4,902	7,329	6,148
Engineering and consumable stores at cost	4,247	4,231	5,045	5,627
	156,090	210,602	230,800	275,096

11 Other financial assets

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Shares in subsidiaries	4,173	4,173	-	-
Other unlisted securities	26	26	140	202
	4,199	4,199	140	202

12 Available-for-sale financial assets

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
At beginning of year	386	380	397	394
Revaluation	(65)	6	(65)	3
At end of year	321	386	332	397
Listed securities	321	386	332	397

Fair value is the market value of these securities taken at the bid price at close of business on 30 April 2008.

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13 Derivative financial instruments

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current assets				
Interest rate swaps (cash flow hedges)	498	227	790	302
Forward foreign exchange contracts (cash flow hedges)	24	-	24	28
	522	227	814	330
Current liabilities				
Forward foreign exchange contracts (cash flow hedges)	-	83	247	393

(a) Instruments used by the Group

The Group is party to derivative financial instruments in the normal course of business in order to hedge exposure to fluctuations in interest and foreign exchange rates in accordance with the Group's financial risk management policies as set out in note 2.

(i) Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges

The consolidated entity has entered into interest rate swap contracts that entitle it to receive interest at floating rates on notional principal amounts, and oblige it to pay interest at fixed rates on the same amounts. The interest rate swaps allow the economic entity to raise long-term borrowings at floating rates and effectively swap them into fixed rates. Under the interest rate swaps, the entity agrees with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals (mainly quarterly), the difference between fixed rate and floating rate interest amounts calculated by reference to the agreed notional principal amounts.

Consolidated and Ricegrowers Limited

Swaps currently in place cover 50% (2007: 50%) of the bank core debt loan principal outstanding. The fixed interest rates range between 5.795% - 6.275% (2007: 5.795%-6.275%) and the variable rates are between 8.23% and 8.56% for the 90 day bank bill term, which at balance date was 8.54% (2007: 6.39%).

The gain or loss from remeasuring the hedging instruments at fair value is deferred in equity in the hedging reserve, to the extent that the hedge is effective, and reclassified into profit and loss when the hedged interest expense is recognised. There was no hedge ineffectiveness in the current or prior period.

(ii) Forward exchange contracts - cash flow hedges

The consolidated entity enters into forward foreign exchange contracts to buy and sell specified amounts of various foreign currencies in the future at a pre-determined exchange rate. The contracts are entered into to hedge certain firm purchase and sale commitments denominated in foreign currencies.

The portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised directly in equity. When the cash flows occur, the Group adjusts the initial measurement of the component recognised in the balance sheet by the related amount deferred in equity.

Consolidated and Ricegrowers Limited

During the year ended 30 April 2008 a loss of \$217,000 (2007 - gain \$1,837,000) was reclassified from equity and included within the hedged item. There was hedge ineffectiveness resulting in a gain of \$24,000 in the current year (2007 - loss of \$83,000) that was recognised in other income or other expenses.

Ricegrowers Limited

During the year ended 30 April 2008 there was no gain/loss reclassified from equity. There was hedge ineffectiveness resulting in a gain of \$24,000 in the current year (2007 - loss of \$83,000) that was recognised in other income or other expenses.

(b) Risk Exposure

Information about the Group's and Company's exposure to credit risk, foreign exchange and interest rate risk is provided in note 2.

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14 Investments accounted for using the equity method

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Shares in associates	3,588	3,588	5,712	5,334

Investments in associates are accounted for in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting and are carried at cost by the parent entity. Information relating to the associate is set out below.

Name of company	Principal activity	Ownership interest		Consolidated carrying amount	Ricegrowers Limited carrying amount
		2008	2007		
Herto NV (incorporated in Belgium)	Manufacturing	33%	33%	4,909	3,588
Pagini Transport (incorporated in Papua New Guinea)	Transport	31.56%	31.56%	803	-

	2008	Consolidated
	\$000's	2007 \$000's
(a) Movements in carrying amounts		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year	5,334	4,287
Transfer Pagini investment from other financial assets	-	340
Share of profit after related income tax	378	772
Foreign currency difference	-	(65)
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year	5,712	5,334

(b) Share of associates' profits

Profit before related income tax	553	1,020
Income tax expense	(175)	(248)
Profits after related income tax	378	772

(c) Summarised financial information of associates

	Assets	Liabilities	Revenues	Profits
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
2008				
Herto NV	36,009	26,388	39,119	986
Pagini Transport	8,415	5,955	4,837	244
2007				
Herto NV	31,951	23,425	33,002	899
Pagini Transport	6,718	4,480	1,039	345

The associates operate on a non-coterminous year end of 31 December. The directors believe that the financial effects of any events or transactions since year end have not materially affected the financial position or performance of the associate.

Pagini was equity accounted for the first time at 30 April 2007. The share of the profit includes the consolidated entity's share of the accumulated profits.

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15 Property, plant and equipment

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Freehold land				
At cost	<u>4,261</u>	<u>4,543</u>	<u>9,374</u>	<u>9,656</u>
Buildings				
At cost	52,314	51,238	178,257	177,608
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,667)</u>	<u>(21,484)</u>	<u>(34,842)</u>	<u>(27,241)</u>
	<u>29,647</u>	<u>29,754</u>	<u>143,415</u>	<u>150,367</u>
Leasehold improvements				
At cost	1,700	1,700	9,572	4,970
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,238)</u>	<u>(1,227)</u>	<u>(1,909)</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>
	<u>462</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>7,663</u>	<u>3,316</u>
Plant and equipment				
At cost	158,086	157,468	196,321	197,215
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(100,752)</u>	<u>(93,589)</u>	<u>(116,023)</u>	<u>(109,640)</u>
Under finance lease	646	381	646	381
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(49)</u>	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(49)</u>
	<u>57,779</u>	<u>64,211</u>	<u>80,743</u>	<u>87,907</u>
Capital works in progress				
At cost	592	1,668	919	2,985
	<u>92,741</u>	<u>100,649</u>	<u>242,114</u>	<u>254,231</u>

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below.

