

Appendix 4D

Name of entity

PREFERRED CAPITAL LIMITED

ABN or equivalent company
reference

Half-Year Ending

ABN 68 101 938 176

31 December 2010

Results for announcement to the market

	For the half-year ended 31 December 2010 \$'000	up/down	% movement
Revenue	26,675	up	47.4%
Profit after tax attributable to members	2,529	up	2043%
Net profit attributable to members	2,529	up	2043%

Commentary

The Company's principal activity is to act as a special purpose vehicle for capital raising purposes as part of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's capital management program. Capital was raised through the issue of Perpetual Exchangeable Repurchaseable Listed Shares (PERLS III) under a prospectus dated 3 March 2006. The Company was subsequently admitted to the Official List of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) as an ASX Debt Listing on 7 April 2006. PERLS III are quoted on the ASX. The gross proceeds of \$1,166.460 million received by the Company through the issue of PERLS III have been invested in Convertible Notes issued by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's New Zealand branch.

Revenue of \$26.68 million (2009: \$18.10 million) is comprised primarily of interest income earned on the investment in Convertible Notes issued by Commonwealth Bank of Australia's New Zealand branch. The increase in revenue is the result of higher market rates during the six months ended 31 December 2010 in comparison to the six months ended 31 December 2009.

The Company recorded a net profit after tax for the half-year ended 31 December 2010 of \$2.53 million (2009: \$0.12 million).

During the half-year, the Directors resolved and paid fully franked dividend of \$23.32 million (2009: \$17.06 million) in respect of PERLS III (\$3.998 per share) (2009: \$2.9247per share) and \$2.21 million (2009: \$nil) in respect of ordinary shares (\$184,480 per share) (2009: \$nil per share). Under AASB139 dividends pertaining to these PERLS III are classified as finance costs.

On 10 December 2010 the Directors resolved to pay a fully franked dividend of \$12.10 million (2009: \$9.44 million) in respect of PERLS III (\$2.0749 per share) (2009: \$1.6185 per share) to be payable on 6 January 2011. Payment of dividends was subject to certain conditions being met on the date prior to payment as set out in the PERLS III Terms of Issue. All necessary conditions were met and payment was made on 6 January 2011.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS, REFER TO THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED FINANCIAL REPORT
AUDITED BY PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Marzena Gellert
Company Secretary
Date: 18 February 2011

For the
half-year
ended

31 December

2010

Preferred Capital Limited
ABN 68 101 938 176

Half-Year
Financial
Statements

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Preferred Capital Limited
Directors' Report
For the half-year ended 31 December 2010

The Directors of Preferred Capital Limited (the 'Company') submit the following report for the half-year ended 31 December 2010.

Directors

The names of the Directors of the Company holding office during the half-year ended 31 December 2010 and until the date of this report were:

G A Petersen
M J Venter
S P Kinsella
I M Saines

Corporate information

Preferred Capital Limited is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Its immediate and ultimate parent entity is Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the 'Bank').

The registered office of Preferred Capital Limited is located at Ground Floor, Tower 1, 201 Sussex St., Sydney NSW 2000, Australia.

Principal activities

The Company's principal activity is to act as a special purpose vehicle for capital raising purposes as part of the Bank's capital management program. Capital has been raised through the issue of Perpetual Exchangeable Repurchaseable Listed Shares (PERLS III) under a prospectus dated 3 March 2006. The Company was subsequently admitted to the Official List of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) as an ASX Debt Listing on 7 April 2006 and PERLS III are quoted on the ASX. The gross proceeds of \$1,166.46 million received by the Company through the issue of PERLS III have been invested in Convertible Notes issued by the Bank's New Zealand branch ('CBA New Zealand').

Review and results of operations

Revenue for the half-year ended 31 December 2010 was \$26.68 million (2009: \$18.10 million) and is comprised primarily of interest income earned on the investment in convertible notes issued by CBA New Zealand.

