

### **Appendix 4E - Final Report**

### IMF (Australia) Ltd ABN 45 067 298 088

## Financial year ended 30 June 2012

### Results for announcement to the market

Current reporting period: 30 June 2012 Previous reporting period: 30 June 2011

	Percentage		
Revenue and Net Profit	Up/Down	Change	\$'000s
Revenues from ordinary activities (interest)	Down	(10%)	2,409
Total income	Up	80%	73,002
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	Up	88%	42,966
Net profit for the period attributable to members	Up	88%	42,966

Dividends
No interim dividend was declared.

No Directors have declared a final fully franked dividend on 29 June 2012. The record date for this dividend is 29 August 2012. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 23 August 2012.

Net Tangible Asset Backing	Conso	Consolidated		
	2012	2011		
	\$	\$		
Net tangible asset per ordinary share	\$0.37	\$0.22		
Net asset per ordinary share	\$0.91	\$0.71		

### **Brief Explanation of Revenue and Net Profit**

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were investigation, management and funding litigation.

The Group resolved 9 cases in 2012 which is reflected in the Group's largest profit since inception. Also during the year the Group expanded into the United States by opening an office in New York.

The Group held \$62.4m in cash as at 30 June 2012 (2011:\$55.0m). During the year, \$6.1m was paid in dividends (2011: \$12.3m).

### **Dividends Paid and Declared**

	Consolidated	
	2012 \$'000s	2011 \$'000s
No interim dividend was declared during the year (2011: 10.0 cents per share fully franked) A final fully franked dividend of 10.0 cents per share was declared on 29 June 2012. The record date for this dividend is 29 August 2012. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 23 August 2012 (2011: A final fully franked dividend of 5.0 cents per share was paid on 7	-	12,320
October 2011.	12,321	6,160
	12,321	18,480

### **Audit Report**

This Appendix 4E (Final Report) is based on the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012, which are attached.



**2012 ANNUAL REPORT** 

Judge Michelle Gordon and the Centro case...

What a shame they can't rent out one of the Centro properties...

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### HIGHLIGHTS

IMF IS THE LEADING LITIGATION FUNDER IN AUSTRALIA.
WE WERE THE FIRST TO LIST ON THE AUSTRALIAN
SECURITIES EXCHANGE, AND HAVE NOW BEEN LISTED FOR
10 YEARS. WE HAVE BUILT UP AN EXPERIENCED TEAM TO
ENSURE THE STRONGEST CASES RECEIVE FUNDING AND ARE
MANAGED TO FACILITATE THEIR SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION.



## \$43.0 NET PROFIT MILLION

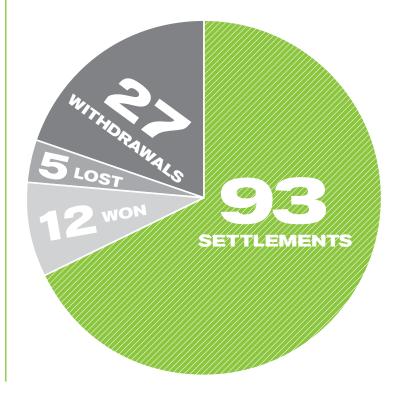
IMF's profit has improved significantly in 2012, with IMF recording its largest profit since inception. IMF is in a strong financial position moving forward and is capable of capitalising on opportunities to fund cases with larger potential returns.



CASES RESOLVED IN 2012

INCLUDING THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CENTRO GROUP AND TRANSPACIFIC INDUSTRIES GROUP

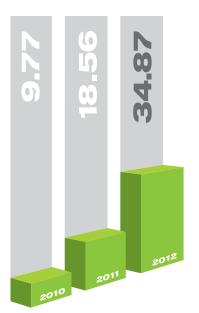
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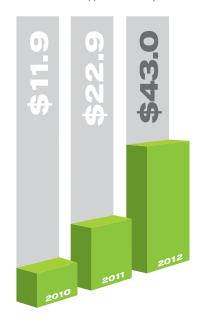
### **EARNINGS**

**CENTS PER SHARE** 



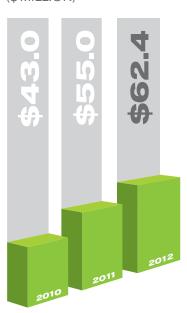
### **NET PROFIT**

AFTER TAX (\$ MILLION)



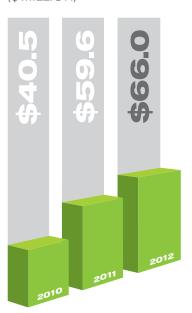
### CASH

(\$ MILLION)



### **INVESTMENTS**

(\$ MILLION)



### **NET ASSETS**

(\$ MILLION)





### 2012 CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

# THE YEAR HAS SEEN A RECORD PROFIT WITH \$43.0M AFTER TAX, WHICH FAR EXCEEDS OUR PREVIOUS BEST YEAR OF 2010/2011 OF \$22.9M AFTER TAX.

Centro was the big success in 2012 with a profit of \$41.8m, by far our most rewarding matter ever in terms of net income. Other successful matters in the year included TPI, Babcock and Brown, Credit Corp, two very profitable matters from our Adelaide office and National Potato in South Africa. It should also be noted that we had a loss in the UK on our Collyer Bristow matter.

The outlook for the year under way is quite favourable given a number of matters where judgment is expected over the balance of the year.

As to the medium term future the issue of deal flow remains, as mentioned in my last report, the focus of us all. In Australia our new deal flow was disappointing this year in terms of additions to the book but we are very hopeful that the Wivenhoe Dam matter, which we have announced but not quantified in terms of amount, due to ongoing negotiations, will be a significant matter that will make a material contribution to our book.

Last year I talked about our new venture in the United States, Bentham Capital. Bentham formally launched in October 2011 with a dedicated web site and a New York office. We had immediate press recognition in the Wall Street Journal. In its 10 months of operation, Bentham has reviewed over 95 litigation matters, at the rate of over two a week. This is a far higher rate of gross deal flow than we see in Australia.

Bentham expects to report three funded investments by its one year anniversary. If this flow continues and we write business at the rate of 3–4% of flow (which has been our consistent experience in Australia) we expect to be able to build a good book. At present, we are debating ways to increase our manpower in the US. This is a telling measure of the importance of the US marketplace to us and our confidence in the Bentham team.

**ROB FERGUSON** 

### 2012 MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# THIS YEAR SAW THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LISTING ON THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE. DURING THE COURSE OF THE PAST DECADE MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO LITIGATION FUNDING IN GENERAL AND TO IMF IN PARTICULAR.

In 2001 IMF did not just start a new business, it started a new industry. I think it may now safely be said that the industry is established and, in Australia, IMF is a major part of the industry.

2012 has been a good year for us with a record net profit after tax. The finalisation of the cases producing that result also meant that the value of our cases under management dropped towards \$1.2bn. Settlement of those cases coincided with a decision by the management group to take particular care in the choice of cases to be funded. By way of example, we declined to fund a class action which settled recently for some \$40m. That conservative decision on our part demonstrates the inaccuracy of recent statements made by the American Chamber of Commerce that Australian litigation funders are likely to fund meritless cases in the hope of jagging a settlement.

We are currently examining a number of major litigation funding opportunities including the Wivenhoe Dam case in Queensland and credit derivative cases in Australia, New Zealand and Europe. If and when final decisions are made to fund those actions, the value of cases under management should return to normal levels.

2013 is building towards being an interesting year. We are awaiting judgments in Lehman and Local Government Financial Services. The High Court heard the Bank Fees appeal in August and the case against the Bank of Queensland will commence in September. The appeal in the National Potato case in South Africa is likely to be heard in the second half of this financial year. In addition, we are assessing cases sourced through our US office. As in previous years, it is not possible to make a sensible forecast because of the well-known vagaries of litigation (best explained in the proposition that the only certainty in litigation is its uncertainty).

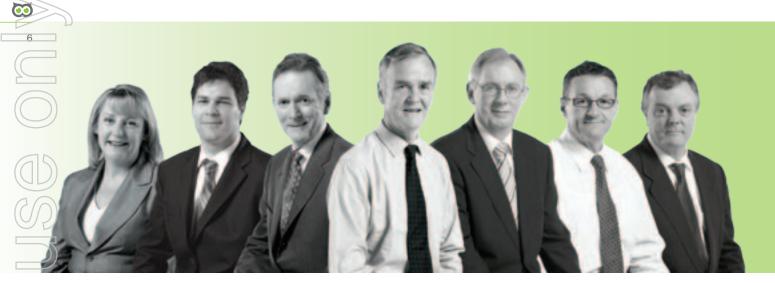
On the regulatory front, the Treasury has now issued regulations exempting class actions from the Managed Investment Scheme provisions of the Corporations Act and is also doing away with the necessity for litigation funders to be licensed in relation to class actions. The regulations do not exempt funders from being licensed for single party cases but it is likely that the current ASIC temporary exemption will be extended past September 2012 while the government determines whether it will require such licensing into the future.

IMF has, of course, been licensed since 2005 and continues to believe that all litigation funders operating in Australia should be the subject of a licensing regime. We will continue to put that point of view to government during the course of the coming year. It will be easier for IMF if licensing is not required but it seems to us that such a regime is necessary to ensure the longevity of the litigation funding industry in Australia.

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**HUGH MCLERNON** 

### 2012 DIRECTORS' REPORT



Diane Jones
Chief Operating Officer

Clive Bowman

Executive Director

Hugh McLernon

Rob Ferguson
Chairman

Alden Halse
Non-Executive Directo

Michael Bowen
Non-Executive Director

John Walker
Executive Director

The Directors of IMF (Australia) Ltd ("IMF" or "the Company" or "the Parent") submit their report for the year ended 30 June 2012.

### **DIRECTORS**

The names and details of the Company's directors in office during the financial year and until the date of this report are noted below. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

NAMES, QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

### **ROBERT FERGUSON**

(NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN)

Robert Ferguson was appointed Non-Executive Director and Chairman on 1 December 2004 and was Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer between 18 June 2007 and 18 March 2009. On 19 March 2009 he resumed his role as Non-Executive Chairman.

Mr Ferguson graduated from Sydney University B.Ec (Hons). He commenced employment in 1971 with Bankers Trust Australia Ltd and was its CEO between 1985 and 1999 and Chairman from 1999 to 2001. He:

- a. was a director of Westfield Holdings Ltd from 1994 to 2004;
- b. was chairman and non-executive director of Vodafone Australia until November 2002;
- c. was a director of Racing NSW from 2004 to 2009;
- d. was chairman of MoneySwitch Limited from 14 November 2005 to 18 February 2010. He continues as a non-executive director since 18 February 2010;

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### 2012 DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

### **DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)**

- is deputy chair of the Sydney Institute, from April 1998;
- is a director of the Lowy Institute, from April 2003;
- has been chairman of GPT Group since 10 May 2010 and prior to this was a director and deputy chair from 25 May 2009; and
- has been chairman of Primary Health Care since 1 July 2009.

During the past three years he has not served as a director of any listed company other than those noted above.

Mr Ferguson is a member of the audit committee and remuneration committee.

### **HUGH MCLERNON**

(MANAGING DIRECTOR)

Hugh McLernon is a lawyer by training. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Western Australia. After graduation he worked as a Crown Prosecutor for eight years and then as a barrister at the independent bar for a further nine years, before joining Clayton Utz for three years as the litigation partner.

In 1988, Mr McLernon retired from legal practice and introduced the secondary life insurance market into Australia. He also pioneered the financing of large-scale litigation through McLernon Group Limited.

From 1996 to 2001, Mr McLernon was the Managing Director of the Hill Group of companies which operates in the finance, mining, property, insurance and investment arenas of Australia.

Mr McLernon has been an Executive Director of IMF since December 2001 and became the Managing Director on 18 March 2009.

During the past three years he has not served as a director of any other listed company.

### JOHN WALKER

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DIRECTOR OF MARKETING)

John Walker obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Melbourne University in 1981, with qualifications as an accountant and economist.

He then practiced accountancy with Deloitte Haskins and Sells (as it then was) prior to completing a Bachelor of Laws degree at Sydney University in 1986. Between 1987 and 1998, Mr Walker practiced as a commercial litigator in Sydney.

In 1998, Mr Walker created Insolvency Litigation Fund Pty Ltd ("ILF") and was the inaugural Managing Director until the entity was purchased by IMF in 2001. Since then, Mr Walker has been an Executive Director of IMF and was its Managing Director between December 2004 and June 2007.

During the past three years he has not served as a director of any other listed company.



### **DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)**

### **CLIVE BOWMAN**

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

Clive Bowman has a degree in Economics and an honours degree in Law from the Australian National University. He also holds a graduate diploma in Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia and has completed the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia ("IPAA") Advanced Insolvency course.

Mr Bowman began his career at law firm Minter Ellison and then moved to Denton Hall (now SNR Denton) in London, where he continued to practice as a litigation lawyer. In 1997 Mr Bowman became involved in litigation funding and has been with IMF since its listing.

Mr Bowman became an Executive Director of IMF on 23 February 2011 and heads up IMF's case selection committee and investment managers committee.

During the past three years he has not served as a director of any other listed company.

### ALDEN HALSE

(NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Alden Halse is a Chartered Accountant and was a long-term principal of national chartered accountancy firm, Ferrier Hodgson.

Over the last 20 years he has lectured and written extensively in relation to directors' duties, corporate governance issues and corporate and personal insolvency issues. Mr Halse:

- a. is an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the IPAA and the Australian Institute of Company Directors;
- b. is the immediate past president and current councillor and board member of the Royal Automobile Club of WA (Inc);
- c. was a non-executive director of Count Financial Ltd (resigned on 29 November 2011); and
- d. is chairman of RAC Insurance Pty Limited, Western Australia's largest home and motor insurer.

Mr Halse is the Chairman of the audit committee and a member of the remuneration committee.

During the past three years he has not served as a director of any listed company other than those noted above.

### MICHAEL BOWEN

(NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Michael Bowen graduated from the University of Western Australia with Bachelors of Law, Jurisprudence and Commerce. He has been admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia and is an Associate and Certified Practicing Accountant of the Australian Society of Accountants. Mr Bowen:

- a. is a partner of the law firm Hardy Bowen, practicing primarily corporate, commercial and securities law with an emphasis on mergers, acquisitions, capital raisings and resources; and
- b. supports the Managing Director on matters concerning the corporations law.

### **DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)**

Mr Bowen is Chairman of the remuneration committee and a member of the audit committee.

During the past three years he has also served as a director of the following listed companies:

- a. MOD Resources Ltd (formerly Medical Corporation Australasia Limited) (appointed 18 October 2004, resigned 13 April 2011); and
- Sherwin Iron Limited (formerly Batavia Mining Limited) (appointed on 28 November 2008, resigned 20 July 2011).

During the past three years he has not served as a director of any listed company other than those noted above.

### **DIANE JONES**

(COMPANY SECRETARY, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)

Diane Jones has been the Company Secretary since 14 June 2006. She has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants for over 20 years and holds a Masters of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Sydney. After graduating Ms Jones spent ten years with a big four accounting firm before moving to a consulting and private equity firm as a consultant and their Chief Financial Officer. Ms Jones is IMF's Chief Operating Officer whilst retaining her previous roles as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary.

### INTERESTS IN SHARES AND OPTIONS OF THE COMPANY

As at the date of this report, the interests of the Directors in shares, convertible notes and options of the Company were:

	Number of ordinary shares	Number of convertible notes	Number of options over ordinary shares
Robert Ferguson	2,500,000	1,775,776	-
Hugh McLernon	8,301,846	612,035	_
John Walker	5,667,792	637,560	-
Clive Bowman	1,013,941	15,496	-
Alden Halse	876,251	87,626	-
Michael Bowen	813,751	121,213	_
Total	19,173,581	3,249,706	-

Further details of the interests of the Directors in the shares and options of the Company as at the date of this report are set out in the Directors' Report and note 25 to the financial statements.











### **DIVIDENDS**

On 29 June 2012 the Directors declared a final fully franked dividend for the 2012 financial year of 10.0 cents per share, totalling \$12,320,766. The record date for this dividend is 29 August 2012. No interim dividend for 2012 was declared.

For the 2011 financial year the Company paid an interim fully franked dividend of 10.0 cents per share, totalling \$12,320,170, which was paid on 13 April 2011. The final fully franked dividend was 5.0 cents per share, totalling \$6,160,086, which was paid on 7 October 2011.