	Land & Buildings	Leasehold Improvements	Plant & Equipment	Capitalised WIP	Totals
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Consolidated					
Carrying amount at 1 May 2007	160,023	3,316	87,907	2,985	254,231
Additions	-	476	1,874	9,741	12,091
Recognition of finance lease	-	-	265	-	265
Capital works in progress reclassifications	1,102	4,100	6,599	(11,801)	-
Transfers/disposals/scrapping	(626)	(1)	(731)	-	(1,358)
Depreciation expense	(7,710)	(192)	(14,201)	-	(22,103)
Foreign currency differences	-	(36)	(970)	(6)	(1,012)
Carrying amount at 30 April 2008	<u>152,789</u>	<u>7,663</u>	<u>80,743</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>242,114</u>
Ricegrowers Limited					
Carrying amount at 1 May 2007	34,297	473	64,211	1,668	100,649
Additions	-	-	-	4,348	4,348
Recognition of finance lease	-	-	265	-	265
Capital works in progress reclassifications	1,092	-	4,332	(5,424)	-
Transfers/disposals/scrapping	(287)	-	(343)	-	(630)
Depreciation expense	(1,194)	(11)	(10,686)	-	(11,891)
Carrying amount at 30 April 2008	<u>33,908</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>57,779</u>	<u>592</u>	<u>92,741</u>

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15 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Land & Buildings \$000's	Leasehold Improvements \$000's	Plant & Equipment \$000's	Capitalised WIP \$000's	Totals \$000's
Consolidated					
Carrying amount at 1 May 2006	43,133	2,745	86,955	3,905	136,738
Additions	123,380	93	5,816	11,466	140,755
Recognition of finance lease	-	-	154	-	154
Capital works in progress reclassifications	1,909	988	9,325	(12,222)	-
Transfers/disposals/scraping	(982)	-	(104)	-	(1,086)
Depreciation expense	(6,897)	(247)	(12,653)	-	(19,797)
Foreign currency differences	(520)	(263)	(1,586)	(164)	(2,533)
Carrying amount at 30 April 2007	160,023	3,316	87,907	2,985	254,231
Ricegrowers Limited					
Carrying amount at 1 May 2006	34,595	489	68,135	1,693	104,912
Additions	-	-	-	7,172	7,172
Recognition of finance lease	-	-	154	-	154
Capital works in progress reclassifications	1,395	-	5,802	(7,197)	-
Transfers/disposals/scraping	(394)	-	(257)	-	(651)
Depreciation expense	(1,299)	(16)	(9,623)	-	(10,938)
Carrying amount at 30 April 2007	34,297	473	64,211	1,668	100,649

Purchase of Rice Storage Assets

On 30 June 2006, Australian Grain Storage Pty Ltd, a controlled entity of Ricegrowers Limited, acquired the Rice Marketing Board's ("RMB's") network of rice receival and storage facilities for consideration of \$125,771,312. Components of this purchase price are payable over a ten year period to align with RMB's commitment to pay amounts owing to growers under the Capital Equity Rollover Scheme. The assets are pledged as security.

Repayment of the Capital Equity Rollover Scheme is interest free and is accounted for as government assistance with the face value of the scheme being matched against the unwinding of the interest expense.

Assets pledged as security

There are fixed and floating charges over all fixed assets.

16 Intangibles

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Goodwill	185	185	2,823	2,827
Patents and brands	3,379	3,379	5,191	5,191
less: accumulated amortisation	(812)	(641)	(1,595)	(1,290)
	2,567	2,738	3,596	3,901
Software	2,119	2,018	2,462	2,042
less: accumulated amortisation	(2,031)	(1,878)	(2,059)	(1,886)
	88	140	403	156
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
less: accumulated amortisation	(367)	(167)	(367)	(167)
	633	833	633	833
	3,473	3,896	7,455	7,717

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Consolidated	Goodwill \$000's	Brands \$000's	Software \$000's	Other \$000's	Total \$000's
Carrying amount at 1 May 2007	2,827	3,901	156	833	7,717
Additions	-	-	420	-	420
Amortisation charge	-	(305)	(173)	(200)	(678)
Foreign exchange difference on translation	(4)	-	-	-	(4)
Closing net book amount	<u>2,823</u>	<u>3,596</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>7,455</u>
Ricegrowers Limited	Goodwill \$000's	Brands \$000's	Software \$000's	Other \$000's	Total \$000's
Carrying amount at 1 May 2007	185	2,738	140	833	3,896
Additions	-	-	102	-	102
Amortisation charge	-	(171)	(154)	(200)	(525)
Closing net book amount	<u>185</u>	<u>2,567</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>3,473</u>

Goodwill is specific to each cash generating unit and allocated as follows:

	2008 \$000's	2007 \$000's
Rice Milling and Marketing	33	37
Coprice	185	185
Other Complementary businesses	<u>2,605</u>	<u>2,605</u>
	<u>2,823</u>	<u>2,827</u>

The recoverable amount of a CGU is determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations use cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management for the forthcoming year. Cash flows beyond the following 2008 financial year are extrapolated using the estimated growth rates stated below.

Key assumptions used for value in use calculations

CGU	Growth Rate		Discount Rate	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	%	%	%	%
Rice Milling and Marketing	2.4	2.4	10.0	9.0
Coprice	2.4	2.4	10.0	9.0
Other Complementary Businesses	2.4	2.4	10.0	9.0

The average growth rates used are consistent with industry forecasts. The discount rates used are pre-tax and reflect risks relating to the CGU's.