The Company recorded a net profit after tax for the half-year ended 31 December 2010 of \$2.53 million (2009: \$0.12 million).

Likely developments, expected results of operations and business strategy

The Company will continue to act as a vehicle for PERLS III. Expected results are that the Company will continue to earn interest on Convertible Notes, pay dividends on PERLS III in accordance with the PERLS III Terms of Issue and pay dividends on the ordinary shares provided there is a surplus after paying dividends on PERLS III. There is currently no intention to make any further issue of securities.

Financial position

At 31 December 2010 the Company held total assets of \$1,179.40 million (30 June 2010: \$1,178.26 million) and net assets of \$1.50 million (30 June 2010: \$1.18 million). The increase in net assets is as a result of higher level of interest earned over the half-year.

Preferred Capital Limited
Directors' Report
For the half-year ended 31 December 2010

Dividends

	31 December 2010 \$'000	31 December 2009 \$'000
PERLS III		
PERLS III fully franked dividends paid on 6 July 2010 (\$1.9261 per share) (6 July 2009: \$1.4532 per share)	11,234	8,475
PERLS III fully franked dividends paid on 6 October 2010 (\$2.0714 per share) (6 October 2009: \$1.4715 per share)	12,081	8,582
	23,315	17,057
	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Ordinary shares fully franked dividends paid on 6 July 2010 (\$78,888 per share) (6 July 2009: \$nil per share)	947	-
Ordinary shares fully franked dividends paid on 6 October 2010 (\$105,592 per share) (6 October 2009: \$nil per share)	1,267	-
	2,214	-

On 10 December 2010, the Directors determined to pay a fully franked dividend of \$12.10 million (15 December 2009: \$9.44 million) in respect of PERLS III (\$2.0749 per share) (15 December 2009: \$1.6185 per share) and \$1.28 million (15 December 2009: \$0.14 million) in respect of ordinary shares (\$106,341.26 per ordinary share) (15 December 2009: \$11,292.08 per ordinary share) to be paid on 6 January 2011 once all necessary conditions were met. Payment of dividends was subject to certain conditions being met on the date prior to payment as set out in the PERLS III prospectus.

Auditor's independence declaration

The Company's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, has provided the Directors with a declaration of its independence, which is attached to the Directors' report.

Rounding of amounts

The amounts contained in the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements are presented in Australian Dollars and all values have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Company under Class Order 98/0100 (as amended) issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

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Sydney, NSW
18 February 2011

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of Preferred Capital Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2010, 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 review; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Preferred Capital Limited during the period.

Stuart Scoular
Partner

Sydney
18 February 2011

Preferred Capital Limited
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2010

		31 December	31 December
		2010	2009
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from continuing operations	3	26,675	18,095
Expenses	3	<u>(24,144)</u>	<u>(17,976)</u>
Profit before income tax		2,531	119
Income tax expense		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Profit for the half-year		2,529	118
Other comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of Preferred Capital Limited		<u>2,529</u>	<u>118</u>

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Preferred Capital Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2010

	31 December	30 June
	2010	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	295	292
Receivables	<u>12,650</u>	<u>11,510</u>
Total current assets	<u>12,945</u>	<u>11,802</u>
Non-current assets		
Loans and other receivables	<u>1,166,456</u>	<u>1,166,456</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>1,166,456</u>	<u>1,166,456</u>
Total assets	<u>1,179,401</u>	<u>1,178,258</u>
Current liabilities		
Payables	11,444	10,616
Income tax liabilities	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>11,446</u>	<u>10,618</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Interest bearing liabilities	<u>1,166,456</u>	<u>1,166,456</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,166,456</u>	<u>1,166,456</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,177,902</u>	<u>1,177,074</u>
Net assets	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,184</u>
Shareholder's equity		
Share capital*	-	-
Retained profits	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,184</u>
Total equity attributable to owners	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,184</u>

* Share capital of \$12 has been rounded to nil.