The Directors have not declared a dividend policy. They have determined that the Company should distribute any surplus funds in excess of between \$70,000,000 and \$75,000,000, depending on the claim value of the portfolio, which has accumulated in the business and where the Directors do not form the view that there is a better use for IMF's cash.

### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

### **Corporate Structure**

IMF (Australia) Ltd is a company limited by shares which is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. IMF has prepared a consolidated financial report incorporating the entities that it controlled during the financial year, being Financial Redress Pty Ltd (formerly Insolvency Litigation Fund Pty Ltd), Bentham Holdings Inc. and Bentham Capital LLC (the Group).

### **Nature of Operations and Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were the investigation, management and funding of litigation. The operations of the consolidated entity remain in accordance with IMF's business plan created in 2001. IMF endeavours to have a mix of cases at any one time. These can broadly be categorised as commercial claims, insolvency claims and group actions.

Portfolio report at 30 June 2012 where the budgeted fee per case to IMF is greater than \$500,000 ('major cases')

	claims	value	claims >\$500,000
Claims <\$10m	2	\$10,000,000	1%
Claims \$10M - \$50m	13	\$288,000,000	23%
Claims >\$50m	10	\$935,000,000	76%
Total claims where IMF's budgeted fee is more than \$500,000	25	\$1,233,000,000	100%

The maximum claim value of IMF's major cases decreased in the year to 30 June 2012 from \$1,778,500,000 to \$1,233,000,000. IMF commenced four new cases during the year, which have a maximum claim value at 30 June 2012 of \$58,000,000 (2011: eight new cases which had a maximum claim value of \$360,000,000). It should be noted that during 2012 a significant amount of due diligence has been undertaken on the Wivenhoe Dam case, and a significant number of clients have signed funding agreements with IMF. However, this matter has not been included in the portfolio as at 30 June 2012.

### 2012 DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

### **CORPORATE INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

An update on IMF's principal investments is as follows:

After funding various examinations, IMF has now decided to fund the liquidator of **ABC Learning** in claims that allege that a floating charge granted to a syndicate of banks is void to the extent of certain monies received under the charge. Court approval is being sought to the entry by some companies in the ABC group into the funding agreement.

The **Air Cargo** case, which is a price fixing claim against various airlines under section 45 of the Trade Practices Act, continues through the courts. Substantial progress has been made in relation to discovery. In separate proceedings, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is suing several airlines in relation to the same or similar alleged conduct and its cases have been set down for hearing in October 2012.

The actions by **Great Southern** unitholders, funded by IMF, continue to advance through the courts. There is not yet a hearing date for these cases.

The Court has allowed amendments to the statement of claim in the case of **PIF Unitholders** v KPMG (a claim for alleged breaches of the Corporations Act by KPMG and 2 of the directors (the case against the other directors has been resolved subject to court approval). KPMG lost an appeal to the Court of Appeal in relation to that decision and has now sought leave to appeal to the High Court.

The trials in both the **Lehman** case and the case against **Local Government Financial Services (LGFS), ABN AMRO** and **Standard and Poors** by various councils have completed and we are waiting for judgments to be delivered in each of these cases.

In the **Bank Fees** case (an action by customers to recover unfair exception fees charged to their bank accounts and credit cards), proceedings have been issued against 8 banks. All have been stayed other than the appeal in the ANZ case from Justice Gordon's decision that no fees other than late fees on credit cards could amount to penalties at law. The High Court has given leave to the class representative to appeal directly to the High Court from this decision and the appeal was heard on 14 August 2012. The High Court decision is likely to be known by December 2012. The main ANZ hearing is likely to be heard in 2013.

In March 2012 there was a settlement in the United States of **Uniloc's claim** against Microsoft. This is one of a suite of cases by Uniloc (to whom IMF has provided funding), alleging infringement of its software activation patent. Those other cases are continuing.

IMF is still waiting on judgment in the application it funded in the **Westgem** case against Bankwest to remove receivers from Westgem.

Proceedings have now been filed in the **Rivercity** matter, which is a funded class action against Aecom and 2 Rivercity companies, by a representative on behalf of persons who purchased units under the product disclosure statement ("PDS"). The claim alleges that there was misleading and deceptive conduct and omissions in relation to the traffic forecast included in the PDS.

The case IMF is funding against the **Bank of Queensland** ("BOQ") by BOQ franchisees in New South Wales for alleged misleading and deceptive conduct, primarily concerning business that could or would be generated, is set down for hearing from 17 September 2012.



### **CORPORATE INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

IMF has conditionally funded persons who suffered loss due to the Brisbane floods last year (the Wivenhoe Dam case) and IMF expects that a decision whether or not to proceed with this claim will be made by 30 September 2012.

The class action IMF is funding by persons who bought shares in Gunns, alleging misleading and deceptive conduct and non disclosure of material information, continues through the Court and is in the discovery stage.

Bentham Capital LLC (IMF's wholly owned United States subsidiary) funded its first case in the United States in May 2012. It is a defamation matter in which Bentham's client was successful at first instance and which has now been appealed by the defendant to a State Court of Appeal. That appeal is likely to be concluded before or in the first half of calendar year 2013.

IMF withdrew from 2 investments during 2012. IMF continues to provide the ASX with a summary of the cases funded by IMF in which IMF's potential fee is greater than \$500,000 per case (IMF's Investment Portfolio Report). This Schedule is updated every three months. IMF also provides case updates on its website: www.imf.com.au.

### **Employees**

At 30 June 2012, IMF employed 26 permanent staff, including the three Executive Directors, providing investigative, computer, accounting and management expertise (2011: 24 permanent staff).





### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Operating Results for the Financial Year**

The following summary of operating results reflects the Group's performance for the year ended 30 June 2012:

### **Shareholder Returns**

	2012	2011
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	34.87	18.56
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	29.51	17.32
Return on assets % (NPAT/Total Assets)	20.11%	14.99%
Return on equity % (NPAT/Total Equity)	38.46%	26.22%
Net debt/equity ratio %*	nil	nil

<sup>\*</sup> Net debt is positive as cash and short term deposits are greater than total debt.

Nine matters generated income greater than \$500,000 during 2012, including seven cases which were finalised, underpinning the Group's profitability and shareholder returns.

The following summarises the major cases finalised during 2012:

Date commenced	Litigation contract's matter name	Claim value included in investment portfolio report at 30 June 2011	Total litigation contracts' income	Total litigation contracts' expenses (including capitalised overheads)	Net gain/(loss) on disposal of intangible asset
		\$	\$	\$	\$
May-08	Centro	200,000,000	61,976,563	(20,197,283)	41,779,280
Jan-09	National Potato*	70,000,000	14,506,945	(4,799,000)	9,707,945
Sep-09	Transpacific Industries	65,000,000	13,004,397	(2,548,979)	10,455,418
Mar-10	Uniloc**	150,000,000	7,295,922	(3,647,961)	3,647,961
Aug-10	Babcock & Brown	50,000,000	7,265,000	(1,409,396)	5,855,604
Jun-11	Thomson Playford	10,000,000	4,593,529	(1,314,899)	3,278,630
Jul-08	Credit Corp	15,000,000	4,354,813	(2,928,186)	1,426,627
Jul-10	Centrex Limited	5,000,000	1,937,788	(499,870)	1,437,918
Sep-10	Collyer Bristow	60,000,000	_	(4,946,215)	(4,946,215)
		625,000,000	114,934,957	(42,291,789)	72,643,168
	Sons of Gwalia***	_	1,050,774	_	1,050,774
	Other matters	_	1,821,634	(4,948,530)	(3,126,896)
		625,000,000	117,807,365	(47,240,319)	70,567,046

<sup>\*</sup> The National Potato case is now the subject of an appeal in South Africa.

The Group has finalised 137 investments since listing, with an average investment period of 2.3 years (2011: 2.3 years). The Group has generated a gross return on every dollar invested of 3.10 times (excluding overheads) (2011: 3.19 times). IMF has a target to complete cases within 2.5 years and to generate a gross return on every dollar invested of 3 times (excluding overheads).

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Uniloc income relates to IMF's share of income generated by Uniloc during the period. This matter is not considered to be finalised as IMF expects to receive additional income from this matter in future financial years.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> A further dividend was paid by the Administrators of Sons of Gwalia in this financial year. This income is in addition to income generated during the years ended 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2011.





### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)**

The investment portfolio as at 30 June 2012 has a mixture of both mature and new investments, with 48% of the investment portfolio expected to finalise over the next 12 months (2011: 36%). IMF is focused on replacing and growing the investment portfolio within its conservative investment protocols. During the course of the year IMF again received numerous requests for litigation funding from outside Australia.

IMF's share price closed at \$1.40 per share on 30 June 2012 (2011: \$1.54), a 9% decrease over the 12-month period. IMF entered the ASX top 300 companies on 20 March 2009, when its share price was \$1.15. Since entering this index and up to 30 June 2012, IMF's share price has increased 22%, which exceeds the index movement of 16%. The share price decrease over the last 12 months has mirrored the ASX top 300 index over that period, as shown graphically below:

Relative change in daily adjusted closing price of S&P/ASX 300 and IMF during 2012 Financial Year









### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)**

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The consolidated Statement of Cash Flow illustrates that there was an increase in cash and cash equivalents for the year ended 30 June 2012 of \$7,412,574 (2011: increase of \$12,021,738). Operating activities used \$10,412,133 of net cash outflows (2011: net cash outflow of \$6,277,560), whilst investing cashflows generated \$23,984,792 of net cash inflows (2011: net cash outflow of \$7,646,678), and financing cashflows used \$6,160,085 of net cash outflows (2011: net cash inflow of \$25,945,976) principally as a result of the payment of the final dividend for 2011 (2011: convertible note capital raising totalling \$39,108,985).

### **Asset and Capital Structure**

	2012 \$	2011 \$	Change %
Cash and short term deposits	62,424,566	55,011,992	13%
Total debt	(34,945,316)	(33,568,796)	4%
Net cash	27,479,250	21,443,196	28%
Total equity	111,717,938	87,193,505	28%
Gearing*	nil	nil	n/a

<sup>\*</sup> Net debt is positive as cash and short term deposits are greater than debt.

On 13 December 2010 the Board of Directors took the decision to issue 23,702,415 convertible notes raising total capital of \$39,108,985 (excluding costs). Each convertible note has a face value of \$1.65 and the right to convert into one ordinary share. The convertible notes are convertible at the option of the Noteholder on or before 31 December 2014. The Company has the ability to request the Noteholder to elect to either convert or be repaid after 31 December 2012.

The Company is required to pay the Noteholder interest of 10.25% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears. As at 30 June 2012 there were 23,225,095 convertible notes outstanding (2011: 23,231,041), with a redemption value of \$38,321,407 (2011: \$38,331,218). The Group has no other debts.

### **Profile of Debts**

The profile of the Group's debt finance is as follows:

Current
Interest bearing loans and borrowings
Non-current
Convertible notes
Total debt

2012 \$	2011 \$	Change %
-	_	-
(34,945,316)	(33,568,796)	4%
(34,945,316)	(33,568,796)	4%



### OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

### **Shares Issued During the Year**

During 2012 no options were converted into shares. (2011: 860,000 options were converted into shares, raising total capital of \$688,000). During the year 5,946 convertible notes were converted, raising \$9,161 (after apportioned costs) (2011: 471,374 convertible notes were converted, raising \$697,872 (after apportioned costs).

### **Capital Expenditure**

There has been an increase in capital expenditure during the year ended 30 June 2012 to \$652,262 from \$124,761 in the year ended 30 June 2011. The capital expenditure in 2012 mainly related to the fitout of the new Sydney office and the purchase of new computer equipment.

### **Risk Management**

The major risk for the Company continues to be the choice of cases to be funded. The extent of the mitigation of that risk can best be identified, from time to time, by reference to the fact that in the first 10 years of operation IMF has lost only five cases out of 137 matters funded and completed. The Company has an Investment Protocol in relation to case selection and a rigorous due diligence process which ensures that only cases with very good chances of success are accepted for funding.

Another risk which needs constant management is liquidity. This principally involves holding a cash balance buffer and taking on new investments only in accordance with IMF's Investment Protocol. The Board of Directors has authorised management to identify options for raising capital to fund further expansion of IMF's business, if required.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

Total equity increased 28% to \$111,717,938 from \$87,193,505. This was mainly as a result of the Group's increasing return to shareholders during 2012. There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs during this reporting period other than disclosed in this report.

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

### **Intangible Assets**

There have been no significant events between 30 June 2012 and the date of issuing this report.

### LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS

As stated earlier, approximately 48% of the investment portfolio as at 30 June 2012 is expected to mature over the next 12 months. Accordingly, the Directors consider that the Company is likely to generate a strong level of profit in this period.

In addition, IMF expects there to be an increasing demand for its funding arising from the fallout from the recent tightening in credit and depressed worldwide economic cycle. The establishment of our first wholly owned subsidiary in the United States of America should also result in increased funding opportunities in that jurisdiction.

Competition, however, is expected to increase in the coming years as new entrants coming into the market, particularly from overseas, see litigation funding as an attractive counter-cyclical investment.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND PERFORMANCE**

The consolidated entity's operations are not presently subject to significant environmental regulation under the laws of the Commonwealth and the States.

### **SHARE OPTIONS**

### **Unissued Shares**

As at the date of this report there were no options on issue, other than the conversion rights attaching to the convertible notes.

### Shares Issued as a Result of the Exercise of Options

No shares were issued as a result of the exercise of employee options. (During 2011, employees exercised options to acquire 860,000 fully paid ordinary shares in IMF, with a weighted average exercise price (WAEP) of \$0.80.)

### INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

During the financial year the Company has paid premiums in respect of an insurance contract insuring all the Directors and Officers of the Group against any legal costs incurred in defending proceedings for conduct other than:

- a. a wilful breach of duty; or
- b. a contravention of sections 182 or 183 of the Corporations Act 2001, as may be permitted by section 199B of the Corporations Act 2001.

The total amount of premiums paid under the insurance contract referred to above and for professional indemnity cover was \$440,114 (2011: \$275,924). (Please note the premiums paid during the current financial year were for an 18 month period.)





### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)**

This Remuneration Report outlines the director and executive remuneration arrangements of the Group in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and its Regulations. For the purposes of this report Key Management Personnel of the Group are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company.

### **KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

Details of Key Management Personnel are:

### (i) Directors

Robert Ferguson Non-Executive Chairman

Hugh McLernon Managing Director

John Walker Executive Director – Director of Marketing

Clive Bowman Executive Director - Director of Operations

Alden Halse Non-Executive Director

Michael Bowen Non-Executive Director

(ii) Executives

Diane Jones Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

Charlie Gollow Investment Manager

There were no changes to Key Management Personnel after the reporting date and before the financial report was authorised for issue.

### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for determining and reviewing remuneration arrangements for the Board and executives.

The Remuneration Committee assesses the appropriateness of the nature and amount of the emoluments of the directors and executive team on a periodic basis by reference to relevant employment market conditions, with the overall objective of ensuring the best stakeholder benefit from the Board and executive team.

### **Remuneration Philosophy**

The performance of the Company depends upon the quality of its directors and executives. Accordingly, the Company must attract, motivate and retain highly skilled directors and executives.

The Company embodies the following principles in its remuneration framework:

- · determination of appropriate market rates for the fixed remuneration component; and
- establishment of appropriate performance hurdles for the variable remuneration component.

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### 2012 DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (CONTINUED)**

### **Remuneration Structure**

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of non-executive director and executive remuneration is separate and distinct. Historically, the Company obtained assistance from remuneration experts in relation to setting its remuneration structure. There were no consultations in relation to remuneration during the current year.

Details of the nature and amount of each element of the emoluments of each director and executive of the Company for the financial year are set out below.

### **Non-Executive Director Remuneration**

Fees and payments to non-executive directors reflect the demands which are made on, and the responsibilities of, the non-executive directors. Non-executive directors' fees and payments totalled \$260,000 (including superannuation), as disclosed in the following tables. At the 2009 Annual General Meeting shareholders approved payments up to \$300,000 to non-executive directors.

There are no retirement allowances for non-executive directors, nor do they participate in any incentive programs. Non-executive directors may, however, elect to have a portion of their remuneration paid into their personal superannuation plans.

### **Executive Remuneration**

### Objective

The Company aims to reward executives with a level and mix of compensation elements commensurate with their position and responsibilities, within the following framework:

- reward executives for Company and individual performance against targets set to appropriate benchmarks;
- align the interests of executives with those of shareholders;
- · link rewards with the internal strategic goals of the Company; and
- ensure total compensation is competitive by market standards.