17 Investment properties

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
At Fair value	2008 \$000's	2007 \$000's	2008 \$000's	2007 \$000's
Opening balance at 1 May 2007	4,725	7,475	4,725	7,475
Disposal	-	(2,400)	-	(2,400)
Net gain/(loss) from fair value adjustment	383	(350)	383	(350)
Closing balance at 30 April 2008	<u>5,108</u>	<u>4,725</u>	<u>5,108</u>	<u>4,725</u>

Valuation basis

The basis of the valuation of investment properties is fair value being the amounts for which the properties could be exchanged between willing parties in an arm's length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition and subject to similar leases. The company has two investment properties. The Griffith site was valued in 2008 by a certified practising valuer. The Yenda site is in the process of being sold subject to the terms of the purchase agreement.

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18 Deferred tax assets

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:				
Provisions	2,394	3,167	3,237	3,887
Accruals	428	508	643	553
Depreciation	1,287	74	1,710	229
Tax losses	-	6,967	-	7,528
Foreign exchange	2,235	247	2,235	247
Inventories	-	-	1,757	-
Other	190	198	192	210
	6,534	11,161	9,774	12,654
Cash flow hedges	-	-	-	93
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	1
Total deferred tax assets	6,534	11,161	9,774	12,748

Movements

Opening balance at 1 May 2007	11,161	21,359	12,748	22,075
Credited/(charged) to income statement	602	(976)	2,810	(930)
Adjustment deferred tax prior period	1,738	193	1,278	411
Utilisation of tax losses	(6,967)	(9,293)	(6,968)	(8,732)
Charged to equity	-	(122)	(94)	(76)
Closing balance at 30 April 2008	6,534	11,161	9,774	12,748

There are no unrecognised tax losses.

19 Payables

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current				
Trade and other payables	52,346	44,780	76,090	69,177
Owing to subsidiaries	3,933	6,587	-	-
Amounts payable to growers	14,403	62,134	14,403	62,134
Dividends	7,691	5,880	7,691	5,880
	78,373	119,381	98,184	137,191
Non-current				
Amounts payable to growers	1,154	8,585	1,154	8,585
Trade and other payables	-	-	79,215	88,962
	1,154	8,585	80,369	97,547

(a) Fair values

The Directors consider the carrying amounts of trade and other payables approximate their fair values.

(b) Risk exposure

Information about the Group's and the parent entity's exposure to foreign exchange risk is provided in note 2.

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20 Borrowings

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current				
Secured				
Bank overdrafts	-	3,365	793	6,745
Bank loans	136,700	86,330	180,917	98,244
Lease liability (note 28)	156	79	156	79
Unsecured				
Rice bonds (note 27)	8,575	12,457	8,575	12,457
	145,431	102,231	190,441	117,525
Non current				
Secured				
Bank loans	22,000	82,700	57,052	141,500
Lease liability (note 28)	338	273	338	273
Unsecured				
Rice bonds (note 27)	19,691	30,184	19,691	30,184
	42,029	113,157	77,081	171,957

(a) Significant terms and conditions of bank facilities

The bank loans, including overdrafts and facilities of the company, are secured by specific registered mortgages over property, registered equitable mortgages over all assets, and a cross-guarantee between Ricegrowers Limited and subsidiary, Riviana Foods Pty Ltd, all of which are held in trust on behalf of the company's banks by Commonwealth Custodial Services Limited. The liabilities associated with controlled entities are secured by way of registered first mortgages over property. In addition, debt covenants apply to the above bank loans.

Current bank loans include \$60.7m of core funding loans previously included in non current bank loans in the prior year. These loans are being re-negotiated as part of the normal review of the company's three year facilities. The company is confident that these facilities will be renewed.

(b) Fair values

The Directors consider the carrying amounts of bank overdrafts and loans approximate their fair values.

(c) Carrying amount of all assets pledged as security

There is a fixed and floating charge over all fixed assets disclosed in note 15.

(d) Risk exposure

Details of the Group's exposure to risks arising from current and non-current borrowings are set out in note 2.

21 Provisions

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Current				
Employee benefits (note 29)	6,870	8,955	8,026	10,088
Employee allowances	83	125	83	125
Directors' retirement benefits	717	770	717	770
	7,670	9,850	8,826	10,983
Non current				
Employee benefits (note 29)	1,358	1,702	2,603	2,826
	1,358	1,702	2,603	2,826

(a) Aggregate employee entitlement benefits

Aggregate employee entitlements include benefits measured at present values of future amounts expected to be paid based on projected weighted average increase in wage and salary rates over an average period of 10 years. Present values are calculated using a weighted average rate of 6.29% based on government guaranteed securities with similar maturity terms.

(b) Fair values

The Directors consider the carrying amounts of provisions for employee entitlements, Directors' retirement benefits, and other provisions approximate their fair values.

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22 Deferred tax liabilities

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:				
Prepayments	40	48	63	122
Inventories	1,276	1,269	1,765	1,269
Investment property	504	390	504	390
Depreciation	-	-	774	526
Other	-	-	12	11
	1,820	1,707	3,118	2,318
Cash flow hedges	149	68	237	158
Available-for-sale financial assets	41	57	41	57
Net deferred tax liabilities	2,010	1,832	3,396	2,533
Movements				
Opening balance at 1 May 2007	1,832	6,303	2,533	6,933
(Credited)/charged to profit and loss	(19)	(1,981)	585	(2,042)
Adjustment deferred tax prior period	132	(1,990)	215	(1,945)
Charged/(credited) to equity	65	(500)	63	(413)
Closing balance at 30 April 2008	2,010	1,832	3,396	2,533

23 Contributed equity

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
(a) Share capital				
Fully paid Ordinary B Class Shares	54,194	39,573	54,194	39,573

(b) Movements in ordinary share capital (B Class Shares):

Date	Details	Number of shares	Issue price	\$'000
1 May 2006	Balance	23,359,405		31,036
11 July 2006	Dividend Reinvestment	697,100	\$ 2.14	1,492
26 September 2006	Issue shares	37,000	\$ 2.14	79
30 November 2006	Share Issue Offer	3,254,990	\$ 2.14	6,966
1 May 2007	Balance	27,348,495		39,573
16 July 2007	Dividend Reinvestment (i)	967,998	\$ 2.14	2,072
27 July 2007	Issue shares (ii)	330,965	\$ 2.14	708
20 December 2007	Share Issue Offer (iii)	5,533,431	\$ 2.14	11,841
30 April 2008	Balance	34,180,889		54,194

B Class shares

B Class shares are non-voting shares with dividend rights.

