

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AMALGAMATED HOLDINGS LIMITED

## REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AASB 124 REMUNERATION DISCLOSURES CONTAINED IN THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Amalgamated Holdings Limited (Company), which comprises the balance sheets as at 30 June 2007, and the income statements, statements of changes in equity and cash flow statements for the year ended on that date, a description of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes 1 to 40 and the directors' declaration of the Company and the Group comprising the Company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

As permitted by the *Corporations Regulations 2001*, the Company has disclosed information about the remuneration of directors and executives (remuneration disclosures), required by Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, under the heading "remuneration report" in the directors' report and not in the financial report. We have audited these remuneration disclosures.

### 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 Australian Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial report of the Group, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards but that the financial report of the Company does not comply.

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 also to 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 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.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Company's and the Group's financial position and of their performance and whether the remuneration disclosures are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124.

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

### Auditor's opinion on the financial report

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Amalgamated Holdings Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's and the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2007 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*.
- (b) the financial report of the Group also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

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

In our opinion, the remuneration disclosures that are contained in the directors' report comply with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*.

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