### Structure

It is the Remuneration Committee's policy that employment contracts are entered into with all Key Management Personnel. Details of these contracts are provided below.

Compensation consists of the following key elements:

- fixed remuneration; and
- · variable remuneration.



### **Fixed Remuneration**

### Objective

Fixed compensation is reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee. The process consists of a review of Company wide and individual performance, relevant comparative compensation in the market and internally and, where appropriate, external advice on policies and practices.

### Structure

Executives are given the opportunity to receive their fixed remuneration in a variety of forms including cash and fringe benefits such as motor vehicles and expense payment plans. It is intended that the manner of payment chosen will be optimal for the recipient without creating undue cost to the Group.

### Variable Remuneration

### Objective

The objective of the variable compensation incentive is to reward executives in a manner that aligns this element of their compensation with the objectives and internal key performance indicators of the Company. The total potential incentive available is set at a level so as to provide sufficient incentive to the executive to achieve the operational targets and such that the cost to the Group is reasonable in the circumstances.

### Structure

The short term executive incentive plan ("STI") was designed and implemented with the assistance of external remuneration consultants, Mastertek Pty Limited, in 2009. This STI replaced the Employee Share Option Plan. All executives have the opportunity to qualify for participation in the STI when specified criteria are met. The Group has not implemented any long term incentive plans, although the Remuneration Committee may elect to make payments under the STI in the form of cash, options or shares.

The Group has pre-determined benchmarks that must be met in order to trigger payments under the STI. In summary, the benchmarks set by the Remuneration Committee for 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

- A minimum "hurdle" of net profit before tax ("NPBT") must be achieved prior to any incentive being paid. From 2008 this hurdle was set at 20% of weighted net assets of the prior year. From 2011 this hurdle was increased to 25% of weighted net assets of the prior year.
- A fixed percentage of NPBT above this hurdle may be allocated to the incentive pool. From 2008 this was set at 35% (i.e. 35% of any NPBT over the hurdle may be allocated to the incentive pool).
- The incentive pool is capped at the total salaries paid to those employees eligible to participate (there is no individual cap within the pool).
- Once the pool size is quantified, the Remuneration Committee determines the amount, if any, of the STI to be
  allocated to each executive following consideration of the individual employee's contribution. Since 2008 the
  Remuneration Committee has not distributed the full amount of the total incentive pool available. The Remuneration
  Committee has allocated 98% of the available incentive pool to be distributed under the STI in 2012 (2011: 91%).
  The unallocated portion of prior years' incentive pools may be used in calculating future incentive pools at the
  discretion of the Remuneration Committee.





### Variable Remuneration (continued)

Payments of amounts awarded to employees under the STI will be paid in the following reporting period, if the
employee remains employed by the Group during the loyalty service period under the STI, where 50% of each
employee's bonus to be paid on 15 September 2012 and 50% on 15 March 2013.

The total allocation under the 2012 STI was \$6,877,300 (2011: \$4,813,500), which has been accrued in the current financial year. Details of allocations made under the STI to Key Management Personnel are set out in Table 1 on page 23.

### **Group Performance**

The objectives and philosophy of the Remuneration Committee are based upon aligning the performance of the Group's executives with increasing shareholders' wealth. The following graph shows the performance of the Group as measured by its share price:



The following is a summary of the Group's earnings per share (shown as cents per share) over the last five years.

Earnings per share (cents per share)
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
15.04	17.35	9.77	18.56	34.87
14.70	16.93	9.70	17.32	29.51

### **Employment Contracts**

- a. Hugh McLernon, Managing Director:
  - > new rolling 12-month contract commenced 1 July 2007;
  - gross salary package of \$1,000,000 pa including super;
  - > salary to be reviewed annually, with the 2012 review determining there should be no increase in salary (2011: a 16% increase); and
  - > notice period is 12 months.



### **Employment Contracts (continued)**

- b. John Walker, Executive Director Director of Marketing:
  - > new rolling 12-month contract commenced 1 July 2007;
  - > gross salary package of \$800,000 pa including super;
  - > salary to be reviewed annually, with the 2012 review determining there should be no increase in salary (2011: a 12% increase); and
  - > notice period is 12 months.
- c. Clive Bowman, Executive Director Director of Operations:
  - > new rolling 12 month contract commenced 1 July 2012;
  - > gross salary package of \$800,000 pa including super;
  - > contract to be reviewed annually with the 2012 review determining there should be an increase in salary of 23% (2011: a 15% increase); and
  - > notice period is 12 months.
- d. Diane Jones, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary:
  - > contract commenced 5 June 2006;
  - > gross salary package of \$410,000 pa including super;
  - > contract to be reviewed annually with minimum CPI increases, with the 2012 review determining an increase in salary of 2.5% (2011: a 11% increase); and
  - > notice period is 3 months.
- e. Charlie Gollow, Investment Manager:
  - > contract commenced 22 April 2003;
  - > gross salary package of \$460,000 pa including super;
  - > contract to be reviewed annually with minimum CPI increases, with the 2012 review determining an increase in salary of 2.2% (2011: a 13% increase); and
  - > notice period by the employee is 3 months and 6 months' notice by the Company.

### **Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

Table 1: Remuneration for the year ended 30 June 2012

		Short-term					
	Calam 9	2012	Post		Donformono	2011	2012
2012	Salary & Fees	Bonus Accrued <sup>1</sup>	Employment Super	Total <sup>3</sup>	Performance Related	Bonus Paid²	Unpaid Bonus <sup>1</sup>
Directors							
Robert Ferguson	110,092	-	9,908	120,000	0%	-	-
Hugh McLernon	984,225	1,200,000	15,775	2,200,000	55%	1,000,000	1,200,000
John Walker	784,225	1,000,000	15,775	1,800,000	56%	750,000	1,000,000
Alden Halse	64,220	-	5,780	70,000	0%	-	-
Michael Bowen	70,000	-		70,000	0%	-	-
Clive Bowman	634,225	1,000,000	15,775	1,650,000	61%	750,000	1,000,000
Executives							
Charlie Gollow	434,225	375,000	15,775	825,000	45%	300,000	375,000
Diane Jones	384,225	350,000	15,775	750,000	47%	275,000	350,000
Total	3,465,437	3,925,000	94,563	7,485,000	52%	3,075,000	3,925,000

Table 2: Remuneration for the year ended 30 June 2011

		Short-term					
		2011	Post			2010	2011
2011	Salary & Fees	Bonus Accrued <sup>2</sup>	Employment Super	Total <sup>3</sup>	Performance Related	Bonus Paid⁴	Unpaid Bonus <sup>2</sup>
Directors							
Robert Ferguson	100,000	-	9,000	109,000	0%	_	_
Hugh McLernon	850,000	1,000,000	15,192	1,865,192	54%	_	1,000,000
John Walker	700,000	750,000	15,192	1,465,192	51%	-	750,000
Alden Halse	50,000	-	4,500	54,500	0%	-	_
Michael Bowen	55,000	-	_	55,000	0%	-	_
Clive Bowman	551,808	750,000	15,192	1,317,000	57%	_	750,000
Executives							
Charlie Gollow	384,808	300,000	15,192	700,000	43%	_	300,000
Diane Jones	344,808	275,000	15,192	635,000	43%	_	275,000
Total	3,036,424	3,075,000	89,460	6,200,884	50%	-	3,075,000

- This bonus was awarded by the Remuneration Committee under the STI on 29 June 2012 and will be paid in the 2013 financial year so long as the employee remains in employment with the Company. The Group believes that a constructive obligation to pay the 2012 bonus under the STI arose during the year. Accordingly, the bonus was accrued in the 2012 financial year.
- The Bonus awarded by the Remuneration Committee on 30 June 2011 was paid during the 2012 financial year. The Group believes that a constructive obligation to pay the 2011 bonus under the STI arose during the prior year.
- Total Key Management Personnel Remuneration recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The professional indemnity insurance and insurance premiums for directors and officers totalled \$440,114 (2011: \$275,924) have not been allocated to specific individuals as the Directors do not believe there is a reasonable basis for allocation.
- There was no bonus awarded by the Remuneration Committee under the STI for the 2010 financial year. Therefore there was no bonus paid during the 2011 financial year.



### **Compensation and Remuneration Options**

No options were granted to Key Management Personnel in 2012 or 2011.

There were no alterations to the terms and conditions attaching to options granted as remuneration since their grant date. There were no forfeitures during the period.

No options expired in 2012 or 2011.

Table 3: Shares issued on exercise of compensation options

	30 June 2012				30 June 2011			
	No. of shares issued	Paid per share	Unpaid per share	Value of options exercised*	No. of shares issued	Paid per share	Unpaid per share	Value of options exercised*
Directors								
Hugh McLernon	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
John Walker	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-
Clive Bowman	_	_	-	_	500,000	\$0.80	-	850,000
Executives								
Charlie Gollow	_	_	_	_	250,000	\$0.80	-	425,000
Total	_	_	_	_	750,000	_	_	1,275,000

<sup>\*</sup> Calculation based on the IMF share price on the exercise date.

**END OF REMUNERATION REPORT** 









### **DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The number of meetings of Directors held during the periods under review and the number of meetings attended by each Director were as follows:

Total number of meetings held:	Board Meetings 5	Audit Committee 2	Remuneration Committee 3
Meetings attended:			
R Ferguson	5	2	3
M Bowen	5	2	3
A J Halse	5	2	3
H McLernon	5	-	-
J F Walker	5	-	-
Clive Bowman	5	-	-

### **Committee Membership**

As at the date of this report, the Company had an Audit Committee, a Remuneration Committee and a Nomination Committee. Directors acting on committees of the Board during the year were as follows:

Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Commitee
A J Halse (Chairman)	M Bowen (Chairman)	R Ferguson (Chairman)
M Bowen	A J Halse	H McLernon
R Ferguson	R Ferguson	

### Rounding

The amounts contained in this report have been rounded to the nearest \$1 (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Class Order 98/100. The Company is an entity to which the Class Order applies.

### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

Ernst & Young, the Company's auditors, have provided a written declaration to the Directors in relation to their audit of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2012. This Independence Declaration can be found at page 27.

### **Non-Audit Services**

The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001. The nature and scope of each type of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

Ernst & Young received or are due the following amounts for the provision of non-audit services:

Tax compliance services and other non audit services \$86,710 (2011: \$111,610).



### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has an extensive Corporate Governance Manual that includes a compliance program and complaint handling procedures which will enable the Company to interact with its clients and the public in a consistent and transparent manner. The Company's corporate governance statement is noted from page 77 of this Annual Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

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ROBERT FERGUSON CHAIRMAN

HUGH MCLERNON

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Sydney 22 August 2012

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



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### Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of IMF (Australia) Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial report of IMF (Australia) Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2012, 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.

Ernst & Young

G H Meyerowitz Partner

22 August 2012

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

		8848	Consolidated
	Note	2012 \$	201
Continuing Operations			
Revenue	6	2,409,106	2,690,63
Other income	7	70,592,507	37,934,36
Total Income		73,001,613	40,624,99
Finance costs	8(a)	(416,495)	(1,065,363
Bad debts written off	13	-	(174,239
Depreciation expense	8(b)	(238,409)	(220,243
Employee benefits expense	8(c)	(6,999,311)	(3,694,362
Corporate and office expense	8(d)	(2,970,128)	(1,769,470
Other expenses	8(e)	(965,818)	(940,257
Profit From Continuing Operations Before Income Tax		61,411,452	32,761,05
Income tax expense	9	(18,445,660)	(9,900,909
Net Profit for the Period		42,965,792	22,860,15
Other Comprehensive Income			
Net fair value gains/(loss) on available-for-sale financial assets		30,332	(333,646
Impairment on available-for-sale investments transferred to other expenses		-	117,47
Income tax on items of other comprehensive income		-	100,09
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		30,332	(116,080
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period		42,996,124	22,744,07
Net fair value gains/(loss) on available-for-sale financial assets Impairment on available-for-sale investments transferred to other expenses Income tax on items of other comprehensive income Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax  Total Comprehensive Income for the Period			30,332
Earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the con	npany (ce	nts per share)	
Basic profit (cents per share)	11	34.87	18.5
Diluted profit (cents per share)	11	29.51	17.3

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

			Consolidated
	Note	2012 \$	2011
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	62,424,566	55,011,992
Trade and other receivables	13	67,227,799	36,075,176
Other assets	14	380,356	699,885
Total Current Assets		130,032,721	91,787,053
Non-Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	13	16,330,417	264,371
Plant and equipment	15	798,667	440,500
Financial assets	16	476,158	430,104
Intangible assets	17	66,004,218	59,625,438
Total Non-Current Assets		83,609,460	60,760,413
TOTAL ASSETS		213,642,181	152,547,466
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	18	24,532,246	7,233,234
Income tax payable	9	13,889,127	37,249
Provisions	19	8,118,689	6,029,525
Total Current Liabilities		46,540,062	13,300,008
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	19	259,530	344,733
Convertible notes	20	34,945,316	33,568,796
Deferred income tax liabilities	9	20,179,335	18,140,424
Total Non-Current Liabilities		55,384,181	52,053,953
TOTAL LIABILITIES		101,924,243	65,353,961
NET ASSETS		111,717,938	87,193,505
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	21	41,909,483	41,900,322
Reserves	22(b)	7,266,268	7,235,936
Retained earnings	22(a)	62,542,187	38,057,247
TOTAL EQUITY		111,717,938	87,193,505

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

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

			Consolidated
	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash Flows from operating activities			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,180,414)	(3,654,069)
Interest income		2,262,965	2,452,390
Interest paid		(3,939,814)	(1,237,656)
Income tax paid		(2,554,870)	(3,838,225)
Net cash flows (used in) operating activities	23	(10,412,133)	(6,277,560)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from litigation funding - settlements, fees and reimbursements		74,910,264	29,844,488
Payments for litigation funding and capitalised suppliers and employee costs		(49,488,862)	(37,366,405)
Loans to external parties		(800,000)	-
Purchase of plant and equipment		(652,262)	(124,761)
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale investments		15,652	_
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activities		23,984,792	(7,646,678)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		-	688,000
Dividends paid		(6,160,085)	(12,320,170)
Convertible note costs		-	(1,530,838)
Issue of convertible notes		-	39,108,984
Net cash flows (used in)/from financing activities		(6,160,085)	25,945,976
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		7,412,574	12,021,738
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		55,011,992	42,990,254
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	12	62,424,566	55,011,992

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

CONSOLIDATED	Issued capital \$	Option premium reserve	Net unrealised gains reserve \$	Convertible notes reserve	Retained earnings \$	Total \$
As at 1 July 2011	41,900,322	3,403,720	-	3,832,216	38,057,247	87,193,505
Profit for the period	_	_	_	_	42,965,792	42,965,792
Other comprehensive income	_	_	30,332	_	_	30,332
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	41,900,322	3,403,720	30,332	3,832,216	81,023,039	130,189,629
Equity Transactions:						
Dividend paid	_	-	-	-	(6,160,086)	(6,160,086)
Dividend declared (unpaid)	_	-	-	-	(12,320,766)	(12,320,766)
Convertible notes converted	9,161	-	_	-	-	9,161
As at 30 June 2012	41,909,483	3,403,720	30,332	3,832,216	62,542,187	111,717,938
As at 1 July 2010	40,514,450	3,403,720	116,080	984,139	27,517,267	72,535,656
Profit for the period	_	-	-	-	22,860,150	22,860,150
Other comprehensive income	_	_	(116,080)	_	_	(116,080)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	40,514,450	3,403,720	-	984,139	50,377,417	95,279,726
Equity Transactions:						
Dividend paid	_	_	_	-	(12,320,170)	(12,320,170)
Exercise of options	688,000	_	_	-	-	688,000
Convertible notes converted	697,872	_	_	_	-	697,872
Convertible note equity net of transaction costs	_	-	-	4,068,682	-	4,068,682
Deferred tax liability relating to convertible note	_	_	_	(1,220,605)	_	(1,220,605)
As at 30 June 2011	41,900,322	3,403,720	-	3,832,216	38,057,247	87,193,505

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012



### **NOTE 1: CORPORATE INFORMATION**

The financial report of IMF (Australia) Ltd ("IMF", "the Company" or "the Parent") for the year ended 30 June 2012 and its subsidiaries (the Group or consolidated entity) was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 22 August 2012.

IMF (Australia) Ltd (ABN 45 067 298 088) is a company incorporated and domiciled in Australia and limited by shares that are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: IMF).

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in note 5.