(i) Dividend Reinvestment

The Company has established a dividend reinvestment plan under which holders of B Class shares may elect to have all or part of their dividend entitlements satisfied by the issue of new B Class shares rather than by being paid in cash.

(ii) Share issue

At 30 April 2007, 330,965 shares remained unpaid from the November 2006 share issue offer. In July 2007 these shares were fully paid.

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23 Contributed equity (continued)

(iii) Share Issue Offer

On 8 October 2007, Ricegrowers Limited issued a prospectus for the issue of B Class shares to existing shareholders. As at 20 December 2007 the issue resulted in 5,533,431 fully paid shares being issued. 991,221 shares (\$2,121,210) were paid for by the conversion of rice bonds and 4,542,210 shares (\$9,720,330) were paid in cash.

A Class shares

A Class shares have no value but are voting shares held by active growers only.

At 30 April 2008, 1,106 (2007:1,139) A Class shares were on issue.

(c) Capital risk management

The Group's and Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard their ability to continue as a going concern, so they can continue to provide returns for shareholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain the capital structure, the Board may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

24 Reserves and retained profits

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Reserves	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
General reserve	18,657	18,657	28,450	28,450
Asset revaluation reserve	-	-	4,917	4,917
Foreign currency translation reserve	-	-	(13,960)	(13,705)
Hedging reserve - cash flow hedges	349	159	383	14
Available for sale financial assets revaluation reserve	274	312	278	316
	19,280	19,128	20,068	19,992

(a) Movements

Foreign currency translation reserve

Balance 1 May 2007	-	-	(13,705)	(12,424)
Net exchange difference on translation of overseas controlled entities	-	-	(255)	(1,281)
Balance 30 April 2008	-	-	(13,960)	(13,705)

Hedging reserve - cash flow hedges

Balance 1 May 2007	159	1,457	14	1,345
Revaluation - gross	270	(1,677)	608	(1,510)
Deferred tax	(80)	379	(239)	179
Balance 30 April 2008	349	159	383	14

Available for sale financial assets revaluation reserve

Balance 1 May 2007	312	307	316	314
Revaluation - gross	101	6	101	3
Deferred tax	(30)	(1)	(30)	(1)
Transfer to net profit - gross	(155)	-	(155)	-
Deferred tax	46	-	46	-
Balance 30 April 2008	274	312	278	316

Retained profits

Balance 1 May 2007	25,417	25,498	46,857	38,261
Net profit for the year	7,326	5,799	14,096	14,476
Dividends provided for or paid	(7,691)	(5,880)	(7,691)	(5,880)
Balance 30 April 2008	25,052	25,417	53,262	46,857

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24 Reserves and retained profits (continued)

(b) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) Asset revaluation reserve

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of non-current assets.

(ii) General reserve

The general reserve has accumulated over prior periods with the purpose of retaining funds within the business.

(iii) Foreign currency translation reserve

Exchange differences arising on translation of the foreign controlled entities are taken to the foreign currency translation reserve, as described in note 1(c). The reserve is recognised in profit and loss when the net investment is disposed of.

(iv) Hedging reserve - cash flow hedges

The hedging reserve is used to record gains or losses on a hedging instrument in a cash flow hedge that are recognised directly in equity, as described in note 1(p). Amounts are recognised in profit and loss when the associated hedged transaction affects profit and loss.

(v) Available-for-sale financial assets revaluation reserve

Changes in the fair value of equities are taken to the available-for-sale financial assets revaluation reserve, as described in note 1(d). Amounts are recognised in profit and loss when the associated assets are sold or impaired.

25 Unfranked Dividends

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Final dividend declared for the year ended 30 April 2008 of 22.5 cents (2007: 21.5 cents) per fully paid share	7,691	5,880	7,691	5,880

26 Contingencies

Contingent liabilities

The estimated maximum amounts of contingent liabilities not provided for in the accounts of Ricegrowers Limited and its controlled entities as at 30 April 2008 are:

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Discounted export bill proceeds (guarantees)	589	11,040	589	11,040
Letters of credit	12,251	11,738	12,251	11,738
Guarantee of bank advances:				
- controlled entities	-	2,751	-	2,751
- other guarantees	197	452	1,015	511
	13,037	25,981	13,855	26,040

27 Rice bonds

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Due for repayment:				
Within one year	8,575	12,457	8,575	12,457
Within one to two years	11,588	9,185	11,588	9,185
Within three to five years	8,103	20,999	8,103	20,999
	28,266	42,641	28,266	42,641
Representing:				
Current (note 20)	8,575	12,457	8,575	12,457
Non current (note 20)	19,691	30,184	19,691	30,184
	28,266	42,641	28,266	42,641

Effective July 1997, Ricegrowers Limited has issued Rice Bonds as an alternative funding mechanism. The Rice Bonds are subordinated and amount to \$28,266,000 (2007: \$42,641,000). The bonds are repayable between 3 and 7 years. Interest is payable annually in arrears at an average rate of 7.8% (2007: 8.6%).

