

**SUBJECT TO REVIEW****Annexure 3A****BSX Listing Rules****Half yearly/Yearly Disclosure****References** Issued 30/8/2000

Chapter 3, BSX Listing Rules

VICTORIAN LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED

Name of entity

72 078 839 031

Half yearly (tick)

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31 December 2002

ABN, ACN or ARBN

Annual (tick)

☐Half year/financial year ended
(‘Current period’)**Summary**

				\$A,000
Sales revenue or operating revenue	up/down	43.4%	to	998
Profit (loss) before abnormal items and after tax	up/down	NA%	to	75
Abnormal items before tax		gain (loss) of		Nil
Profit (loss) after tax but before outside equity interests	up/down	NA%	to	75
Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members		gain (loss) of		Nil
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to members	up/down	NA%	to	75

Dividends (distributions)	Franking rate applicable	NA
Current period	Final	NA¢
	Interim	Nil¢
Previous corresponding period	Final	NA¢
	Interim	Nil¢
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust distribution)		NA

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Short details of any bonus or cash issue or other items(s) of importance not previously released to BSX:

None

Consolidated profit and loss account

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Sales revenue or operating revenue	998	696
Expenses from ordinary activities	(721)	(551)
Borrowing costs	(164)	(180)
Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	Nil	Nil
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	113	(35)
Income tax on ordinary activities	(38)	7
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	75	(28)
Outside equity interests	Nil	Nil
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	75	(28)
Profit (loss) from extraordinary activities after tax attributable to members	Nil	Nil
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to members	75	(28)
Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	(161)	(187)
Net transfers to and from reserves	Nil	Nil
Net effect of changes in accounting policies	Nil	Nil
Dividends paid or payable	Nil	Nil
Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period	(86)	(215)

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Profit restated to exclude amortisation of goodwill

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax before outside equity interests and amortisation of goodwill	75	(28)
Less (plus) outside equity interests	Nil	Nil
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members	75	(28)

Revenue and expenses from operating activities

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Details of revenue and expenses		
REVENUE:		
Weigh fees & store sales	625	485
Droving fees	73	67
Auctioneers fees	30	25
Truckwash fees	82	55
Revenue from sale of land	99	Nil
Other revenue	89	64
TOTAL REVENUE	998	696
EXPENSES:		
Cost of Sales	108	Nil
Depreciation and amortisation	146	150
Borrowing costs expense	164	180
Salaries and employee benefits expense	195	166
Other expenses from ordinary activities	272	235
TOTAL EXPENSES	885	731

Intangible and extraordinary items

	Consolidated - current period		
	Before tax \$A'000	Related tax \$A'000	After tax \$A'000
Amortisation of goodwill	Nil	Nil	Nil
Amortisation of other intangibles	11	Nil	11
Total amortisation of intangibles	11	Nil	11
Extraordinary items (details)	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Total extraordinary items	Nil	Nil	Nil

Comparison of half year profits

(Annual statement only)

	Current year - \$A'000	Previous year - \$A'000
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members reported for the 1st half year		
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members for the 2nd half year		

Consolidated balance sheet

Current assets	At end of current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000	As in last half yearly statement \$A'000
Cash	215	1	Nil
Receivables	1,099	889	184
Investments	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inventories	239	347	315
Other (provide details if material)	16	21	5
Total current assets	1,569	1,258	504
Non-current assets			
Receivables	Nil	Nil	Nil
Investments	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inventories	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other property, plant and equipment (net)	6,112	6,207	6,324
Intangibles (net)	173	184	195
Other (provide details if material)	232	254	261
Total non-current assets	6,517	6,645	6,780
Total assets	8,086	7,903	7,284
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	704	764	75