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### a. Basis of preparation

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The financial report has also been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for available-for-sale and held for trading investments, which have been measured at fair value.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The amounts contained within this report have been rounded to the nearest \$1 (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Class Order 98/100.

### b. Compliance with IFRS

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

For the purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements, the parent entity is a for profit entity.

### c. New accounting standards and interpretations

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except as follows:

(i) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

The Group has adopted all new and amended Australian Accounting Standards and AASB Interpretations effective as of 1 July 2011, including:

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012 (continued)

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(i) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (continued)

Title	date of	Application date for Group
The revised AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures (December 2009) simplifies the definition of a related party, clarifying its intended meaning and eliminating inconsistencies from the definition, including:	1 January 2011	1 July 2011
a. The definition now identifies a subsidiary and an associate with the same investor as related parties of each other		
b. Entities significantly influenced by one person and entities significantly influenced by a close member of the family of that person are no longer related parties of each other		
c. The definition now identifies that, whenever a person or entity has both joint control over a second entity and joint control or significant influence over a third party, the second and third entities are related to each other		
A partial exemption is also provided from the disclosure requirements for government- related entities. Entities that are related by virtue of being controlled by the same government can provide reduced related party disclosures.		
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	1 January	1 July 2011
[AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]	2011	
Makes numerous editorial changes to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations.		
In particular, it amends AASB 8 <i>Operating Segments</i> to require an entity to exercise judgment in assessing whether a government and entities known to be under the control of that government are considered a single customer for the purposes of certain operating segment disclosures. It also makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, including amendments to reflect changes made to the text of IFRS by the IASB.		
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project	1 January 2011	1 July 2011
[AASB 1, AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 134 and Interpretation 13]		
Emphasises the interaction between quantitative and qualitative AASB 7 disclosures and the nature and extent of risks associated with financial instruments.		
Clarifies that an entity will present an analysis of other comprehensive income for each component of equity, either in the statement of changes in equity or in the notes to the financial statements.		
Provides guidance to illustrate how to apply disclosure principles in AASB 134 for significant events and transactions.		
Clarifies that when the fair value of award credits is measured based on the value of the awards for which they could be redeemed, the amount of discounts or incentives otherwise granted to customers not participating in the award credit scheme, is to be taken into account.		
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# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(i) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (continued)

Reference	Title	Application date of standard	Application date for Group
AASB	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	1 January	1 July 2011
2010-5	[AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 101, 107, 112, 118, 119, 121, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 112, 115, 127, 132 & 1042]	2011	
	This standard makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, including amendments to reflect changes made to the text of IFRS by the IASB.		
	These amendments have no major impact on the requirements of the amended pronouncements.		
AASB	Australian Additional Disclosures		1 July 2011
1054	This standard is as a consequence of phase 1 of the joint Trans-Tasman Convergence project of the AASB and FRSB.		
	This standard, with AASB 2011-1 relocates all Australian specific disclosures from other standards to one place and revises disclosures in the following areas:		
	a. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards		
	b. The statutory basis or reporting framework for financial statements		
	c. Whether the entity is a for-profit or not-for-profit entity		
	d. Whether the financial statements are general purpose or special purpose		
	e. Audit fees		
	f. Imputation credits		
AASB 2010-6	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfers of Financial Assets [AASB 1 & AASB 7]	1 July 2011	1 July 2011
	The amendments increase the disclosure requirements for transactions involving transfers of financial assets that are not derecognised and introduce new disclosures for assets that are derecognised but the entity continues to have a continuing exposure to the asset after the sale.		

The adoption of the above amendments resulted in changes to accounting policies and disclosures, but had no impact on the financial position or financial performance of the Group.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012 (continued)

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2012 are outlined in the table below. The impact of these new standards and interpretations has not been assessed.

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date of standard	Application date for Group
AASB 2011-3	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Orderly Adoption of Changes to the ABS GFS Manual and Related Amendments	This standard makes amendments including clarifying the definition of the ABS GFS Manual, facilitating the orderly adoption of changes to the ABS GFS Manual and related disclosures to AASB 1049.  Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Improvements to AASB 1049 can be found in AASB 2011-13.	1 July 2012	1 July 2012
	[AASB 1049]			
AASB 2011-9	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Other Comprehensive Income	This standard requires entities to group items presented in other comprehensive income on the basis of whether they might be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss and those that will not.	1 July 2012	1 July 2012
	[AASB 1, 5, 7, 101, 112, 120, 121, 132, 133, 134, 1039 & 1049]			

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective (continued)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date of standard	Application date for Group
AASB 9	Financial Instruments	AASB 9 includes requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. It was further amended by AASB 2010-7 to reflect amendments to the accounting for financial liabilities.	1 January 2013*	1 July 2013
		These requirements improve and simplify the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139. The main changes are described below.		
		a. Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on (1) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; (2) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.		
		b. Allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.		
		c. Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.		
		d. Where the fair value option is used for financial liabilities the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:		
		<ul> <li>The change attributable to changes in credit risk are presented in other comprehensive income (OCI)</li> </ul>		
		The remaining change is presented in profit or loss		
		If this approach creates or enlarges an accounting mismatch in the profit or loss, the effect of the changes in credit risk are also presented in profit or loss.		
		Consequential amendments were also made to other standards as a result of AASB 9, introduced by AASB 2009-11 and superseded by AASB 2010-7 and 2010-10.		

<sup>\*</sup> AASB ED 215 Mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 proposes to defer the mandatory effective date of AASB 9 to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, with early application permitted. At the time of preparation, finalisation of ED 215 is still pending by the AASB. However, the IASB has deferred the mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, with early application permitted.

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective (continued)

Reference Title Summary		Application date of standard	Application date for Group	
AASB 10	Consolidated Financial Statements	AASB 10 establishes a new control model that applies to all entities. It replaces parts of AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements dealing with the accounting for consolidated financial statements and UIG-112 Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities.	1 January 2013	1 July 2013
		The new control model broadens the situations when an entity is considered to be controlled by another entity and includes new guidance for applying the model to specific situations, including when acting as a manager may give control, the impact of potential voting rights and when holding less than a majority voting rights may give control.		
		Consequential amendments were also made to other standards via AASB 2011-7.		
AASB 11	Joint Arrangements	AASB 11 replaces AASB 131 Interests in Joint Ventures and UIG-113 Jointly controlled Entities – Non-monetary Contributions by Ventures. AASB 11 uses the principle of control in AASB 10 to define joint control, and therefore the determination of whether joint control exists may change. In addition it removes the option to account for jointly controlled entities (JCEs) using proportionate consolidation. Instead, accounting for a joint arrangement is dependent on the nature of the rights and obligations arising from the arrangement. Joint operations that give the venturers a right to the underlying assets and obligations themselves is accounted for by recognising the share of those assets and obligations. Joint ventures that give the venturers a right to the net assets is accounted for using the equity method.	1 January 2013	1 July 2013
		Consequential amendments were also made to other standards via AASB 2011-7 and amendments to AASB 128.		
AASB 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	AASB 12 includes all disclosures relating to an entity's interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates and structures entities. New disclosures have been introduced about the judgments made by management to determine whether control exists, and to require summarised information about joint arrangements, associates and structured entities and subsidiaries with non-controlling interests.	1 January 2013	1 July 2013
AASB 13	Fair Value Measurement	AASB 13 establishes a single source of guidance for determining the fair value of assets and liabilities. AASB 13 does not change when an entity is required to use fair value, but rather, provides guidance on how to determine fair value when fair value is required or permitted. Application of this definition may result in different fair values being determined for the relevant assets.	1 January 2013	1 July 2013
		AASB 13 also expands the disclosure requirements for all assets or liabilities carried at fair value. This includes information about the assumptions made and the qualitative impact of those assumptions on the fair value determined.		
		Consequential amendments were also made to other standards via AASB 2011-8.		









# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective (continued)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date of standard	Application date for Group
AASB 119	Employee Benefits	The main change introduced by this standard is to revise the accounting for defined benefit plans. The amendment removes the options for accounting for the liability, and requires that the liabilities arising from such plans is recognised in full with actuarial gains and losses being recognised in other comprehensive income. It also revised the method of calculating the return on plan assets.	1 January 2013	1 July 2013
		The revised standard changes the definition of short-term employee benefits. The distinction between short-term and other long-term employee benefits is now based on whether the benefits are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the reporting date.		
		Consequential amendments were also made to other standards via AASB 2011-10.		
AASB 2012-5	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Annual	This standard sets out amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and the related bases for conclusions and guidance made during the International Accounting Standards Board's Annual Improvements process. These amendments have not yet been adopted by the AASB.	1 January 2013	1 July 2013
	Improvements 2009-2011 cycle	The following items are addressed by this standard:		
		IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards		
		<ul><li>Repeated application of IFRS 1</li><li>Borrowing costs</li></ul>		
		IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements		
		Clarification of the requirements for comparative information		
		IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment		
		Classification of servicing equipment		
		IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation		
		Tax effect of distribution to holders of equity instruments		
		IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting		
		<ul> <li>Interim financial reporting and segment information for total assets and liabilities</li> </ul>		
AASB 2011-4	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards to Remove Individual Key Management Personnel Disclosure Requirements	This Amendment deletes from AASB 124 individual Key Management Personnel disclosure requirements for disclosing entities that are not companies.	1 July 2013	1 July 2013
	[AASB 124]			

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012 (continued)

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# c. New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective (continued)

Reference	Title	Summary	date of standard	date for Group
AASB 1053	Tiers of Australian Accounting	This Standard establishes a differential financial reporting framework consisting of two Tiers of reporting requirements for preparing general purpose financial statements:	1 July 2013	1 July 2013
	Standards	a. Tier 1: Australian Accounting Standards		
		<ul> <li>b. Tier 2: Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements</li> </ul>		
		Tier 2 comprises the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements of Tier 1 and substantially reduced disclosures corresponding to those requirements.		
		The following entities apply Tier 1 requirements in preparing general purpose financial statements:		
	accountability (as defined in this Star b. The Australian Government and Stat Local Governments The following entities apply either Tier 2 in preparing general purpose financial s	<ul> <li>For-profit entities in the private sector that have public accountability (as defined in this Standard)</li> </ul>		
		The following entities apply either Tier 2 or Tier 1 requirements in preparing general purpose financial statements:		
		b. All not-for-profit private sector entities		
		<ul> <li>Public sector entities other than the Australian Government and State, Territory and Local Governments.</li> </ul>		
		Consequential amendments to other standards to implement the regime were introduced by AASB 2010-2, 2011-2, 2011-6, 2011-11 and 2012-1.		

# d. Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of IMF (Australia) Ltd ("IMF", "the Company" or "the Parent") and its subsidiaries Financial Redress Pty Limited (formerly Insolvency Litigation Fund Pty Limited), Bentham Holdings Inc. and Bentham Capital LLC ("the Group") as at 30 June each year.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intercompany balances and transactions, income and expenses and profits and losses resulting from intra-group transactions have been eliminated in full.

The Parent's investment in the subsidiaries are measured at cost in the separate financial statements of the Parent less any impairment charges. Dividends received from subsidiaries are recorded as a component of other revenues in the Statement of Comprehensive Income of the Parent and do not impact the recorded cost of the investment.

# e. Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency by applying the exchange rates ruling at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date. Gains and losses arising from these transactions are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.







# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# f. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash on hand and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flow, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

# g. Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30-90 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value less an allowance for any uncollectable amounts.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectable are written off when identified. An impairment loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the debt. Financial difficulties of the debtor and loss of cases on appeal are considered to be objective evidence of impairment.

# h. Investments and other financial assets

Investments and financial assets in the scope of AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement are categorised as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, or available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. The Group determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value, plus, in the case of investments not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

# Recognition and derecognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Group commits to purchase the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets under contracts that require delivery of the assets within the period established generally by regulation or convention in the market place. Financial assets are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the financial asset has expired or been transferred.

# (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets classified as held for trading are included in the category "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss". Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the near term with the intention of making a profit. Gains or losses on financial assets held for trading are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the related assets are classified as current assets in the Statement of Financial Position.

# (ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables including loan notes and loans to Key Management Personnel are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.



# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# h. Investments and other financial assets (continued)

# (iii) Available-for-sale securities

Available-for-sale investments are those non-derivative financial assets, principally equity securities, that are designated as available for sale or are not classified as any of the preceding categories. After initial recognition available-for-sale are measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognised as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognised or until the investment is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in equity is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The fair value of investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets are determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. For investments with no active market, fair values are determined using valuation techniques. Such valuation techniques include: using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument that is substantially the same; discounted cash flow analysis and option pricing models making as much use of available and supportable market data as possible and keeping judgmental inputs to a minimum.

# i. Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Such cost includes the cost of replacing parts that are eligible for capitalisation when the cost of replacing parts is incurred. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as incurred.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Plant and equipment - over 5 to 15 years.

The assets' residual values, useful lives and amortisation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end.

# Derecognition

An item of plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

# j. Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

Finance leases, which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item, are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Capitalised leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straightline basis over the lease term. Operating lease incentives are recognised as a liability when received and subsequently reduced by allocating lease payments between rental expense and reduction of the liability.



# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# k. Intangible assets

Litigation Contracts In Progress

Litigation Contracts In Progress represent future economic benefits controlled by the Group. As Litigation Contracts In Progress may be exchanged or sold, the Group is able to control the expected future economic benefit flowing from the Litigation Contracts In Progress. Accordingly, Litigation Contracts In Progress meets the definition of intangible assets.

Litigation Contracts In Progress are measured at cost on initial recognition. Litigation Contracts In Progress are not amortised as the assets are not available for use until the determination of a successful judgment or settlement, at which point the assets are realised.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of Litigation Contracts in Progress are measured as the difference between the net disposed proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when the asset is derecognised.

The following specific asset recognition rules have been applied to Litigation Contracts In Progress:

# (A) Actions still outstanding:

When litigation is outstanding and pending a determination, Litigation Contracts In Progress are carried at cost. Subsequent expenditure is capitalised when it meets all of the following criteria:

- a. demonstration of ability of the Group to complete the litigation so that the asset will be available for use and the benefits embodied in the asset will be realised;
- b. demonstration that the asset will generate future economic benefits;
- c. demonstration that the Group intends to complete the litigation;
- d. demonstration of the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the litigation; and
- e. ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during the Litigation Contracts In Progress.

# (B) Successful Judgment:

Where the litigation has been determined in favour of the Group or a positive settlement has been agreed, this constitutes a derecognition of the intangible asset and accordingly a gain or loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Any future costs relating to the defence of an appeal by the defendant are expensed as incurred.

# (C) Unsuccessful Judgment:

Where the litigation is unsuccessful at trial, this is a trigger for impairment of the intangible asset and the asset is written down to its recoverable amount. If the claimant, having been unsuccessful at trial, appeals against the judgment, then future costs incurred by the Company on the appeal are expensed as incurred.



# I. Trade and other payables

Trade payables and other payables are carried at amortised cost. Due to their short-term nature they are not discounted. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Group becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# m. Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities that are yield related are included as part of the carrying amount of the loan and borrowings.

The 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.

# n. Provisions and employee benefits

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the Group expects some or all of the provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income net of any reimbursement.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date using a discounted cash flow methodology. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised in finance costs.

# Employee leave benefits

(i) Wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave due to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Expenses for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

# (ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.



# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# o. Share-based payment transactions

# (i) Equity-settled transactions

Previously, the Company had an Employee Share Option Plan ("ESOP"), which provided benefits to directors and employees in the form of share-based payments. During 2007 the Company implemented a short term incentive plan ("STI"), which replaced the ESOP, and which may also, at the discretion of the Remuneration Committee, provide benefits to employees in the form of share-based payments.

The cost of equity-settled transactions with employees (for awards granted after 7 November 2002 that were unvested at 1 January 2005) is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined using a Black Scholes model.

In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any vesting conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of IMF (i.e. market conditions) if applicable.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled (the vesting period), ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (the vesting date).

At each subsequent reporting date until vesting, the cumulative charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income is the product of (i) the grant date fair value of the award; (ii) the current best estimate of the number of awards that will vest, taking into account such factors as the likelihood of employee turnover during the vesting period and the likelihood of non-market performance conditions being met; and (iii) the expired portion of the vesting period.

The charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period is the cumulative amount as calculated above less the amounts already charged in previous periods. There is a corresponding credit to equity.