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28 Commitments for expenditure

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
(a) Capital Commitments (property, plant and equipment)				
Commitments for capital expenditure contracted for at reporting date but not recognised as liabilities payable	187	515	191	958
(b) Lease commitments				
	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Commitments in relation to operating leases contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities payable:				
Within one year	1,839	2,547	4,910	5,363
Later than one year but not later than five years	1,248	2,188	12,612	14,818
Later than five years	28	-	7,587	10,558
	3,115	4,735	25,109	30,739
Representing:				
Cancellable operating leases	3,115	4,735	25,109	30,739
Commitments in relation to finance leases are payable as follows:				
Within one year	172	79	172	79
Later than one year but not later than five years	360	320	360	320
Minimum lease payments	532	399	532	399
less: future finance charges	(38)	(47)	(38)	(47)
Recognised as a liability	494	352	494	352
Representing lease liabilities:				
Current (note 20)	156	79	156	79
Non current (note 20)	338	273	338	273
	494	352	494	352

Refer to note 15 for the carrying value of assets under finance lease.

29 Employee benefits

(a) Employee benefits and related on cost liabilities

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Provision for employee benefits (note 21)				
Current	6,870	8,955	8,026	10,088
Non-current	1,358	1,702	2,603	2,826
Aggregate employee entitlement benefits	8,228	10,657	10,629	12,914
Employee numbers	Number		Number	
Average number of employees during the year	639	774	1,693	1,657

(b) Superannuation plan/commitments

Contributions to employee superannuation plans are charged as an expense as the contributions are paid or become payable. Subsidiary Riviana Foods Pty Ltd, operates a defined benefit superannuation plan for 4 employees, Riviana Foods Superannuation Plan.

An actuarial valuation was performed as at 1 July 2006, which showed the plan was in surplus by \$125,000. At 30 April 2008, an actuarial estimate of the value of the plan was performed, which showed the plan was in surplus by \$54,000.

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29 Employee benefits (continued)

(b) Superannuation plan/commitments (continued)

The following sets out the details for the defined benefit members of the Riviana Foods Superannuation plan.

	Consolidated	
	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's
Net Assets	497	822
less: Vested Benefits	(443)	(665)
Surplus	54	157

30 Investments in subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1(b).

Subsidiaries

Name of entity	Principal activities	Direct/indirect interest in ordinary shares/equity	
		2008	2007
		%	%
(i) SunRice Trading Pty Ltd	Distribution of Rice	100	100
(i)@ Rice Research Australia Pty Ltd	Research into rice growing	100	100
(i) Australian Grain Storage Pty Ltd	Grain Storage Assets	100	100
(i)^ SunRice Australia Pty Ltd	Marketing	100	100
(i)^ Silica Resources Pty Ltd	Investment Co	100	100
(i)* Riviana Foods Pty Ltd	Importation /distribution of food	100	100
(ii) Trukai Industries Limited	Distribution of rice	66.23	66.23
(iii)* Trukai (Wholesale) Limited	Distribution of rice	66.23	66.23
(iii)* Rice Industries Limited	Property	66.23	66.23
(iv)* Solomons Rice Company Limited	Distribution of rice	100	100
(v)* SunArise Insurance Company Ltd	Insurance Co	100	100
(i) ^ Australian Rice Growers Co-operative Ltd	Marketing	100	100
(vi)* Aqaba Processing Company Ltd	Rice packing/storage	80	80
(i) ^ Hulltech Pty Ltd	Marketing	100	100
(i) Ricegrowers Superannuation Plan Pty Ltd	Superannuation Trust Co	100	100
(i)^ Seaside Pty Ltd	Distribution of rice	100	100
(vii) Sunshine Rice, Inc	Marketing	100	100
(i)^ Stockfeed Manufacture & Distribution Pty Ltd	Distribution of rice	100	100

Legend

- (i) Incorporated in Australia
- (ii) Ricegrowers Limited holds Ordinary "A" Class shares in Trukai Industries Ltd
- (iii) Incorporated in Papua New Guinea
- (iv) Incorporated in Solomon Islands
- (v) Incorporated in Bermuda
- (vi) Incorporated in Jordan
- (vii) Incorporated in USA
- * Controlled entity audited by another PricewaterhouseCoopers firm
- @ Controlled entity not audited as it is a small proprietary company not required to prepare financial statements
- ^ Dormant

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30 Investments in subsidiaries (continued)

Minority interests

Outside equity interests hold 540,320 Ordinary shares in Trukai Industries Pty Ltd, being 33.77% of the ordinary issued capital.

Outside equity interests hold 6,000 Ordinary shares in Aqaba Processing Company Limited, being 20% of the ordinary issued capital.

	Consolidated	
	2008	2007
	\$'000's	\$'000's
<i>Interest in:</i>		
Contributed equity	359	359
Reserves	919	985
Retained profits	3,978	3,309
	5,256	4,653

31 Related party transactions

(a) Parent Entity

The ultimate parent entity and controlling party within the Group is Ricegrowers Limited.

(b) Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 30.

(c) Key Management Personnel

Disclosures relating to Key Management Personnel are set out in Note 34.

(d) Transactions with related parties

During the year the company entered into the following transaction types with entities in the wholly owned group or key management personnel; sale of rice and other rice products, purchase of paddy rice; receipt of management fees and payment of licence and packaging fees; advancement of loans and receipt of loans. The transactions were made on negotiated terms and conditions and at market rates except for interest free loans between controlled entities.

	Ricegrowers Limited	
	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
(i) Transaction type and class of other party		
Sale of rice to controlled entities	146,779	152,079
Dividends received from controlled entities	345	345
Subsidiary performance fee income	3,940	-
Interest revenue from group entities	17	815

(ii) Amounts receivable from and payable to entities in the wholly owned group

	Ricegrowers Limited	
	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Aggregate amounts receivable at balance date from:		
- Current - controlled entities	51,367	42,657
- Non-current - controlled entities	5,985	6,775
	57,352	49,432
Aggregate amounts payable at balance date to:		
- Current - controlled entities	3,933	6,587

No provisions for impairment have been raised in relation to any outstanding balances and no expense has been recognised in respect of bad or doubtful debts due from related parties.