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Preferred Capital Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
As at 31 December 2010

		Share Capital* \$'000	Retained Earnings \$'000	Total Shareholder's Equity \$'000
As at 1 July 2009		-	297	297
Total Comprehensive income		-	118	118
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</i>				
Dividends paid	4	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2009		-	415	415
Total Comprehensive income		-	1,549	1,549
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</i>				
Dividends paid		-	(780)	(780)
As at 30 June 2010		-	1,184	1,184
Total Comprehensive income		-	2,529	2,529
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</i>				
Dividends paid	4	-	(2,214)	(2,214)
As at 31 December 2010		-	1,499	1,499

* Share capital of \$12 has been rounded to nil

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Preferred Capital Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For the half-year ended 31 December 2010

	31 December 2010 \$'000	31 December 2009 \$'000
Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest income received	25,535	16,825
Interest expense paid	(23,314)	(17,057)
Other expenses paid	(2)	236
Income tax paid	(2)	(3)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>2,217</u>	<u>1</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flow from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	4 <u>(2,214)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash outflow from financing activities	<u>(2,214)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	3	1
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half -year	<u>292</u>	<u>287</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	<u><u>295</u></u>	<u><u>288</u></u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Note 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

General information

The Interim Financial Statements of Preferred Capital Limited (the 'Company') for the half-year ended 31 December 2010 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 18 February 2011. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the Financial Statements. These Financial Statements are the individual Financial Statements of the Company as an individual entity.

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. It is a company limited by shares. The address of its registered office is Ground Floor, Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia. Its immediate and ultimate parent entity is Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the 'Bank').

The Company's principal activity is to act as a special purpose vehicle for capital raising purposes as part of the Bank's capital management program. The Company was used to raise capital through the issue of Perpetual Exchangeable Repurchaseable Listed Shares ('PERLS III') under a prospectus dated 3 March 2006. The gross proceeds of \$1,166.46 million received by the Company through the issue of PERLS III have been invested in convertible notes issued by the Bank's New Zealand branch ('CBA New Zealand').

The functional and presentational currency of the Company has been determined to be Australian Dollars (AUD) as this currency best reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to the Company.

(a) Basis of preparation of interim report

These Financial Statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2010 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The half-year Financial Statements do not include all notes of the type normally included within annual Financial Statements and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial position or financial performance of the Company as that given by the Annual Financial Statements. These statements should therefore be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2010 Annual Financial Statements of the Company and any public announcements made in the period by the Company in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and ASX Listing Rules.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period.

The following standards and amendments are applicable from 1 July 2010:

- *Revised AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows* which clarifies that only expenditure resulting in a recognised asset can be categorised as a cash flow from investing activities. The initial application of this revised standard is not expected to materially impact the financial results of the Company.
- *Revised AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements* which clarifies how to classify the liability component of a convertible instrument. The initial application of this revised standard is not expected to materially impact the financial results of the Company.

The following standard is not mandatory until accounting periods on or after 1 January 2013 but early adoption is permitted:

- *AASB 9 Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurements* which replaces the multiple classification and measurement models in AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurements with a single model that has only two classification categories: amortised costs and fair value. The Company is assessing the impact of this new standard, as well as the continued project to replace AASB 139.

Note 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The following standards are not mandatory until accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2013 but early adoption is permitted:

- *AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards* and *AASB 2010-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards* arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements. On 30 June 2010 the AASB officially introduced a revised differential reporting framework in Australia. This is the first stage of revisions to the differential reporting framework in Australia, and introduces a two-tier differential reporting regime that applies to all entities that prepare General Purpose Financial Statements. AASB 1053 identifies the types of entities that must apply full IFRS as adopted in Australia (Tier 1) in preparing General Purpose Financial Statements, including for-profit private sector entities that have public accountability. Other entities, including for-profit private sector entities that do not have public accountability and all not-for-profit private sector entities, must apply as a minimum the Reduced Reporting Requirements (Tier 2) in preparing General Purpose Financial Statements. Under this framework, a two-tier differential reporting regime applies to all entities that prepare general purpose financial statements. Preferred Capital Limited has public accountability as it is listed on the ASX and is therefore not eligible to adopt the new Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. As a consequence, the two standards will have no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

There are no other standards, amendments or interpretations available for early adoption at 1 January 2011 that will be applicable to the Company.