Equity-settled awards granted by IMF to employees of subsidiaries are recognised in the Parent's separate financial statements as an additional investment in the subsidiary with a corresponding credit to equity. These amounts are eliminated through consolidation. As a result, the expenses recognised by IMF (Australia) Ltd in relation to equity-settled awards only represents the expense associated with grants to employees of the Parent. The expense recognised by the Group is the total expense associated with all such awards.

Until an award has vested, any amounts recorded are contingent and will be adjusted if more or fewer awards vest than were originally anticipated to do so. Any award subject to a market condition is considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition is fulfilled, provided that all other conditions are satisfied.

If the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. An additional expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee, as measured at the date of modification.

If an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and an expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share.



# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# o. Share-based payment transactions (continued)

# (ii) Cash-settled transactions

The Group does not provide cash-settled share-based benefits to employees or senior executives.

# p. Convertible notes

The component of the convertible notes that exhibits characteristics of a liability is recognised as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position, net of transaction costs.

On issuance of the convertible notes, the fair value of the liability component is determined using an estimated market rate for an equivalent non-convertible bond and this amount is carried as a long-term liability on an amortised cost basis until extinguished on conversion or redemption. The increase in the liability due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost. Interest on the liability component of the instruments is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The fair value of any derivative features embedded in the convertible notes, other than the equity component, are included in the liability component. Subsequent to initial recognition, these derivative features are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The remainder of the proceeds is allocated to the conversion option that is recognised and included in shareholders' equity, net of transaction costs. The carrying amount of the conversion option is not remeasured in subsequent years.

Transaction costs are apportioned between the liability and equity components of the convertible notes based on the allocation of proceeds to the liability and equity components when the instruments are first recognised.

# q. Contributed equity

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

# r. Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised and measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

# (i) Interest income

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

# (ii) Dividends

Revenue is recognised when the Group's right to receive the payment is established.



# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# s. Income tax and other taxes

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities based on the current period's taxable income. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is provided on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences except:

- when the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a
  transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting
  profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the taxable temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint
  ventures, and the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the
  temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition
  of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects
  neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the deductible temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, in which case a deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Income taxes relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

IMF and its 100% owned subsidiary have formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2002. IMF is the head of the tax consolidated group.



# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# s. Income tax and other taxes (continued)

Members of the tax consolidated group have not entered into a tax sharing/funding agreement. Under UIG 1052: *Tax Consolidation Accounting*, where a tax consolidated group has not entered into a tax sharing/funding agreement, the assumption of current tax liabilities and tax losses by the Parent entity is recognised as a contribution/distribution in the subsidiary's equity accounts. The Group has applied the group allocation approach in determining the appropriate amount of current and deferred taxes to allocate to the members of the tax consolidated group.

# Other taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except:

- when the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority,
   in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item,
   as applicable; and
- receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flow on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as part of cash flows from operating activities.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

# t. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated as net profit attributable to members of the Parent, adjusted to exclude any costs of servicing equity (other than dividends), divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for any bonus element.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated as net profit attributable to members of the Parent, adjusted for:

- costs of servicing equity (other than dividends);
- the after tax effect of interest dividends and associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses; and
- other non-discretionary changes in revenue or expenses during the period that would result from dilution of potential ordinary shares,

divided by the weighted average number of shares and dilutive shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

# u. Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition and development of a qualifying asset (i.e. an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale) are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.





# NOTE 3: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise cash and short-term deposits, receivables and payables and convertible notes.

The Group manages its exposure to key financial risks, including interest rate risk and currency risk in accordance with the Group's financial risk management policy. The objective of the policy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets whilst protecting its future financial security.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group uses different methods to measure and manage different types of risks to which it is exposed. These include monitoring levels of exposure to interest rates, currencies and assessments of market forecasts for interest rates and foreign currencies. Aging analyses and monitoring of specific credit allowances are undertaken to manage credit risk. Liquidity risk is monitored through the development of future rolling cash flow forecasts.

# **Risk Exposures and Responses**

Interest Rate Risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's cash holdings with a floating interest rate. The Group's convertible notes coupon payments are fixed at 10.25% per annum and are therefore not exposed to Australian variable interest rate risk.

At balance date the Group had the following financial assets exposed to Australian variable interest rate risk:

	Collsolidated	
	2012 \$	2011 \$
nancial Assets		
sh and cash equivalents	62,424,566	55,011,992
posure	62,424,566	55,011,992

Consolidated

The Group regularly analyses its interest rate exposure. Within this analysis consideration is given to expected interest rate movements and the Group's future cash requirements, potential renewals of existing positions, alternative financing, and the mix of fixed and variable interest rates.

The following sensitivity analysis is based on the interest rate risk exposures in existence at the reporting date.

At 30 June 2012, if interest rates had moved, as illustrated in the table below, with all other variables held constant, post tax profit and equity would have been affected as follows:

Judgment of reasonably possible movements:

	Post Tax Profit Higher/(Lower)			Equity Higher/(Lower)
	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
+1.0% (100 basis points) (2011: +1.0%)	120,455	134,532	120,455	134,532
-1.0% (100 basis points) (2011: -1.0%)	(132,501)	(147,985)	(132,501)	(147,985)



# NOTE 3: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# **Risk Exposures and Responses (continued)**

# Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the financial assets of the Group, which comprises cash and cash equivalents and receivables. The Group's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Exposure at reporting date is addressed in each applicable note.

The Group's deposits are spread amongst a number of financial institutions to minimise the risk of default of counterparties, all of whom have been pre-approved by the Board, have AA credit ratings and are subject to the prudential regulation of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

The Group assesses the defendants in the matters funded by the Group prior to entering into any agreement to provide funding, and continues this assessment during the course of funding. Wherever possible the Group ensures that security for settlement sums is provided, or settlement funds are placed into solicitors' trust accounts. As at 30 June 2012, 19% of the Group's receivables were not under any such security. However, the Group's continual monitoring of the defendants' financial capacity mitigates this risk.

# Liquidity Risk

The liquidity position of the Group is managed to ensure sufficient liquid funds are available to meet the Group's expected financial commitments in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Management continually reviews the Group's liquidity position, including the preparation of cash flow forecasts, to determine the forecast liquidity position and to maintain appropriate liquidity levels. All financial liabilities of the Group are current and payable within 30 days.

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities based on contractual maturity on an undiscounted basis are:

	<6 months \$	6-12 months \$	1-5 years \$	>5 years \$	Total \$
2012	<del>_</del>	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	<u> </u>
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	21,122,846	3,409,400	_	_	24,532,246
Convertible notes	_	_	38,321,407	_	38,321,407
Convertible notes interest	1,963,972	1,963,972	5,891,916	_	9,819,860
	23,086,818	5,373,372	44,213,323	_	72,673,513
2011					
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	4,826,484	2,406,750	_	_	7,233,234
Convertible notes	_	_	38,331,218	_	38,331,218
Convertible notes interest	1,964,475	1,964,475	9,822,375	_	13,751,325
	6,790,959	4,371,225	48,153,593	-	59,315,777



# NOTE 3: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# **Risk Exposures and Responses (continued)**

Fair Value

The methods for estimating fair value are outlined in the relevant notes to the financial statements. The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities of the Group approximate their fair values.

# Foreign Currency Risk

The Group is currently funding cases outside Australia. The investment in these cases and the subsequent income generated by these cases are subject to exchange rate movements. The Group has managed this risk by ensuring that it has sufficient levels of the foreign currency available to cover the total expected investment in each case. The exposure to foreign currency risk is not considered to be material.

# Equity Price Risk

The Group has investments in companies which are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and the London Stock Exchange. The value of these investments fluctuate with equity price movements. The Group manages this risk by monitoring its investments on a regular basis. The exposure to equity price risk is not considered to be material.

# NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgments and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenues and expenses. Management bases its judgments on historical experience and on other factors it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Management has identified the following critical accounting policies for which significant judgments, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Further details of the nature of these assumptions and conditions may be found in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

# (i) Significant accounting judgments

Classification of and valuation of investments

The Group has decided to classify certain investments in listed securities as 'available-for-sale' or 'held for trading' investments and movements in fair value are recognised directly in equity or in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The fair value of listed shares has been determined by reference to published price quotations in an active market.

# **Taxation**

The Group's accounting policy for taxation requires management's judgment in assessing whether deferred tax assets and certain deferred tax liabilities are recognised on the Statement of Financial Position. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from un-recouped tax losses, capital losses and temporary differences, are recognised only where it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of sufficient future taxable profits.



# NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

# (i) Significant accounting judgments (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on management's estimates of future cash flows. These depend on estimates of future income, operating costs, capital expenditure, dividends and other capital management transactions. Judgments and assumptions are also required about the application of income tax legislation. These judgments and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty, hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognised on the Statement of Financial Position and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognised. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amounts of recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities may require adjustment, resulting in a corresponding credit or charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

# (ii) Significant accounting estimates and assumptions

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill

The Group assesses impairment of all assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Group and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. This includes an assessment of each individual Litigation Contract In Progress as to whether it is likely to be successful, the cost and timing to completion and the ability of the defendant to pay upon completion. If an impairment trigger exists the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves value in use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions (refer to note 17).

Impairment of intangibles with indefinite useful lives

The Group determines whether intangibles with indefinite useful lives are impaired at least on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating units, using a value in use discounted cash flow methodology, to which the intangibles with indefinite useful lives are allocated. The assumptions used in this estimation of the recoverable amount and the carrying amount of intangibles with indefinite useful lives are discussed in note 17.

Long service leave provision

As discussed in note 2, the liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at balance date. In determining the present value of the liability, attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The estimation of the useful lives of assets has been based on historical experience for plant and equipment. In addition, the condition of the assets is assessed at least once per year and considered against the remaining useful life. Adjustments to useful life are made when considered necessary. Depreciation charges are included in note 8(b) and note 15(a).

Provision for adverse costs

The Group raises a provision for adverse costs when it has lost a matter which it has funded and no appeal from that decision is to be made. When a matter is lost and an appeal is lodged, the Group raises a provision if the judgment at first instance is not stayed pending the outcome of the appeal. The provision raised is the Group's best estimate of the amount of adverse costs it will have to remit following consultation with external advisers.



# **NOTE 5: SEGMENT INFORMATION**

For management purposes, the Group is organised into one operating segment which provides only one service, being litigation funding. Accordingly, all operating disclosures are based upon analysis of the Group as one segment. Geographically, the Group operates in Australia and the United States of America.

The Group continues to investigate other markets and has identified the following markets outside of Australia and the United States as being favourable to litigation funding: the United Kingdom, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada, South Africa, the European Union and New Zealand.

Interest received from National Australia Bank Ltd of \$1,750,018 (2011: \$2,094,866) and Westpac Banking Group Ltd of \$605,945 (2011: \$500,000) contributed more than 97% of the Group's bank interest revenue.

# **NOTE 6: REVENUE**

	Consolidated	
	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue		
Bank interest received and accrued	2,409,106	2,690,632
	2,409,106	2,690,632

# **NOTE 7: OTHER INCOME**

	2012	2011 \$
Other income		
Litigation Contracts In Progress – settlements	117,807,365	57,856,855
Litigation Contracts In Progress – expenses	(44,049,601)	(18,703,198)
Litigation Contracts In Progress – written-off <sup>1</sup>	(3,190,718)	(1,196,883)
Net gain on disposal of intangible assets	70,567,046	37,956,774
GST recoverable/(written-off) from prior periods <sup>2</sup>	5,605	(38,012)
Other income	19,856	15,599
	70,592,507	37,934,361

Consolidated

- Included in this balance are costs related to cases not pursued by the Group due to the cases not meeting the Group's required rate of return and any adverse costs provisions raised when a litigation contract in progress has been written-off due to it being lost.
- <sup>2</sup> The GST recoverable/(written-off) from prior periods relates to an over/(under) accrual of GST payable from previous years.

# **NOTE 8: EXPENSES**

			Consolidated
		<b>2012</b> \$	<b>2011</b> \$
(a)	Finance costs		
	Interest expense	(359,336)	(971,953)
	Other finance charges	(57,159)	(93,410)
		(416,495)	(1,065,363)
(b)	Depreciation		
	Depreciation expense	(238,409)	(220,243)
(c)	Employee benefits expense		
	Wages and salaries	(5,219,659)	(2,425,392)
	Superannuation expense	(676,841)	(539,163)
	Directors' fees	(241,665)	(208,726)
	Payroll tax	(686,270)	(337,841)
	Long service leave provision	(174,876)	(183,240)
		(6,999,311)	(3,694,362)
(d)	Corporate and office expense		
	Insurance expense	(851,635)	(621,563)
	Network expense	(115,579)	(200,039)
	Marketing expense	(586,834)	(357,710)
	Occupancy expense	(89,699)	(39,181)
	Professional fee expense	(1,021,614)	(346,636)
	Recruitment expense	(22,372)	(27,137)
	Telephone expense	(115,232)	(91,856)
	Travel expense	(167,163)	(85,348)
		(2,970,128)	(1,769,470)
(e)	Other expenses		
	ASX listing fees	(51,029)	(56,368)
	General expenses	(660,394)	(354,954)
	Postage, printing and stationery	(78,669)	(100,437)
	Repairs and maintenance	(29,324)	(24,820)
	Share registry costs	(56,152)	(53,389)
	Software supplies	(21,493)	(32,264)
	Unrealised foreign exchange loss	(32,140)	(110,128)
	Net revaluation profit/(loss) on shares held for trading	19,069	(90,415)
	Impairment of available-for-sale financial asset	-	(117,482)
	Impairment of plant and equipment	(55,686)	_
		(965,818)	(940,257)



# **NOTE 9: INCOME TAX**

		Consolidated
	2012 \$	2011
The major components of income tax expense are:	*	Ψ_
Income statement		
Current income tax		
Current income tax charge	16,774,885	4,213,327
Adjustment in respect of current income tax expense of previous year	(368,135)	56,976
Deferred income tax		
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	1,659,871	5,677,361
Other	3,925	(32,996)
Derecognition of unrealised capital losses	-	15,104
Adjustment in respect of deferred income tax of previous year	375,114	(28,863)
Income tax expense reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	18,445,660	9,900,909
Statement of recognised income and expense		
Deferred income tax related to items charged or credited directly to equity		
Convertible notes	-	1,220,605
Revaluation of listed investments	-	(64,852)
Income tax expense reported in equity	-	1,155,753
A reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit before income multiplied by the Group's applicable income tax rate is as follows:		
Accounting profit before income tax	61,411,452	32,761,059
At the Group's statutory income tax rate of 30% (2011: 30%)	18,423,435	9,828,319
Adjustment in respect of income tax of previous years	6,979	28,113
Income not assessable for income tax purposes	11,321	62,369
Derecognition of unrealised capital losses	-	15,104
Other	3,925	(32,996)
Income tax expense reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	18,445,660	9,900,909

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**Deferred income tax** 

# **NOTE 9: INCOME TAX (CONTINUED)**

	Statement of Financial Position		Statement of Comprehensive Income	
	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Deferred income tax at 30 June relates to the following:				
CONSOLIDATED				
Deferred income tax liabilities				
Intangibles	19,801,266	17,754,793	2,046,472	5,608,561
Convertible notes	729,017	1,015,398	(286,381)	(205,207)
Financial instruments	_	_	_	15,104
Accrued interest	282,617	_	282,617	(164,083)
Gross deferred income tax liabilities	20,812,900	18,770,191		
Deferred income tax assets				
Depreciable assets	70,464	63,752	(6,712)	(5,728)
Accruals and provisions	557,615	557,786	171	390,187
Expenditure deductible for income tax over time	5,486	8,229	2,743	(8,229)
Gross deferred income tax assets	633,565	629,767		
Deferred income tax expense			2,038,910	5,630,605
Net deferred income tax liabilities	20,179,335	18,140,424		

# (f) Unrecognised temporary differences and tax losses

At 30 June 2012 the Group had no unrecognised temporary differences and tax losses.

# **NOTE 10: DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED**

# (a) Recognised amounts: Declared and paid during the year Dividends on ordinary shares 2012: Final 10.0 cents per share 2011: Interim 10.0 cents per share (b) Unrecognised amounts: Dividends on ordinary shares 2012: Nil unrecognised 2011: Final 5.0 cents per share

	Consolidated
2012 \$	2011 \$
12,320,766	-
-	12,320,170
12,320,766	12,320,170
-	-
_	6,160,086
_	6,160,086

On 29 June 2012 a final dividend of 10.0 cents per share was declared. The record date for this dividend is 29 August 2012 and the shares will trade ex-dividend on 23 August 2012. Payment for this dividend will be made on 13 September 2012. This dividend has been recognised in the financial statements as at 30 June 2012.