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32 Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Profit for the year	7,326	5,799	14,096	14,476
Depreciation and amortisation	12,416	11,366	22,781	20,359
Loss/(profit) on sale/disposal of property, plant and equipment	72	(381)	414	(406)
(Gain)/loss on fair value revaluation of investment property	(383)	350	(383)	350
Gain on sale of investments	(169)	-	(169)	-
(Gain)/loss on fair value adjustment to derivatives	(107)	83	(107)	83
Provision for impairment investments	-	1,872	-	-
Share of associates net profit	-	-	(378)	(772)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(932)	8,671	4,960	(8,858)
Decrease in other operating assets	-	-	-	14
Decrease in inventories	54,513	92,600	44,878	109,804
Decrease in amounts payable to growers	(55,163)	(94,587)	(55,163)	(94,587)
Increase in trade and other creditors and employee entitlements	2,387	25,931	5,367	15,590
Increase in provision for income taxes payable	199	1,715	1,178	1,767
Increase in deferred tax balances	4,739	6,284	3,612	5,472
Net cash inflows from operating activities	24,898	59,703	41,086	63,292

33 Earnings per share

(a) Basic and Diluted earnings per shares

	Consolidated	
	2008	2007
	Cents	Cents
Basic and Diluted earnings per share	0.46	0.57

(b) Reconciliation of earnings per share

	Consolidated	
	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's
Profit for the year	14,096	14,476

(c) Weighted average number of shares used as a denominator

	Consolidated	
	2008	2007
	\$000's	\$000's
Weighted average number of B Class shares	30,360	25,424

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34 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

(a) Directors

The Directors named in the Directors' Report each held office as a Director of Ricegrowers Limited during the year ended 30 April 2008.

(b) Other Key Management Personnel

The following persons were the executives having greatest authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, during the financial year.

Name	Position	Employer
C. Cassar	Chief Financial Officer	Ricegrowers Limited
G. Harvey	General Manager, Operations (resigned 28/09/07)	Ricegrowers Limited
M. Bazley	General Manager, International Commodity and Trading	Ricegrowers Limited
B. Hingle	General Manager, Finance	Ricegrowers Limited
D. Keldie	General Manager, Consumer Markets	Ricegrowers Limited
J. Lloyd	Chief Executive Officer	Riviana Foods Pty Ltd

All the above persons were also executives during the year ended 30 April 2007.

(c) Key Management Personnel and Directors Compensation

	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Short term employee benefits	3,072,551	3,013,863	4,086,847	3,935,362
Post-employment benefits	170,065	113,447	206,225	152,303
Other long-term benefits	333,333	254,370	333,333	254,370
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-
	3,575,949	3,381,680	4,626,405	4,342,035

(i) Remuneration for Key Management Personnel of Ricegrowers Limited Group

	Short term benefits			Post employment benefits		Other long term benefits	Share based payments	Total
Name	Cash Salary and fees \$	Cash Bonus \$	Non-Monetary Benefits \$	Super - annuation \$	Retirement benefits # \$	Cash Bonus \$	Equity Options / others \$	\$
<u>C Cassar</u>								
2008	356,145	75,000	-	13,055	-	-	-	444,200
2007	354,998	48,457	-	12,595	-	-	-	416,050
<u>G Harvey (resigned 28/09/07)</u>								
2008	149,763	-	15,647	5,396	-	-	-	170,806
2007	266,639	41,381	35,689	12,595	-	-	-	356,304
<u>B. Hingle</u>								
2008	231,664	80,000	23,250	22,586	-	-	-	357,500
2007	209,444	33,750	20,499	20,057	-	-	-	283,750
<u>M Bazley</u>								
2008	250,445	90,000	-	22,255	-	-	-	362,700
2007	262,212	59,332	-	27,611	-	-	-	349,155
<u>D Keldie</u>								
2008	256,918	75,000	24,447	23,957	-	-	-	380,322
2007	262,270	40,781	23,380	25,318	-	-	-	351,749
<u>J Lloyd</u>								
2008	365,621	100,000	64,950	36,160	-	-	-	566,731
2007	349,728	43,152	46,298	38,856	-	-	-	478,034

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(ii) Service agreements

The CEO, Gary Helou, has a service agreement in force until 1 May 2010. This prescribes his remuneration including short and long term incentives. Any payments that would be made under the incentive program would be based on the achievement of specified criteria.

