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The Directors
Heyfield & District Community Financial Services Ltd
C/O Adams & Pund
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Dear Directors

Auditor's Independence Declaration

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Heyfield & District Community Financial Services Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2005, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Sinnott'.

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Independent Review Report

To the members of Heyfield & District Community Financial Services Ltd

Scope

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration for Heyfield & District Community Financial Services Ltd for the half-year ended 31 December 2005.

The company's directors are responsible for preparing a financial report that gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the company and that complies with Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting", in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Review Approach

We conducted an independent review of the half year financial report in order to make a statement about it to the members of the company, and in order for the company to lodge the half year financial report with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Our review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements, in order to state whether, on the basis or procedures described, anything has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is not presented fairly in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance is less than that given in an audit. We have not performed an audit and accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the company, and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

Review Statement

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year interim financial report of Heyfield & District Community Financial Services Ltd is not in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2005 and its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Corporations Regulations; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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Warren Sinnott
Partner

Signed at Bendigo on 4 April 2006