# NOTE 10: DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED (CONTINUED)

On 24 August 2011 a final dividend of 5.0 cents per share was been declared in respect of the 2011 financial year.

This dividend was not recognised in the financial statements as at 30 June 2011. This dividend was paid on 7 October 2011.

	11	MF (Australia) Ltd
(c) Franking credit balance	2012 \$	2011 \$
The amount of franking credits for the subsequent financial year are:		
- Franking account balance as at the end of the financial year at 30%	202,566	1,300,851
- Franking debits that arose from the payment of interim dividends during the year	-	(5,280,073)
- Franking debits that arose from the payment of last year's final dividend	(2,640,036)	-
<ul> <li>Franking credits that arose from the payment of income tax payable during the financial year</li> </ul>	2,582,894	3,792,592
- Franking credits that will arise from the (refund)/payment of income tax (receivable)/	10 000 107	200 106
payable as at the end of the financial year	13,889,127	389,196
	14,034,551	202,566
Impact of franking debits that will arise from the payment of the final dividend	(5,280,329)	(2,640,036)
	8,754,222	(2,437,470)

# (d) Tax rates

The tax rate at which paid dividends have been franked is 30% (2011: 30%).

# **NOTE 11: EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Basic earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing net profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent (after deducting interest on the convertible notes) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The following reflects the income and share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations:

# (a) Earnings used in calculating earnings per share

	Consolidated	
	2012 \$	2011 \$
For basic earnings per share		
Net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent	42,965,792	22,860,150
For diluted earnings per share		
Net profit from continuing operations attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent	42,965,792	22,860,150
Tax effected interest expense on convertible notes	251,535	680,367
Net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders adjusted for the effect of convertible note holders (used in calculating diluted EPS)	43,217,327	23,540,517



# **NOTE 11: EARNINGS PER SHARE (CONTINUED)**

# (b) Weighted average number of shares

Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for basic earnings per share

Effect of dilution:

Convertible notes

Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution

Number	
12 2011	2012
123,201,716	123,207,662
12,729,338	23,225,095
135,931,054	146,432,757

There are no instruments (e.g. share options) excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future because they are anti-dilutive for either of the periods presented.

There have been no transactions involving ordinary shares or potential ordinary shares that would significantly change the number of ordinary shares outstanding between the reporting date and the date of completion of these financial statements.

# (c) Information on the classification of securities

# (i) Options

As at 30 June 2012 there were no options issued over shares in the Company (2011: nil).

# (ii) Convertible notes

The convertible notes as described in note 20 are considered to be potential ordinary shares and have been included in the determination of diluted earnings per share to the extent they are dilutive. The convertible notes have not been included in the determination of basic earnings per share.

# **NOTE 12: CURRENT ASSETS - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash at bank Short-term deposits

2011 \$	2012 \$
13,010,392	24,393,740
42,001,600	38,030,826
55,011,992	62,424,566

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents represent fair value.

Short-term deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and twenty-four months, depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short-term deposit rates. The Group's 24 month term deposit can be withdrawn with one day's notice without penalty, hence it has been included as a current asset.



# NOTE 12: CURRENT ASSETS - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

# **Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flow**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flow, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at 30 June:

		Consolidated
	2012	2011 \$
Cash at bank	24,393,740	13,010,392
Short-term deposits	38,030,826	42,001,600
	62,424,566	55,011,992

# Bank Guarantees

Bank guarantees have been issued by the Group's bankers as security for leases over premises, banking facilities and as security for adverse costs orders for matters funded under litigation contracts. As at 30 June 2012 guarantees of \$1,776,558 were outstanding (2011: \$2,049,762). The guarantees are secured by an offset arrangement with a term deposit of \$5,000,000 (2011: \$5,000,000).

# Set off of assets and liabilities

The Group has established a legal right of set off with two banks enabling it to set off certain deposits with the banks against bank guarantees issued totalling \$1,776,558 (2011: \$2,049,762). The total of the bank guarantee facilities is \$5,000,000 (2011: \$5,000,000). The guarantee facility is secured by an offset arrangement against term deposits of \$5,000,000 (2011: \$5,000,000).

# **NOTE 13: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

		Consolidated
Current	2012 \$	2011 \$
Trade receivables	65,485,741	35,231,257
Interest receivable	942,058	795,919
Short term loan	800,000	_
Other	-	48,000
	67,227,799	36,075,176
		Consolidated
Non-current	2012	2011 \$
Trade receivables	16,330,417	264,371
	16,330,417	264,371

- i. Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and generally on 30-90 day terms. There is no amount included in current trade receivables which is subject to appeal (2011: nil).
- ii. Interest receivable is payable upon the maturity of the Group's short term deposits (between 30 and 90 days).
- iii. Non-current trade receivables are non-interest bearing and occur either as a result of settlements with a repayment plan greater than 12 months or where a judgement is subject to an appeal and the appeal is not expected to be heard within the next 12 months. A total of \$14,399,200 is included in the non-current trade receivable balance which is subject to appeal (2011: nil).

Consolidated

695,458 4,427

699,885

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# **NOTE 13: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)**

At 30 June, the aging analysis of trade and other receivables is as follows:

	0-30 days \$	31-90 days \$	91-180 days¹ \$	+180 days¹ \$	Total
2012 Consolidated	65,191,121	1,933,096	-	16,433,999	83,558,216
2011 Consolidated	18,975,202	94,056	163,769	17,106,520	36,339,547

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These amounts are not due and therefore not impaired.

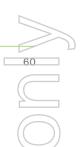
During the year the Group did not write off any receivable balances (2011: \$174,239).

# (a) Fair value and credit risk

Due to the nature of these receivables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the fair value of receivables. Collateral is not held as security, nor is it the Group's policy to transfer (on-sell) receivables. Current receivables greater than 180 days are expected to be received within the following twelve months.

# **NOTE 14: CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER ASSETS**

	2012 \$
Prepayments	380,356
Other	-
	380,356



# **NOTE 15: NON-CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

# (a) Reconciliation of carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the period

		Consolidated
	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cost	2,212,718	1,694,950
Accumulated depreciation	(1,414,051)	(1,254,450)
Net carrying amount	798,667	440,500
		Consolidated
Cost		Plant and Equipment \$
Balance as at 1 July 2010		1,570,189
Dalance as at 1 July 2010		1,570,109

Cost	Plant and Equipment \$
Balance as at 1 July 2010	1,570,189
Additions	124,761
Disposals	
At 30 June 2011	1,694,950
Additions	652,262
Disposals	(134,494)
At 30 June 2012	2,212,718
Depreciation	
Balance as at 1 July 2010	1,034,207
Depreciation charge for the year	220,243
Disposals	-
At 30 June 2011	1,254,450
Depreciation charge for the year	238,409
Disposals	(78,808)

At 30 June 2011	1,254,450
Depreciation charge for the year	238,409
Disposals	(78,808)
At 30 June 2012	1,414,051

# Net book value

At 30 June 2012	798,667
At 30 June 2011	440,500

The useful life of the assets was estimated between 5 to 15 years for both 2011 and 2012.

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# **NOTE 16: NON-CURRENT ASSETS - FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	Consolidated	
	2012 \$	2011 \$
At fair value		
Shares - Australian listed - available-for-sale	455,012	424,680
Shares - United Kingdom listed - held for trading	21,146	5,424
Closing balance as at 30 June	476,158	430,104

# (a) Listed shares

The fair value of listed financial assets has been determined based on quoted market prices (Level 1). Quoted market price represents the fair value based on quoted prices on active markets as at the reporting date without any deduction for transaction costs.

# **NOTE 17: INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

# (a) Reconciliation of carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the period

	Consolidated \$
Balance as at 1 July 2011	
Cost (gross carrying amount)	59,625,438
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	
Net carrying amount	59,625,438
Year ended 30 June 2012	
Balance as at 1 July 2011, net of accumulated amortisation and impairment	59,625,438
Additions	53,955,208
Disposals	(44,049,601)
Write-down of Litigation Contracts In Progress	(3,526,827)
At 30 June 2012, net of accumulated amortisation and impairment	66,004,218
Balance as at 1 July 2010	
Cost (gross carrying amount)	40,487,439
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	_
Net carrying amount	40,487,439
Year ended 30 June 2011	
Balance as at 1 July 2010, net of accumulated amortisation and impairment	40,487,439
Additions	40,717,906
Disposals	(18,825,174)
Write-down of Litigation Contracts In Progress	(2,754,733)
At 30 June 2011, net of accumulated amortisation and impairment	59,625,438



# **NOTE 17: INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

# (b) Description of Group's intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of Litigation Contracts In Progress. The carrying value of Litigation Contracts In Progress includes the capitalisation of external costs of funding the litigation, such as solicitors' fees, counsels' fees and experts' fees, as well as the capitalisation of certain directly attributable internal costs of managing the litigation, such as certain wages, occupancy costs and other out of pocket expenses. The capitalised wages in 2012 equated to approximately 49% of the total salary costs (2011: 67%). The other internal capitalised expenses equated to approximately 23% of overhead costs (2011: 26%).

The carrying value of Litigation Contracts In Progress can be summarised as follows:

Capitalised external costs	
Capitalised internal costs	
Capitalised borrowing costs	
Balance at 30 June	

Consolidated	
2011 \$	2012 \$
43,642,918	46,324,595
14,132,020	14,883,061
1,850,500	4,796,562
59,625,438	66,004,218

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# (c) Write off of intangible assets

The carrying amount of Litigation Contracts In Progress is written off when the Group decides not to pursue cases that do not meet the Group's required rate of return.

# (d) Impairment testing of intangible assets

The recoverable amount of each of the Litigation Contracts In Progress is determined based on a value in use calculation using cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management.

The following describes each key assumption on which management has based its cash flow projections when determining the value in use of Litigation Contracts In Progress:

- The estimated cost to complete a Litigation Contract In Progress is budgeted, based on estimates provided by the external legal advisers handling the litigation and the plaintiff in the litigation.
- The value to the Group of the Litigation Contracts In Progress, once completed, is estimated based on the expected settlement amount of the litigation and the fees due to the Group under the litigation funding contract.
- The discount rate applied to the cash flow projections is based on the Group's weighted average cost of capital, which resulted in a discount rate of 13.5% (2011: 13.5%).

Any reasonable changes in the key assumptions to the cash flow projections would not result in the carrying value of intangible assets exceeding its recoverable amount.

# (e) Capitalised borrowing costs

The Group has determined that Litigation Contracts In Progress meet the definition of qualifying asset. The amount of borrowing costs capitalised during the year ended 30 June 2012 was \$2,946,062 (2011: \$1,850,500). The rate used to determine the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation was 13.5%, which is the effective interest rate.

# NOTE 18: CURRENT LIABILITIES - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Consolidated	
	2012 \$	2011 \$
Trade payables <sup>1</sup>	10,944,955	5,998,450
Convertible note interest accrual	944,536	979,654
Wage accruals	321,989	255,130
Dividend payable	12,320,766	_
	24,532,246	7,233,234

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30 day terms.

# (a) Fair value

Due to the nature of trade and other payables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value.

# NOTE 19: CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS

		Consolidated
Current	2012 \$	2011 \$
Annual leave and long service leave	1,241,389	879,915
Adverse costs	-	336,110
Bonus	6,877,300	4,813,500
	8,118,689	6,029,525
Non-Current		
Long service leave	259,530	344,733
	259,530	344,733

# (a) Movement in provisions

	Adverse costs \$	Annual leave \$	Employee bonus \$	Long service leave \$	Total \$
As at 1 July 2011	336,110	496,825	4,813,500	727,823	6,374,258
Arising during the year	_	514,331	6,808,800	179,387	7,502,518
Utilised	(336,110)	(412,936)	(4,745,000)	(4,511)	(5,498,557)
As at 30 June 2012	_	598,220	6,877,300	902,699	8,378,219
Current 2012	_	598,220	6,877,300	643,169	8,118,689
Non-current 2012	_	_	_	259,530	259,530
	_	598,220	6,877,300	902,699	8,378,219
Current 2011	336,110	496,825	4,813,500	383,090	6,029,525
Non-current 2011	_	_	_	344,733	344,733
	336,110	496,825	4,813,500	727,823	6,374,258



# NOTE 19: CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS (CONTINUED)

# (b) Nature and timing of provisions

Adverse costs

There is no provision for adverse costs as at 30 June 2012 as the Group does not have any unpaid outstanding adverse costs orders.

At 30 June 2010 the Group raised a provision of \$2,006,487 in respect of its estimated adverse costs obligation incurred in respect of the Kingstream matter, which was overturned on appeal. As at 30 June 2011 this balance had reduced to \$336,110 as a result of adverse and other costs paid in the Kingstream matter during the period.

Annual leave and long service leave

Refer to note 2 for the relevant accounting policy and discussion of significant estimations and assumptions applied in the measurement of this provision.

# **NOTE 20: NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Consondated	
2011 \$	2012 \$
33,568,796	34,945,316

Convertible notes<sup>1</sup>

On 13 December 2010 the Company issued 23,702,415 convertible notes raising total capital of \$39,108,985 (excluding costs). Each convertible note has a face value of \$1.65 and has the right to convert into one ordinary share. The Noteholders have been granted security over the Company's assets.

The convertible notes are convertible at the option of the Noteholder by 31 December 2014. The Company has the ability to request the Noteholder to elect to either convert or be repaid after 31 December 2012. During the period 5,946 Noteholders elected to convert their convertible notes into shares (2011: 471,374 converted). Accordingly as at 30 June 2012, there were 23,225,095 convertible notes on issue with a face value of \$38,321,407 (2011: 23,231,041 convertible notes on issue with a face value of \$38,331,218).

The Company is required to pay the Noteholders interest of 10.25% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears, with the first interest quarter being 31 December 2010. The application of AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs (revised 2007)* has resulted in the capitalisation of \$4,796,562 (2011: \$1,850,500) as part of the Litigation Contracts in Progress intangible assets deemed to be qualifying assets post the application date of AASB 123 (revised) of 1 July 2009 (refer to note 17). At 30 June 2012, the carrying amount of the convertible notes approximate their fair values.

The application of AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation* has resulted in \$4,068,682 (net of transaction costs before tax) of these convertible notes being classified as equity (refer to note 22).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes transaction costs of \$1,366,366.

# **NOTE 21: CONTRIBUTED EQUITY**

		Consolidated
	2012	2011
Contributed equity	\$	\$
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares	41,909,483	41,900,322

# (a) Ordinary shares

Effective 1 July 1998, the Corporations legislation abolished the concepts of authorised capital and par value shares. Accordingly, the Company does not have authorised capital nor par value in respect of its issued capital.

Fully paid ordinary shares carry one vote per share and the right to dividends.

	Number	\$
Movement in ordinary shares		
As at 30 June 2010	121,870,342	40,514,450
Exercise of employee options	860,000	688,000
Convertible notes converted	471,374	697,872
As at 30 June 2011	123,201,716	41,900,322
Convertible notes converted	5,946	9,161
As at 30 June 2012	123,207,662	41,909,483

# (b) Share options

At 30 June 2012, there were no unissued ordinary shares in respect of which options were outstanding (2011: nil).

# (c) Capital management

Capital includes convertible notes and equity attributable to the equity holders of the Parent. When managing capital, Management's objective is to ensure the Group continues as a going concern as well as to maintain optimal returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. Management also aims to maintain a capital structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available to the Group.

The earnings of the Group are lumpy and this is forecast to continue into the future. Management's policy is to pay dividends to shareholders from earnings where there is capital surplus to the needs of the business. The present view of Management is that the business requires a cash balance of between \$70 million and \$75 million.

At 30 June 2012 the cash balance of the Group was below its preferred optimum level of between \$70 million to \$75 million. However, Management expects the cash balance to be excess of this level as trade receivables are collected (refer to note 13).

The Group has undertaken to the convertible note holders that it will not pay its shareholders a dividend if its cash balance falls below \$40 million. The Group is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.