(iii) Remuneration for Directors of Ricegrowers Limited

	Short term benefits			Post employment benefits		Other long term benefits	Share Based payments	Total
	Cash Salary and fees \$	Cash Bonus \$	Non-Monetary Benefits \$	Super - annuation \$	Retirement benefits # \$	Cash Bonus \$	Equity Options /others \$	\$
<u>GF Lawson</u>								
2008	81,584	-	-	7,343	3,301	-	-	92,228
2007	87,128	-	-	7,842	(24,398)	-	-	70,572
<u>DM Robertson</u>								
2008	50,514	-	-	4,546	(11,908)	-	-	43,152
2007	54,042	-	-	4,864	(19,241)	-	-	39,665
<u>LJ Arthur (appointed 24/8/07)</u>								
2008	19,151	-	-	1,778	-	-	-	20,929
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>BL Barber (resigned 24/8/07)</u>								
2008	13,887	-	-	1,250	-	-	-	15,137
2007	35,866	-	-	3,228	(11,023)	-	-	28,071
<u>NG Graham</u>								
2008	32,842	-	-	2,956	5,784	-	-	41,582
2007	33,598	-	-	3,024	3,578	-	-	40,200
<u>G Helou</u>								
2008	762,364	300,000	-	37,636	-	333,333	-	1,433,333
2007	775,041	186,254	-	12,459	-	254,370	-	1,228,124
<u>RA Higgins</u>								
2008	41,946	-	-	3,775	-	-	-	45,721
2007	41,874	-	-	3,769	-	-	-	45,643
<u>GL Kirkup</u>								
2008	31,330	-	-	2,820	-	-	-	34,150
2007	31,330	-	-	2,820	-	-	-	34,150
<u>GF Latta</u>								
2008	43,962	-	-	-	6,588	-	-	50,550
2007	42,702	-	-	-	29,479	-	-	72,181
<u>N McAllister</u>								
2008	33,094	-	-	2,979	(4,055)	-	-	32,018
2007	32,590	-	-	2,933	(14,264)	-	-	21,259
<u>AD Walsh</u>								
2008	33,598	-	-	3,024	14,999	-	-	51,621
2007	34,606	-	-	3,115	7,086	-	-	44,807

Retirement benefits are based on 3 year average earnings. Directors enter into a deed whereby they agree that any superannuation entitlements will be netted off against the company's obligation. As a result, the company's retirement benefit obligation for a year may fluctuate based on the performance of each of the directors' superannuation investment mix. The performance of some superannuation funds' investment mix for the 2007 year has resulted in a higher increase in the value of the fund, which resulted in a lower obligation by the company.

As required to be disclosed under the *Corporations Act 2001*, as one of the 5 highest paid executives of the Group, P Franklin, a director within in the Group, was remunerated \$483,725 (2007: \$482,321) during the period. Amounts received were made up of cash salary and fees \$301,441 (2007: \$290,092), cash bonus \$111,057 (2007: \$91,863) and non monetary benefits \$71,227 (2007: \$100,366).

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(d) Share holdings with Directors and Director related entities

The aggregate number of shares issued/(redeemed) to Directors of Ricegrowers Limited and their Director related entities during the year were:

<i>Issuing entity</i>	2008	2007
Ricegrowers Limited	44,877	243,501

All issues were made on terms and conditions no more favourable than those offered to other shareholders.

The aggregate number of shares held by Directors of Ricegrowers Limited and its related entities at balance date were:

<i>Issuing entity</i>	2008	2007
Ricegrowers Limited	652,970	608,093

Directors and their related entities received normal dividends on these ordinary shares.

Transaction type and class of other party

	Ricegrowers Limited	
	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Purchases of rice from Directors	721	3,190
Purchases of grain from Directors	241	227
Sale of inputs to Directors	83	175
Sale of stockfeed to Directors	58	56

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35 Segment Information

(a) Description of segments

Business Segments

The business is organised on a global basis into the following divisions by product and service type.

Rice Milling & Marketing

The main entity (Ricegrowers Limited less Coprice division, Rice Flour, Rice Cakes and Specialty)
Australian Grain Storage, Aqaba Processing Company - packaging plant, Solrice, SunArise - insurance company and SunRice Trading.

Complementary Businesses

This includes Riviana, Trukai and the divisions of Coprice, Rice Flour, Rice Cakes and Specialty businesses. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are outlined in note 30.

Other

Businesses included are RRAPL - research into rice growing and development of new varieties for RL, Silica - investment company, Herto nv (associate company), Seatide and Sunshine Rice.

Geographical Segments

Although the company's divisions are primarily managed in Australia, they operate in the following geographical areas:

Australia

The home country of the company which is also the main operating entity. The areas of operation are principally the receipt and storage of paddy rice, milling of rice, manufacture of rice based products, marketing of rice, research and development into the growing of rice, and the processing of rice and related products.

Pacific

Comprises operations carried on in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and other Pacific Islands.

Other

Comprises operations carried on in Jordan (the operation packages, stores, processes and distributes rice), Herto nv (associate company) and Sunshine Rice.

(b) Primary reporting - business segments

2008	Rice Milling & Marketing \$'000's	Complementary Businesses \$'000's	Other \$'000's	Intersegment Eliminations /Unallocated \$'000's	Total \$'000's
Segment revenue					
Sales to external customers	262,196	445,354	103	-	707,653
Intersegment sales	152,635	393	322	(153,350)	-
Other revenue	18,024	9,678	669	(25,542)	2,829
Total segment revenue	432,855	455,425	1,094	(178,892)	710,482
Segment result					
Segment result before paddy price supplement	(15,058)	40,676	396	(5,558)	20,456
Paddy price supplement	15,058	(15,058)	-	-	-
Profit before income tax expense	-	25,618	396	(5,558)	20,456
Income tax expense					(5,479)
Profit for the year					14,977
Segment assets	458,902	205,577	5,373	(82,755)	587,097
Unallocated assets					9,775
Total assets					596,872

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Segment liabilities	396,372	124,404	2,161	(62,241)	460,696
Unallocated liabilities					3,396
Total liabilities					<u>464,092</u>

Other segment information

Acquisitions of property plant and equipment and intangibles	<u>2,785</u>	<u>9,590</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,511</u>
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Depreciation & amortisation expense	<u>16,119</u>	<u>6,490</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,781</u>
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Investments in associates	<u>-</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,712</u>
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Share of net profits of associates	<u>-</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>378</u>
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	Rice Milling & Marketing \$'000's	Complementary Businesses \$'000's	Other \$'000's	Intersegment eliminations/ unallocated \$'000's	Total \$'000's
2007					
Segment revenue					
Sales to external customers	312,258	420,815	807	-	733,880
Intersegment sales	177,781	673	204	(178,658)	-
Other revenue	14,046	6,270	638	(16,764)	4,190
Total segment revenue	<u>504,085</u>	<u>427,758</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>(195,422)</u>	<u>738,070</u>