The Financial Statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost.

For the purpose of these half-year Financial Statements, the half year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at banks and money at short call with an original maturity of three months or less. They are brought to account at the face value or the gross value of outstanding balance. Interest is taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method when earned.

(c) Revenue recognition

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

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method.

Top-up payments

Where the Company does not receive sufficient funds from the Convertible Notes to cover payments required on PERLS III, the Bank has the right under the “Top-up Deed”, in its absolute discretion to make a Top-up payment to cover the shortfall. Top-up payments are recognised only when approved by the Bank.

(d) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities which are not at fair value are carried at cost or amortised cost.

Under AASB 132 and AASB 139, financial instruments are required to be classified into certain categories which determine the accounting treatment of the item. The Company has adopted the following categories:

- Loans and other receivables (Note 1(e))
- Liabilities at amortised cost
- Equity

Note 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Derecognition of financial instruments

The derecognition of a financial instrument takes place when the Company no longer controls the contractual rights that comprise the financial instrument, which is normally the case when the instrument is sold, or all the cash flows attributable to the instrument are passed through to an independent third party and the risks and rewards have substantially been transferred.

(e) Loans and other receivables

Loans and other receivables are primarily financial assets with fixed and determinable payments that are not quoted on an active market and include Convertible Notes issued by CBA New Zealand. These amounts are initially recognised at fair value including direct and incremental transaction costs. They are subsequently valued at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(f) Provisions for impairment

Loans and other receivables

The Company assesses at each balance date whether there is any objective evidence of impairment. If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and other receivables has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the expected future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. Short-term balances are not discounted.

Loans and other receivables are presented net of provisions for loan impairment.

(g) Income tax

Income tax on the profit for the period comprises current and deferred tax.

Income tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the half-year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the end of reporting period which are expected to apply when the deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and when the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia Group ('the Group') has elected to be taxed as a single entity under the tax consolidation regime. In addition to the Group electing to be taxed as a single entity, the measurement and disclosure of deferred tax assets and liabilities has been performed in accordance with the principles in AASB 112, and on a standalone basis under UIG 1052. The Company is part of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's tax consolidation group.

Note 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Any current tax liabilities/assets (after the elimination of intra-group transactions) and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses assumed by Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the 'Bank') from the subsidiaries in the tax consolidated group are recognised in conjunction with any tax funding arrangement amounts. Any difference between these amounts is recognised by the Company as an equity contribution from or distributions to the Bank. The members of the tax consolidated group have entered into a tax funding arrangement which sets out the funding obligations of members of the tax consolidated group in respect of tax amounts.

(h) Provisions

A provision is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and where it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Provision for dividend

A provision for dividend payable is recognised when dividends are declared in the period in which they are approved by the Company's Directors and all terms and conditions set out in the PERLS III Terms of Issue are met.

The dividends payable to PERLS III holders are expected to be primarily sourced from interest paid on convertible notes issued by CBA New Zealand.

(i) Interest bearing liabilities

Interest bearing liabilities include PERLS III issued by the Company. PERLS III are initially recognised at fair value including direct and incremental transaction costs. They are subsequently valued at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

PERLS III may be exchanged for ordinary shares in the Bank, Bank PERLS III Preference shares or a combination of Bank ordinary shares and cash after 6 April 2016 under certain circumstances as set out in the PERLS III prospectus. PERLS III offers a non-cumulative floating rate return. Dividends are reset quarterly commencing on 6 April 2006 and are payable quarterly in arrears.