# **NOTE 22: RETAINED EARNINGS AND RESERVES**

# (a) Movement in retained earnings were as follows:

	Consolidate	
	2012 \$	2011 \$
Balance 1 July	38,057,247	27,517,267
Net profit for the year	42,965,792	22,860,150
Dividend paid	(6,160,086)	(12,320,170)
Dividend payable	(12,320,766)	_
Balance 30 June	62,542,187	38,057,247

# (b) Movement in reserves were as follows:

	Option premium reserve \$	Net unrealised gains reserve \$	Convertible notes reserve \$	Total reserves
At 1 July 2010	3,403,720	116,080	984,139	4,503,939
Share revaluation	_	(116,080)	_	(116,080)
Deferred tax liability relating to share revaluation	_	_	_	_
Equity component - convertible notes <sup>1</sup>	_	_	4,068,682	4,068,682
Deferred tax liability relating to convertible notes	_	_	(1,220,605)	(1,220,605)
At 30 June 2011	3,403,720	-	3,832,216	7,235,936
Share revaluation	-	30,332	_	30,332
Deferred tax liability relating to share revaluation	_	_	_	_
Equity component – convertible notes <sup>1</sup>	_	_	_	_
Deferred tax liability relating to convertible notes	-	_	_	_
At 30 June 2012	3,403,720	30,332	3,832,216	7,266,268

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes transaction costs of \$166,059.

# (c) Nature and purpose of reserves

# (i) Option premium reserve

This reserve is used to record the value of equity benefits provided to employees and directors, including Key Management Personnel, as part of their remuneration. Refer to note 26 for further details of these payments.

# (ii) Net unrealised gains reserve

This reserve is used to record the unrealised gain on available-for-sale investments.

# (iii) Convertible note reserve

This reserve is used to record the equity portion of the convertible notes.

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# NOTE 23: STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION

# (a) Reconciliation of net profit after tax to net cash flows used in operations:

		Consolidated
	2012 \$	2011 \$
Net profit attributable to members of the Parent	42,965,792	22,860,150
Adjustments for:		
Net impact of the reclassification of litigation intangibles related cashflows to cashflows from investing activities	(25,421,402)	7,521,917
Depreciation	238,409	220,243
Loss recognised on remeasurement to fair value	(19,069)	90,425
Convertible note accretion	1,385,678	727,120
Profit on sale of shares	(12,303)	_
Revaluation loss on sale of shares	-	117,472
Other	55,686	30,084
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in receivables	(46,418,669)	(29,224,515)
Decrease/(Increase) in other current assets	319,529	(388,584)
Decrease/(Increase) in intangible assets	(6,378,780)	(19,137,999)
Increase/(Decrease) in trade creditors and accruals	5,013,364	419,889
Increase/(Decrease) in interest accruals	(35,118)	979,654
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	2,003,961	3,443,898
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred tax liabilities	2,038,911	5,615,503
Increase/(Decrease) in current income tax liability	13,851,878	447,183
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(10,412,133)	(6,277,560)

# (b) Disclosure of financing facilities

Refer to note 12.

# **NOTE 24: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE**

# **Transactions with director related entities**

The following table provides the total amount of transactions that were entered into with related parties for the relevant financial year.

		Consolidated
	2012 \$	2011 \$
Transactions with related parties	3,204	550

During the year the Group obtained legal advice from Hardy Bowen, a legal firm associated with Director Michael Bowen. The legal advice was obtained at normal market prices.



# **NOTE 25: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

# (a) Details of Key Management Personnel

There were no changes to Key Management Personnel after the reporting date and before the date the financial report was authorised for issue.

# (b) Compensation of Key Management Personnel

Short-term employee benefits - salaries and wages
Short-term employee benefits - accrued and unpaid
Post-employment benefits

Consolidated	
2011 \$	2012 \$
3,036,424	3,465,437
3,075,000	3,925,000
89,460	94,563
6,200,884	7,485,000

<sup>1</sup> As at 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2011 bonuses had been declared to be payable during the following nine-month period.

# (c) Option holdings of Key Management Personnel (Consolidated)

There were no options held by Key Management Personnel at 30 June 2012 or 30 June 2011. During the year ended 30 June 2011, 750,000 options were exercised:

	Balance	<b>Granted as</b>	Options	Balance	Vested at	30 June 2011	Not vested/
Directors	01-Jul-10	remuneration	exercised	30-Jun-11	Total	Exercisable	exercisable
Robert Ferguson	-	_	_	_	-	-	-
Hugh McLernon	-	_	_	_	-	-	-
John Walker	-	_	_	_	-	-	_
Alden Halse	-	_	_	_	-	-	-
Michael Bowen	-	_	_	_	-	-	_
Clive Bowman	500,000	_	(500,000)	_	_	_	_
Executives							
Charlie Gollow	250,000	_	(250,000)	_	-	-	-
Diane Jones	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total	750,000	_	(750,000)	_	_	_	_

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# NOTE 25: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

# (d) Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

	Balance 01-Jul-11	Received as remuneration	Options exercised	Net change other	Balance 30-Jun-12
Directors					
Robert Ferguson	2,500,000	_	-	_	2,500,000
Hugh McLernon	9,518,975	_	-	(1,217,129)	8,301,846
John Walker	6,884,920	_	_	(1,217,128)	5,667,792
Alden Halse	876,251	_	_	_	876,251
Michael Bowen	813,751	-	-	_	813,751
Clive Bowman	1,013,941	-	-	_	1,013,941
Executives					
Charlie Gollow	460,000	_	_	_	460,000
Diane Jones	20,000	_	_	_	20,000
	22,087,838	_	_	(2,434,257)	19,653,581
	Balance 01-Jul-10	Received as remuneration	Options exercised	Net change other	Balance 30-Jun-11
Directors					
Directors Robert Ferguson					
	01-Jul-10				30-Jun-11
Robert Ferguson	01-Jul-10 2,500,000		exercised _	other _	<b>30-Jun-11</b> 2,500,000
Robert Ferguson Hugh McLernon	2,500,000 9,708,592		exercised _	other - (189,617)	<b>30-Jun-11</b> 2,500,000 9,518,975
Robert Ferguson Hugh McLernon John Walker	2,500,000 9,708,592 7,074,537		exercised _	other - (189,617)	2,500,000 9,518,975 6,884,920
Robert Ferguson Hugh McLernon John Walker Alden Halse	2,500,000 9,708,592 7,074,537 876,251		exercised _	other - (189,617)	30-Jun-11 2,500,000 9,518,975 6,884,920 876,251
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Robert Ferguson Hugh McLernon John Walker Alden Halse Michael Bowen Clive Bowman	2,500,000 9,708,592 7,074,537 876,251 813,751 704,960	remuneration	exercised 500,000	other  - (189,617) (189,617)	30-Jun-11 2,500,000 9,518,975 6,884,920 876,251 813,751 1,013,941

All equity transactions with Key Management Personnel other than those arising from the exercise of remuneration options have been entered into under terms and conditions no more favourable than those the Group would have adopted if dealing at arm's length.

# (e) Loans to Key Management Personnel

There have been no loans provided to Key Management Personnel in 2012 (2011: nil).



# **NOTE 26: SHARE-BASED PAYMENT PLAN**

# (a) Recognised share-based payment expenses

There were no options issued to employees during the year, and the last time options were issued to employees was 1 July 2006.

# (b) Types of share-based payment plans

In 2007 the Company implemented a STI, which replaced the ESOP, and which may also, at the discretion of the Remuneration Committee, provide benefits to employees in the form of share-based payments. STI payments to date have been settled in cash.

Previously, the Company had an ESOP, which provided benefits to directors and employees in the form of share-based payments. The options were not quoted on the ASX and the granting of the options under the ESOP does not entitle any option holder to any dividend or voting rights or any other rights held by a shareholder, until exercise of the options. Each option entitles the option holder to one ordinary share in the Parent on exercise. There are no cash settlement alternatives.

# (c) Summaries of options

The following table illustrates the number and weighted average exercise prices ("WAEP") of, and movements in, share options issued during the year.

The outstanding balance as at 30 June is represented by:

	2012 Number	2012 WAEP	2011 Number	2011 WAEP
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	_	-	830,000	\$0.80
Employee options reinstated <sup>1</sup>	-	_	30,000	_
Exercised during the year	-	-	(860,000)	(\$0.80)
Expired during the year		_	_	_
Outstanding at the end of the year	_	_	_	_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These options were incorrectly classified as expired when an employee was on maternity leave. They were subsequently reinstated when the error was discovered.

# (d) Weighted average remaining contractual life

There are no options outstanding at 30 June 2012 or 30 June 2011.

# (e) Range of exercise prices

There are no options outstanding at 30 June 2012 or 30 June 2011.

# (f) Weighted average fair value

No options were granted during 2012 or 2011.

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# **NOTE 27: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

# (a) Operating lease commitments - Group as lessee

The Group has entered into commercial leases for its premises. These leases have a life of between one and five years with renewal options included in the contracts. There are no restrictions placed upon the lessee by entering into these leases.

Future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June are as follows:

 Within one year
 671,597
 471,811

 After one year but no more than five years
 1,743,464
 590,292

 After more than five years

 Total minimum lease payments
 2,415,061
 1,062,103

# (b) Remuneration commitments

Commitments for the payment of salaries and other remuneration under long-term employment contracts in existence at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities payable:

Within one year

After one year but no more than five years

2011 \$	2012 \$
3,293,361	3,386,831
_	-
3,293,361	3,386,831

Amounts disclosed as remuneration commitments include commitments arising from the service contracts of, and bonuses payable to, directors and executives referred to in the Remuneration Report of the Directors' Report that are not recognised as liabilities and are not included in the compensation of Key Management Personnel.

# (c) Contingencies

It has been agreed between the parties that the defamation proceedings against IMF and Mr McLernon will be discontinued.

# **NOTE 28: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

IMF (Australia) Ltd is not economically dependent on any other entity.

# NOTE 29: EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There have been no significant events between 30 June 2012 and the date of issuing this report.



# **NOTE 30: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

The auditor of IMF (Australia) Ltd is Ernst & Young.

Amounts received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young for:	
An audit or review of the financial report of the Parent and any other entity in the consolidated group	
Other services in relation to the Parent and any other entity in the consolidated group	
Tax compliance	

	Consolidated	
;	2011 \$	2012 \$
,	223,190	233,750
į	111,610	86,710
į	334,800	320,460

# **NOTE 31: PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION**

Information relating to IMF (Australia) Ltd:	2012 \$	2011 \$	
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Current assets	129,880,386	91,597,437	
Total assets	226,292,198	167,607,288	
Current liabilities	(69,098,050)	(39,477,709)	
Total liabilities	(124,482,231)	(91,531,662)	
Net assets	101,809,967	76,075,626	
Issued capital	41,909,483	41,900,322	
Retained earnings	52,634,216	26,939,367	
Option premium reserve	3,403,720	3,403,720	
Convertible note reserve	3,832,216	3,832,217	
Unrealised gains reserve	30,332	_	
Total shareholders' equity	101,809,967	76,075,626	
Profit or loss of the Parent entity	44,175,669	22,732,451	
Total comprehensive income of the Parent entity	44,216,031	22,616,371	

The Parent entity has not entered into any guarantees with its subsidiary.

Details of the contingent liabilities of the Parent entity are contained in note 27(c). There are no contingent liabilities in relation to the subsidiary.

Details of the contractual commitments of the Parent entity are contained in note 27(b). There are no contractual commitments in relation to the subsidiary.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012 (continued)

# **NOTE 31: PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

# Tax consolidation

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(i) Members of the tax consolidated group

IMF and its 100% owned subsidiary have formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2002. IMF is the head of the tax consolidated group.

(ii) Tax effect accounting by members of the tax consolidated group

Members of the tax consolidated group have not entered into a tax sharing/funding agreement. Under UIG 1052: *Tax Consolidation Accounting*, where a tax consolidated group has not entered into a tax sharing/funding agreement, the assumption of current tax liabilities and tax losses by the Parent is recognised as a contribution/distribution of the subsidiary's equity accounts. The Group has applied the group allocation tax payer approach in determining the appropriate amount of current and deferred taxes to allocate to the members of the tax consolidated group.

Tax consolidation contributions/(distributions)

IMF has recognised the following amounts as tax-consolidation contribution adjustments:

	IIV	IF (Australia) Ltd
	2012 \$	2011 \$
otal increase in tax liability and cost of investment in subsidiary of IMF (Australia) Ltd	(27,024)	1,366,956

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of IMF and the subsidiaries listed in the following table.

	Country of	Percentage owned		Investment	
Name	incorporation 2012 %		<b>2011</b> %	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial Redress Pty Ltd <sup>1</sup>	Australia	100	100	16,364,441	16,391,466
Bentham Holdings Inc.	USA	100	Not incorporated	1	_
Bentham Capital LLC	USA	100	Not incorporated	-	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The movement in the investment reflects a tax consolidation adjustment to the Parent's investment in the subsidiary as a result of the transfer of the subsidiary's income tax liability to the Parent.

# DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of IMF (Australia) Ltd, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- a. the financial statements and notes of IMF (Australia) Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2012 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - i. giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2012 and performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - ii. complying with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- b. the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2;
- c. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- d. this declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the directors in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ending 30 June 2012.

On behalf of the Board

ROBERT FERGUSON Non-Executive Chairman

Dated this 22nd day of August 2012

HUGH MCLERNON Managing Director

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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# Independent auditor's report to the members of IMF (Australia) Limited

# Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of IMF (Australia) Limited, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

# Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 2, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards*.

# 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. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial 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 controls. 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.

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

# Independence

In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, a copy of which is included in the directors' report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



# Opinion

In our opinion:

- a. the financial report of IMF (Australia) Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - i giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 2.

# Report on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 18 to 24 of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2012. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

# Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of IMF (Australia) Limited for the year ended 30 June 2012, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Ernst & Young

G H Meyerowitz Partner Perth

22 August 2012

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# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of IMF (Australia) Ltd ("IMF") is responsible for the corporate governance of the Group. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of IMF on behalf of the shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable. The following table is a summary of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations and the Group's compliance with these guidelines and should be read in conjunction with the further details and rationale of the Company's corporate governance practices in this report.

	Recommendation	Comply Yes / No
1.1	Companies should establish the functions reserved to the Board and those delegated to	
	senior executives and disclose those functions.	Yes
1.2	Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of senior executives.	Yes
1.3	Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 1	Yes
2.1	A majority of the Board should be independent directors.	Yes
2.2	The chair should be an independent director.	Yes
2.3	The roles of chair and chief executive officer should not be exercised by the same individual.	Yes
2.4	The Board should establish a nomination committee.	Yes
2.5	Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual directors.	Yes
2.6	Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 2.	Yes
3.1	Companies should establish a code of conduct and disclose the code or a summary of the code as to:	
	<ul> <li>the practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity;</li> <li>the practices necessary to take into account their legal obligations and the reasonable</li> </ul>	Yes
	expectations of their stakeholders; and  the responsibility and accountability of individuals for reporting and investigating reports of	Yes
	unethical practices.	Yes
3.2	Companies should establish a policy concerning diversity and disclose the policy or a summary of that policy. The policy should include requirements for the board to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity for the board to assess annually both the objectives and progress in achieving them.	Yes
3.3	Companies should disclose in each annual report the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board in accordance with the diversity policy and progress towards achieving them.	Yes
3.4	Companies should disclose in each annual report the proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the board.	Yes
3.5	Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 3.	Yes
4.1	The Board should establish an audit committee.	Yes
4.2	The audit committee should be structured so that it:	
	<ul> <li>consists of only non-executive directors:</li> <li>consists of a majority of independent directors;</li> <li>is chaired by an independent chair, who is not chair of the Board; and</li> </ul>	Yes Yes Yes
	has at least three members.	Yes

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

	Recommendation	Comply Yes / No
4.	The audit committee should have a formal charter.	Yes
4.	Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 4.	Yes
5.	1 Companies should establish written policies designed to ensure compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements and to ensure accountability at a senior executive level for that compliance and disclose those policies or a summary of those policies.	Yes
5.	Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 5.	Yes
6.	1 Companies should design a communication policy for promoting effective communication with shareholders and encouraging their participation at general meetings and disclose their policy or a summary of that policy.	Yes
6.	2 Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 6.	Yes
7.	Companies should establish policies for the oversight and management of material business risks and disclose a summary of those policies.	Yes
7.5	The Board should require management to design and implement the risk management and internal control system to manage the Company's material business risks and report to it on whether those risks are being managed effectively. The Board should disclose that management has reported to it as to the effectiveness of the Company's management of its material business risks.	Yes
7.	The Board should disclose whether it has received assurance from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer that the declaration provided in accordance with ection 295A of the Corporations Act is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to reporting risks.	Yes
7.4	Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 7.	Yes
8.	1 The Company should establish a remuneration committee.	Yes
8.	2 The remunerations committee should be structured so that it:	
	<ul> <li>consists of a majority of independent directors;</li> <li>is chaired by an independent chair; and</li> <li>has at least three members.</li> </ul>	Yes Yes Yes
8.	Companies should clearly distinguish the structure of non-executive directors' remuneration from that of directors and senior executives.	Yes
8.	4 Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 8.	Yes

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

The Company's corporate governance practices were in place throughout the year ended 30 June 2012, with the exception of the Company's Trading Policy and Diversity Policy, which were updated during the year.