Segment result

Segment result before paddy price supplement	(10,335)	34,972	358	(2,419)	22,576
Paddy price supplement	11,867	(11,867)	-	-	-

Profit before income tax expense	<u>1,532</u>	<u>23,105</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>(2,419)</u>	<u>22,576</u>
Income tax expense					(7,752)
Profit for the year					<u>14,824</u>

Segment assets	<u>521,092</u>	<u>186,597</u>	<u>4,996</u>	<u>(71,636)</u>	<u>641,049</u>
Unallocated assets					12,748
Total assets					<u>653,797</u>

Segment liabilities	<u>494,735</u>	<u>99,563</u>	<u>2,153</u>	<u>(56,263)</u>	<u>540,188</u>
Unallocated liabilities					2,534
Total liabilities					<u>542,722</u>

Other segment information

Acquisitions of property plant and equipment and intangibles	<u>131,811</u>	<u>11,112</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,264</u>
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Depreciation & amortisation expense	<u>14,077</u>	<u>6,105</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,358</u>
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Investments in associates	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>4,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,334</u>
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Share of net profits of associates	<u>-</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>772</u>
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(c) Secondary reporting - geographical segments

	Total Sales Revenue		Segment assets		Acquisitions property, plant & equipment and intangibles	
	2008 \$'000's	2007 \$'000's	2008 \$'000's	2007 \$'000's	2008 \$'000's	2007 \$'000's
Australia	521,679	559,486	511,167	571,706	6,722	138,630
Pacific	188,803	177,866	66,790	59,407	5,652	4,162
Other Countries	-	718	9,140	9,936	137	472
	710,482	738,070	587,097	641,049	12,511	143,264
Unallocated	-	-	9,775	12,748	-	-
Total	710,482	738,070	596,872	653,797	12,511	143,264

(d) Notes to and forming part of the segment information

(i) Accounting policies

Segment information is prepared in conformity with the accounting policies of the entity as disclosed in note 1 and accounting standard AASB 114 *Segment Reporting*.

Segment revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are those that are directly attributable to a segment and the relevant portion that can be allocated to the segment on a reasonable basis. Segment assets include all assets used by a segment and consist primarily of operating cash, receivables, inventories, property, plant and equipment and goodwill and other intangible assets, net of related provisions. While most of these assets can be directly attributable to individual segments, the carrying amounts of certain assets used jointly by segments are allocated based on reasonable estimates of usage. Segment liabilities consist primarily of trade and other creditors and employee benefits.

(ii) Inter-segment transfers

Segment revenues, expenses and results include transfers between segments. Such transfers are priced on an "arms-length" basis and are eliminated on consolidation.

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36 Remuneration of auditors

During the year the following services were paid or payable to the auditor of the parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

(a) Assurance services

Audit services	Ricegrowers Limited		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	280,000	344,145	334,330	424,375
Fees paid to related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	-	-	99,586	99,196
Fees paid to non-PricewaterhouseCoopers audit firm	-	-	11,534	-
Total remuneration for audit services	280,000	344,145	445,450	523,571

(b) Other assurance services

Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	-	181,617	-	181,617
Fees paid to related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	-	-	4,900	-
Fees paid to non-PricewaterhouseCoopers audit firm	-	-	15,126	-
Total remuneration for other assurance services	-	181,617	20,026	181,617

Total remuneration for assurance services

280,000	525,762	465,476	705,188
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(c) Taxation services

Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	362,721	366,256	362,721	396,517
Fees paid to related practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm	-	-	15,327	-
Fees paid to non-PricewaterhouseCoopers audit firm	-	-	744	-
Total remuneration for taxation services	362,721	366,256	378,792	396,517

It is the consolidated entity's policy to employ PricewaterhouseCoopers on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where PricewaterhouseCoopers' expertise and experience with the consolidated entity are important. These assignments are principally tax advice or where PricewaterhouseCoopers is awarded assignments on a competitive basis. It is the consolidated entity's policy to seek competitive tenders for all major consulting projects.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Ricegrowers Limited

Report on the financial report and the AASB 124 remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Ricegrowers Limited (the company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 April 2008, 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 for both Ricegrowers Limited and the Ricegrowers Limited Group (the consolidated entity). The consolidated entity comprises the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

We have also audited the remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report under the heading "remuneration report" in pages 3 to 4 of the directors' report and not in the financial report.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report and the AASB 124 remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control 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 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that compliance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The directors of the company are also responsible for the remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report.

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. Our responsibility is to also express an opinion on the remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report based on our audit.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report and the remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report and the remuneration disclosures

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contained in the directors' report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and the remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' 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 control. 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 and the remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report.

Our procedures include reading the other information in the Annual Report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial report.

For further explanation of an audit, visit our website <http://www.pwc.com/au/financialstatementaudit>.

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

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

Matters relating to the electronic presentation of the audited financial report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report and remuneration disclosures of Ricegrowers Limited (the company) for the year ended 30 April 2008 included on Ricegrowers Limited web site. The company's directors are responsible for the integrity of the Ricegrowers Limited web site. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of this web site. The auditor's report refers only to the statements and remuneration disclosures named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements or the remuneration disclosures. If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report and remuneration disclosures to confirm the information included in the audited financial report and remuneration disclosures presented on this web site.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor's opinion on the financial report

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Ricegrowers Limited is 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 April 2008 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*; and

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- (b) the consolidated financial statements and notes also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

Auditor's opinion on the AASB 124 remuneration disclosures contained in the directors' report

In our opinion, the remuneration disclosures that are contained in pages 3 to 4 of the directors' report comply with Accounting Standard AASB 124.



PricewaterhouseCoopers



Paddy Carney
Partner

Sydney
12 June 2008