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Borrowings	Nil	81	128
Provisions	9	9	6
Other (provide details if material)	2	Nil	2
Total current liabilities	715	854	211
Non-current liabilities			
Accounts payable	Nil	Nil	Nil
Borrowings	4,150	3,900	4,000
Provisions	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other (provide details if material)	246	231	210
Total non-current liabilities	4,396	4,131	4,210
Total liabilities	5,111	4,985	4,421
Net assets	2,975	2,918	2,863
Equity			
Capital	3,061	3,079	3,078
Reserves	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retained profits (accumulated losses)	(86)	(161)	(215)
Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	2,975	2,918	2,863
Outside equity interests in controlled entities	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total equity	2,975	2,918	2,863
Preference capital and related premium included	Nil	Nil	Nil

Consolidated statement of cash flows

Cash flows related to operating activities

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Receipts from customers	787	871
Payments to suppliers and employees	(521)	(480)
Dividends received	Nil	Nil
Interest and other items of similar nature received	2	Nil
Interest and other costs of finance paid	(165)	(188)
Income taxes paid	Nil	Nil
Other (provide details if material)	Nil	Nil

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Net operating cash flows	103	203
Cash flows related to investing activities		
Payments for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(46)	(42)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	6	Nil
Payment for purchases of equity investments	Nil	Nil
Proceeds from sale of equity investments	Nil	Nil
Loans to other entities	Nil	Nil
Loans repaid by other entities	Nil	Nil
Other (provide details if material)	Nil	Nil
Net investing cash flows	(40)	(42)
Cash flows related to financing activities		
Proceeds from issues of securities (shares, options, etc.)	Nil	502
Proceeds from borrowings	4,150	Nil
Repayment of borrowings	(3,900)	(900)
Dividends paid	Nil	Nil
Other (provide details if material)	(18)	Nil
Net financing cash flows	232	(398)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	295	(237)
Cash at beginning of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	(80)	109
Exchange rate adjustments	Nil	Nil
Cash at end of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	215	(128)

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.

None

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Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Cash on hand and at bank	215	Nil
Deposits at call	Nil	Nil
Bank overdraft	Nil	(128)
Other (provide details)	Nil	Nil
Total cash at end of period	215	(128)

Ratios

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Profit before tax/sales		
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax as a percentage of sales revenue	11.3%	(5.0%)
Profit after tax/equity interests		
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period	2.5%	(1.0%)

Earnings per security (EPS)

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Calculation of basic, and fully diluted, EPS in accordance with AASB 1027: Earnings per Share		
(a) Basic EPS	2.4 cents	(0.9 cents)
(b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))		

NTA backing

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	80.5 cents	75.4 cents

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Details of specific receipts/outlays, revenues/expenses

	Current period A\$'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Interest revenue included	2	Nil
Interest revenue included but not yet received (if material)	Nil	Nil
Interest costs excluded from borrowing costs capitalised in asset values	Nil	Nil
Outlays (excepts those arising from the acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles (if material)	Nil	Nil
Depreciation (excluding amortisation of intangibles)	135	139
Other specific relevant items	Nil	Nil

Control gained over entities having material effect

Name of entity	NA
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the entity since the date in the current period on which control was acquired	\$NA
Date from which such profit has been calculated	NA
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the entity for the whole of the previous corresponding period	\$NA

Loss of control of entities having material effect

Name of entity	NA
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the entity for the current period to the date of loss of control	\$NA
Date from which the profit (loss) has been calculated	NA
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the entity while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	\$NA
Contribution to consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	\$NA

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Reports for industry and geographical segments

Segments

Operating Revenue			NA
Sales to customers outside the economic entity			NA
Inter-segment sales			NA
Unallocated revenue			NA
Total revenue			NA
Segment result			NA
Unallocated expenses			NA
Consolidated profit from ordinary activities after tax (before equity accounting)			NA
Segment assets	NA)	<i>Comparative data for segment assets should be as at the end of the previous corresponding period</i>
Unallocated assets	NA)	
Total assets	NA)	

Dividends

Date the dividend is payable

NA

Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (ie. on the basis of registrable transfers received up to 5.00 pm)

NA

Amount per security

		Franking rate applicable	%	%	%
<i>(annual report only)</i>					
Final dividend:	Current year	¢		¢	
	Previous year	¢	¢	¢	¢
<i>(Half yearly and annual statements)</i>					
Interim dividend:	Current year	Nil¢	N/A	Nil¢	N/A
	Previous year	Nil¢	N/A	Nil¢	N/A