(j) Payables and other liabilities

Payables and other liabilities include interest payable which is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest rate method.

(k) Shareholders' equity

Ordinary share capital is the amount of paid up capital from the issue of ordinary shares and is classified as equity. Redeemable preference shares are classified as liabilities.

Retained profits are derived from revenue profits and are available for dividend.

(l) Critical accounting policies and estimates

These notes to the Financial Statements contain a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies. Certain of these policies are considered to be more important in the determination of the Company's financial position, since they may require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgements, some of which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. During the half-year management have not been required to make any decisions of this nature.

(m) Rounding of amounts

The amounts contained in the Director's Report and the financial report are presented in Australian Dollars and all values have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Company under Class Order 98/0100 (as amended) issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Preferred Capital Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the half-year ended 31 December 2010
(continued)

Note 2 Segment information

The Company operates predominantly in one geographical area, Australia, and operates predominantly in one business segment. The Company's primary activity is to invest funds raised from the issue of PERLS III in convertible notes issued by CBA New Zealand. The Company is domiciled in Australia.

Note 3 Revenue and expenses

	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from continuing operations		
Interest income from ultimate parent entity	7	5
Interest income from CBA New Zealand convertible notes	26,668	17,858
Top-up payment from ultimate parent entity	-	232
Total revenue from continuing operations	<u>26,675</u>	<u>18,095</u>
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses		
Interest paid	24,142	17,974
Other operational expenses	2	2
Total expenses	<u>24,144</u>	<u>17,976</u>

Note 4 Dividends

	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Ordinary shares fully franked dividends paid on 6 July 2010 (\$78,888 per share) (6 July 2009: \$nil per share)	947	-
Ordinary shares fully franked dividends paid on 6 October 2010 (\$105,592 per share) (6 October 2009: \$nil per share)	1,267	-
	<u>2,214</u>	<u>-</u>

On 10 December 2010, the Directors determined to pay a fully franked dividend of \$12.10 million (15 December 2009: \$9.44 million) in respect of PERLS III (\$2.0749 per share) (15 December 2009: \$1.6185 per share) and \$1.28 million (15 December 2009: \$0.14 million) in respect of ordinary shares (\$106,341.26 per ordinary share) (15 December 2009: \$11,292.08 per ordinary share) to be paid on 6 January 2011 once all necessary conditions were met. Payment of dividends was subject to certain conditions being met on the date prior to payment as set out in the PERLS III prospectus.

Note 5 Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2010 (30 June 2010: \$nil). CBA New Zealand and the Company entered into an agreement under which, in consideration for the Company agreeing to subscribe for Convertible Notes, CBA New Zealand agrees to pay all of the Company's upfront costs and expenses in connection with the offer and the issue of PERLS III including, without limitation, all legal, accounting, share registry, listing, printing, advertising and other expenses.

Note 6 Events after the reporting date

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance not otherwise dealt within this report that has occurred since the end of the reporting period that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

**Preferred Capital Limited
Directors' Declaration
For the half-year ended 31 December 2010**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Preferred Capital Limited, we declare that in the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) the half-year Financial Statements and notes thereto of the Company are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - (i) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2010 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) comply with the Accounting Standards and any further requirements in the Corporations Regulations 2001; and

- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors

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Independent auditor's review report to the members of Preferred Capital Limited

Report on the Half-Year Financial Statement

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial statement of Preferred Capital Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2010, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration for the Preferred Capital Limited (the company).

Directors' responsibility for the half-year financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2010 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of Preferred Capital Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. It also includes reading the other information included with the financial report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial report. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our review was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

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

**Independent auditor's review report to the members of
Preferred Capital Limited (continued)**

Independence

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

Conclusion

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 financial report of Preferred Capital Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2010 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Stuart Scoular
Partner

Sydney
18 February 2011