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Total annual dividend (distribution) per security

(Annual statement only)

	Current year	Previous year
Ordinary securities	₹	₹
Preference securities	₹	₹

Total dividend (distribution)

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Ordinary securities	\$Nil	\$Nil
Preference securities	\$NA	\$NA
Total	\$Nil	\$Nil

Half yearly report – interim dividend (distribution) on all securities or Annual report – final dividend (distribution) on all securities

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Ordinary securities	\$Nil	\$Nil
Preference securities	\$NA	\$NA
Total	\$Nil	\$Nil

The dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

None

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices to the dividend or distribution plans N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions)

None

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Equity accounted associated entities and other material interests

Equity accounting information attributable to the economic entity's share of investments in associated entities must be disclosed in a separate notice. See AASB 1016: Disclosure of Information about Investments in Associated Companies.

Entities share of:	Current period A\$'000	Previous corresponding period A\$'000
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax.	Nil	Nil
Income tax	Nil	Nil
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	Nil	Nil
Extraordinary items net of tax	Nil	Nil
Net profit (loss)	Nil	Nil
Outside equity interests	Nil	Nil
Net profit (loss) attributable to members	Nil	Nil

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities.

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax	
Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other material interests				

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Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Issued and listed securities

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

Category of securities

	Number issued	Number listed	Issue Price (cents)	Paid-up value (cents)
Preference securities <i>(description)</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Changes during current period	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ordinary securities	2,550,000	2,550,000	100	100
	642,800	642,800	110	110
Changes during current period	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
Convertible debt securities <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
Changes during current period	Nil	Nil	NA	NA

			Exercise price	Expiry date
Options <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
Changes during current period	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
Exercised during current period	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
Expired during current period	Nil	Nil	NA	NA

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Debentures	Nil	Nil
Unsecured Notes	Nil	Nil

Discounting Operations

Consolidated profit and loss account

	Continuing operations		Discontinuing operations		Total entity	
	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Sales revenue or operation revenue	998	696	Nil	Nil	998	696
Other revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Expenses from ordinary activities	(885)	(731)	Nil	Nil	(885)	(731)
Profit (loss) before tax	113	(35)	Nil	Nil	113	(35)
Less tax	(38)	7	Nil	Nil	(38)	7
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	75	(28)	Nil	Nil	75	(28)

Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Continuing operations		Discontinuing operations		Total entity	
	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Net operating cash flows	103	203	Nil	Nil	103	203
Net investing cash flows	(40)	(42)	Nil	Nil	(40)	(42)

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Net financing cash flows	232	(398)	Nil	Nil	232 (398)

Other disclosures

	Current period A\$'000	Previous corresponding period A\$'000
Carrying amount of items to be disposed of:		
- total assets	Nil	Nil
- total liabilities	Nil	Nil
Profit (loss) on disposal of assets or settlement of liabilities	Nil	Nil
Related tax	Nil	Nil
Net profit (loss) on discontinuance	Nil	Nil

Description of disposals

None

Comments by *directors*

The Victorian Livestock Exchange Limited has recorded a net profit after income tax of \$75,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2002 which compares to the net loss of \$28,000 recorded in the previous corresponding period.

This result is due primarily to a 29.2% increase in revenue, excluding revenue from the sale of industrial land, from \$696,000 to \$899,000. A rush of livestock selling at sale centres, caused by the poor pasture production season and drought across south-eastern Australia, has been the principal driver of this exceptional growth in the current period. Revenue growth is not expected to continue at this same rate into the second half of the financial year.

Other revenue has increased by \$25,000 due to several "one-off" items occurring during the period, including:

- Proceeds from the sale of option to lease rear section of industrial Land;
- Refund of bonds held by the Council in relation to land subdivided and sold in prior years.

A contract for the sale of one further block of land was signed during the period generating revenue of \$99,000, but a net loss of \$9,000.

Borrowing costs fell by \$16,000 (8.9%) to \$164,000 from \$180,000 in the prior period. This reduction was the result of a reduction in the average level of debt outstanding when compared with the prior corresponding period. This reduction was partially offset by a marginal increase in the weighted average interest rate and also non-recurring costs incurred in the current period associated with re-financing outstanding debt with the Bank of Melbourne.

Debt has increased by \$250,000 over the six months to 31 December 2002. This additional debt, in the form of a short term bank bill, had been drawn-down to assist in financing the development of the next stage of industrial land. It is anticipated that this will be repaid from operating cash flows in the following six month period.

Salaries and employee benefits expense increased by \$29,000 (17.5%) to \$195,000 from \$166,000 in the prior period due to the following factors:

- Additional two directors in the current period
- Increased throughput requiring additional staff in the Scales and Receiving area
- Increase in compulsory employer superannuation contribution rate from 8% to 9%

Other expenses from operating activities increased by \$37,000 (15.7%) to \$272,000 from \$235,000 in the prior period. \$17,000 of this increase is due to a non-recurring item being the repayment of an unexpended ITOL to the National Office for the Information Economy. Most of the remaining \$20,000 is due to a higher level of shareholder rebates, which has in turn been driven by higher throughput levels. Other administration and operating expenses have remained relatively stable.

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Basis of accounts preparation

If this statement is a half yearly statement it should be read in conjunction with the last annual report and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period.

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the entity for the current period including seasonal or cyclical factors

The poor pasture production season across south eastern Australia, which has turned to drought in many areas, caused a rush of livestock selling at sale centres during the six months ended 31 December 2002. VLE has benefited from this stock flow. The increased activity may not be sustainable long term. Caution should be exercised when reviewing the accounts and the seasonal factors kept in mind.

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and is not related to matters already reported, with financial effect quantified (if possible)

None

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year

Nil

Changes in accounting policies since the last annual report and estimates of amounts reported in prior years are disclosed as follows.

None

Changes in the amounts of contingent liabilities or assets since the last annual report are disclosed as follows.

None

Additional disclosure for trusts

Number of unites held by the management company or

N/A

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responsible entity to their related parties.

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A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity.

Identify:

- Initial service charges
- Management fees
- Other fees

N/A

Annual meeting

(Annual statement only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place

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Date

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Time

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Approximate date the annual report will be available

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Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law.
- 2 This statement, and the financial statements under the Corporations Law (if separate), use the same accounting policies.
- 3 In the case of a half-yearly report the same accounting standards and methods of computation are/~~are not~~* (*delete one*) followed as compared with the most recent annual accounts.
- 4 This statement does/~~does not~~* (*delete one*) give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.
- 5 This statement is based on financial statements to which one of the following applies:

(Tick one)

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The financial statements have been audited.

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The financial statements have been subject to review by a registered auditor (or overseas equivalent).

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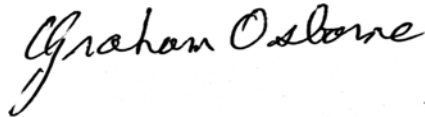
The financial statements are in the process of being audited or subject to review.

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The financial statements have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

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- 6 If the accounts have been or are being audited or subject to review and the audit report is not attached, details of any qualifications are attached/will follow immediately they are available* (*delete one*).
- 7 The entity ~~has~~/does not have* (*delete one*) a formally constituted audit committee.



Sign here:
(Director/Company secretary)

Date: 14/3/03

Print name: GRAHAM OSBORNE

Notes

True and fair view If this statement does not give a true and fair view of a matter (for example, because compliance with an Accounting Standard is required) the entity must attach a note providing additional information and explanations to give a true and fair view.

Income tax If the amount provided for income tax in this statement differs (or would differ but for compensatory items) by more than 15% from the amount of income tax *prima facie* payable on the profit before tax, the entity must explain in a note the major items responsible for the difference and their amounts.

Additional information An entity may disclose additional information about any matter, and must do so if the information is material to an understanding of the financial statements. The information may be an expansion of the material contained in this statement, or contained in a note attached to the statement.