Various corporate governance practices are discussed within this statement. For further information on corporate governance policies adopted by the Company refer to our website www.imf.com.au.

## **Board Functions**

The Board seeks to identify the expectations of the shareholders, as well as other regulatory and ethical expectations and obligations. In addition, the Board is responsible for identifying areas of significant business risk and ensuring arrangements are in place to adequately manage those risks.

To ensure that the Board is well equipped to discharge its responsibilities, it has established guidelines for the nomination and selection of directors and for the operation of the Board.

The responsibility for the operation and administration of the Company is delegated, by the Board, to the Managing Director and the executive management team. The Board ensures that this team is appropriately qualified and experienced to discharge their responsibilities and has in place procedures to assess the performance of the Managing Director and the executive management team.

Whilst at all times the Board retains full responsibility for guiding and monitoring the Group, in discharging its stewardship it makes use of sub-committees. Specialist committees are able to focus on a particular responsibility and provide informed feedback to the Board.

To this end the Board has established the following committees:

- Audit;
- · Remuneration; and
- Nomination.

The roles and responsibilities of these committees are discussed in this Corporate Governance Statement.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that Management's objectives and activities are aligned with the expectations and risks identified by the Board. The Board has a number of mechanisms in place to ensure this is achieved including:

- Board approval of a strategic plan designed to meet stakeholders' needs and manage business risk;
- ongoing development of the strategic plan and approving initiatives and strategies designed to ensure the continued growth and success of the Group; and
- implementation of budgets by Management and monitoring progress against budget via the establishment and reporting of both financial and non-financial key performance indicators.

Other functions reserved to the Board include:

- approval of the annual and half-yearly financial reports;
- approving and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management, and acquisitions and divestitures;
- · ensuring that any significant risks that arise are identified, assessed, appropriately managed and monitored; and
- reporting to shareholders.



## Structure of the Board

The skills, experience and expertise relevant to the position of director held by each director in office at the date of the annual report is included in the Directors' Report. Directors of IMF are considered to be independent when they are independent of Management and free from any business of other relationship that could materially interfere with, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with, the exercise of their unfettered and independent judgment.

The composition of the Board consists of three executive directors and three independent non-executive directors. The Board believes that the majority of the individuals on the Board can, and do, make independent judgements in the best interests of the Group on all relevant issues, notwithstanding that the Board comprises three independent directors and three non-independent directors.

The Board has in place a number of policy measures to ensure that independent judgment is achieved and maintained in respect of its decision-making processes, including:

- the Chairman is an independent director and has a casting vote at Board meetings where the votes of the directors are tied:
- the Chairman has been appointed for a fixed term ending on 4 November 2014;
- the directors are able to obtain independent professional advice at the expense of the Group;
- Directors who have a conflict of interest in relation to a particular item of business must absent themselves from the Board meeting before commencement of discussion on the topic; and
- · at least half of the Board consists of independent directors.

In the context of director independence, 'materiality' is considered from both the Group and individual director perspective. The determination of materiality requires consideration of both quantitative and qualitative elements. An item is presumed to be quantitatively immaterial if it is equal to or less than 5% of the appropriate base amount. It is presumed to be material (unless there is qualitative evidence to the contrary) if it is equal to or greater than 10% of the appropriate base amount. Qualitative factors considered include whether a relationship is strategically important, the competitive landscape, the nature of the relationship and the contractual or other arrangements governing it and other factors that point to the actual ability of the director in question to shape the direction of the Group.

In accordance with the definition of independence above, and the materiality thresholds set, the following directors of IMF are considered to be independent:

Name	Position
Rob Ferguson	Chairman
Alden Halse	Non-Executive

Alden Halse Non-Executive Director
Michael Bowen Non-Executive Director

There are procedures in place, agreed by the Board, to enable directors in furtherance of their duties to seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense.

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# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

# **Structure of the Board (continued)**

The position held by each director in office at the date of this report is as follows:

Name	Position
Robert Ferguson	Non-Executive Chairman
Hugh McLernon	Managing Director
John Walker	Evecutive Director - Director

John Walker Executive Director - Director of Marketing
Clive Bowman Executive Director - Director of Operations

Alden Halse Non-Executive Director Michael Bowen Non-Executive Director

For additional details regarding Board appointments, please refer to the Group's website.

# **Trading Policy**

The Company updated its trading policy on 31 December 2010. Under the Company's Securities Trading Policy, an executive or director must not trade in any securities of the Company at any time when they are in possession of unpublished, price-sensitive information in relation to those securities.

The policy allows dealing in the Company's securities during defined Trading Windows, being the four weeks after:

- · one day following the announcement of the half-yearly and full year results as the case may be;
- one day following the holding of the Annual General Meeting;
- · one day after any other form of profit guidance announcement is given to the market; and
- a period commencing on the day after the issue of a prospectus offering the Company's securities (or a document containing equivalent information) and ending on the day the offer closes.

Only in exceptional circumstances will approval be forthcoming outside of the Trading Windows.

As required by the ASX Listing Rules, the Company notifies the ASX of any transaction conducted by directors in the securities of the Company. A copy of the Company's trading policy can be obtained from its website.

# **Audit Committee**

The Board has established an Audit Committee, which operates under a charter approved by the Board. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that an effective internal control framework exists within the Group. This includes internal controls to deal with both the effectiveness and efficiency of significant business processes, the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records, and the reliability of financial information as well as non-financial considerations such as the benchmarking of operational key performance indicators. The Board has delegated responsibility for establishing and maintaining a framework of internal control and ethical standards to the Audit Committee.

The Committee also provides the Board with additional assurance regarding the reliability of financial information for inclusion in the financial reports. All members of the Audit Committee are non-executive directors.



# **Audit Committee (continued)**

The members of the Audit Committee during the year were:

Alden Halse (Chairman) Michael Bowen Robert Ferguson

For details on the number of meetings of the Audit Committee held during the year and the attendees at those meetings, refer to the Directors' Report.

## **Risk**

The Board determines the Group's risk profile and is responsible for overseeing and approving risk management strategy and policies, internal compliance and internal control. The Company's process of risk management and internal compliance and control includes:

- establishing the Company's goals and objectives, and implementing and monitoring strategies and policies to achieve these goals and objectives;
- continuously identifying and measuring risks that might impact upon the achievement of the Company's goals and objectives, and monitoring the environment for emerging factors and trends that affect these risks;
- formulating risk management strategies to manage identified risks, and designing and implementing appropriate risk
  management policies and internal controls; and
- monitoring the performance of, and continuously improving the effectiveness of, risk management systems and internal
  compliance and controls, including an annual assessment of the effectiveness of risk management and internal
  compliance and control.

To this end, comprehensive practices are in place that are directed towards achieving the following objectives:

- effectiveness and efficiency in the use of the Company's resources;
- · compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- preparation of reliable published financial information.

The Board oversees an annual assessment of the effectiveness of risk management and internal compliance and control. The responsibility for undertaking and assessing risk management and internal control effectiveness is delegated to Management. Management is required by the Board to assess risk management and associated internal compliance and control procedures and report back on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's risk management.

# **Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer Certification**

The Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer have provided a written statement to the Board that:

- their view provided on the Group's financial report is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control which implements the financial policies adopted by the Board; and
- the Group's risk management and internal compliance and control system is operating effectively in all material respects.

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# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

## **Performance**

The performance of the Board and key executives is reviewed regularly against both measurable and qualitative indicators. The performance criteria against which directors and executives are assessed are aligned with the financial and non-financial objectives of the Group.

In order to ensure that the Board continues to discharge its responsibilities in an appropriate manner, the performance of directors is to be reviewed annually by the chairperson.

The Board of Directors aims to ensure that shareholders are informed of all information necessary to assess the performance of the directors. Information is communicated to shareholders through:

- the annual report which is distributed to all shareholders;
- the half-yearly report circulated to the Australian Securities Exchange and the Australian Securities & Investments Commission; and
- the Annual General Meeting and other shareholder meetings so called to obtain approval of Board action as appropriate.

# Remuneration

It is the Company's objective to provide maximum stakeholder benefit from the retention of a high quality Board and executive team by remunerating directors and key executives fairly and appropriately with reference to relevant employment market conditions. To assist in achieving this objective, the Remuneration Committee links the nature and amount of executive directors' and officers' remuneration to the Company's financial and operational performance. The expected outcomes of the remuneration structure are:

- retention and motivation of key executives;
- attraction of high quality management to the Group; and
- performance incentives that allow executives to share in the success of the Group.

For a full discussion of the Company's remuneration philosophy and framework and the remuneration received by directors and executives in the current period please refer to the Remuneration Report, which is contained within the Directors' Report.

There is no scheme to provide retirement benefits to non-executive directors.

The Board is responsible for determining and reviewing compensation arrangements for the directors themselves and the Managing Director and executive team. The Board has established a Remuneration Committee, comprising three non-executive directors. Members of the Remuneration Committee throughout the year were:

Michael Bowen (Chairman)

Alden Halse

Robert Ferguson

For details on the number of meetings of the Remuneration Committee held during the year and the attendees at those meetings, refer to the Directors' Report.



# **Diversity**

It is the Company's objective to support female representation at senior leadership and Board levels. Although the Company advocates greater transparency and measurability of progress, it does not endorse female participation quotas.

The Company has implemented policies that promote the following:

- · equal opportunity based upon capabilities and performance;
- attraction and retention of a diverse range of talented people;
- · awareness of the differing needs of a diverse range of employees;
- · provision of flexible work practices and policies to support all employees; and
- · promotion of a culture that is free from discrimination, harassment and bullying.

The Board receives a report on an annual basis that provides the following information:

- total female employees: 10 (2011: 10); total employees: 26 (2011: 24);
- total female investment managers: 2 (2011: 2); total investment managers: 12 (2011: 11); and
- total female Key Management Personnel: 1 (2011: 1); total Key Management Personnel: 5 (2011: 5).

The IMF Nomination Committee will endeavour to improve the diversity of the Board at any time nominations are required to fill a Board position.

# SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange and not shown elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 31 July 2012.

# (a) Distribution of Shareholders

Ordinary Share Capital

123,207,662 fully paid ordinary shares are held by 3,360 individual shareholders. All issued ordinary shares carry one vote per share and carry the right to dividends.

# Convertible Notes

There are 23,207,662 convertible notes issued held by 760 individual Noteholders. Each convertible note has a right to convert to one ordinary share, however, until the convertible note is converted, the Noteholder does not have a right to vote and the convertible notes do not carry the right to dividends.

## **Options**

There are no options issued over ordinary shares.

The number of shareholders by size of holding, in each class are:

	Number	Fully paid ordinary shares	Number	Convertible notes
1 - 1,000	597	330,915	272	121,981
1,001 - 5,000	1,077	3,214,154	176	416,244
5,001 - 10,000	638	5,040,834	110	870,134
10,001 - 100,000	931	26,638,318	171	4,664,514
100,001 and over	117	87,983,441	31	17,152,222
	3,360	123,207,662	760	23,225,095

# (b) Substantial Shareholders

The names of the substantial shareholders listed in the Company's register as at 31 July 2012 are:

Shareholder	No. of ordinary shares	% of issued capital
Acorn Capital Limited	16,527,553	13.41%
Hugh McLernon, McLernon Group Superannuation Pty Limited, Christine McLernon, Toronto Holdings Pty Limited and Capital Consulting Pty Limited	8,301,846	6.74%
Warrakirri Asset Management Pty Limited	7,707,545	6.26%
John Walker, Legal Precedents Pty Limited, Namagi Pty Limited, Mary Walker, Don Walker, Margaret Walker and Caroline Walker	5,667,792	4.60%
	38,204,736	31.02%



# (c) 20 Largest Holders of Quoted Equity Securities as at 31 July 2012

Ordinary sha	ares	Number of ordinary shares	% of issued capital
1 National	Nominees Limited	10,199,764	8.28%
2 JP Morga	an Nominees Australia Limited	8,882,501	7.21%
3 JP Morga	an Nominees Australia Limited <cash a="" c="" income=""></cash>	8,167,404	6.63%
4 Mclernor	Group Superannuation Pty Ltd	4,855,081	3.94%
5 Thorney	Holdings Pty Ltd	4,345,114	3.53%
6 Redsumi	ner Pty Ltd	4,342,600	3.52%
7 HSBC C	Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	4,028,847	3.27%
8 Legal Pro	ecedents Pty Limited <walker a="" c="" investment=""></walker>	3,505,530	2.85%
9 HSBC C	Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited - A/C 2	2,661,451	2.16%
10 Mr Robe	rt Alexander Ferguson	2,500,000	2.03%
11 Mr Hugh	Mclernon	2,176,125	1.77%
12 Mr John	Walker	1,677,633	1.36%
13 Citicorp	Nominees Pty Ltd <colonial a="" c="" first="" inv="" state=""></colonial>	1,540,903	1.25%
14 Mr Graha	am Paul Ellis & Mrs Eternalina Ellis	1,000,000	0.81%
15 Mr Denn	is John Banks + Mrs Janine Anne Banks < The Banks Super Fund A/C>	933,769	0.76%
16 Mr Clive	Norman Bowman	858,981	0.70%
17 Bond St	reet Custodians Ltd <macquarie a="" c="" co's="" smaller=""></macquarie>	832,576	0.68%
18 HSBC C	Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited - GSCO ECA	782,962	0.64%
19 Mr Denn	is John Banks + Mrs Janine Anne Banks <the a="" banks="" c="" fund="" super=""></the>	715,098	0.58%
20 Mr Hugh	Mclernon	710,379	0.58%
		64,716,718	52.55%

# (d) Options as at 31 July 2012 - unquoted

There are no options issued.

# (e) Securities subject to escrow

There are no securities subject to escrow.

# (f) 20 Largest Holders of Quoted Convertible Notes as at 31 July 2012

		Number of convertible	% of issued
	vertible Note holders	notes	capital
1	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited – GSCO ECA	2,617,862	11.27%
2	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	1,769,550	7.62%
3	RBC Dexia Investor Services Australia Nominees Pty Limited <bkcust a="" c=""></bkcust>	1,542,571	6.64%
4	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited - A/C 2	1,530,763	6.59%
5	Pan Australian Nominees Pty Limited	1,404,132	6.05%
6	J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	1,159,663	4.99%
7	Robert Ferguson, Jennifer Ferguson & Rachel Ferguson < Torryburn S/F A/C>	606,060	2.61%
8	Robert Ferguson, Jennifer Ferguson & Rachel Ferguson < Torryburn S/F A/C>	591,716	2.55%
9	Robert Ferguson, Jennifer Ferguson & Rachel Ferguson < Torryburn S/F A/C>	578,000	2.49%
10	Elixir Enterprises Pty Ltd	500,000	2.15%
11	Mclernon Group Superannuation Pty Ltd	485,509	2.09%
12	Perpetual Trustees Consolidated Limited <clime a="" asset="" c="" management=""></clime>	420,574	1.81%
13	Contemplator Pty Ltd <arg a="" c="" fund="" pension=""></arg>	380,120	1.64%
14	Farallon Capital Pty Ltd <nunn a="" c="" investment=""></nunn>	305,721	1.32%
15	Legal Precedents Pty Limited <walker a="" c="" investment=""></walker>	303,030	1.30%
16	Namangi Pty Limited	303,030	1.30%
17	Moore Family Nominee Pty Ltd <m a="" c="" f="" t=""></m>	299,814	1.29%
18	Charanda Nominee Company Pty Ltd < Greycliffe Superfund A/C>	264,214	1.14%
19	National Nominee Ltd	224,363	0.97%
20	Ms Yukari Burgess	187,208	0.81%
		15,473,900	66.63%









# CORPORATE INFORMATION

This annual report covers both IMF (Australia) Ltd as an individual entity and the consolidated entity comprising IMF (Australia) Ltd and its subsidiaries. The Group's functional and presentation currency is AUD (\$).

A description of the Group's operations and of its principal activities is included in the review of operations and activities in the Directors' Report on pages 6 to 26. The Directors' Report is not part of the financial report.

# **DIRECTORS**

Robert Ferguson Non-Executive Chairman
Hugh McLernon Managing Director

John Walker Executive Director - Director of Marketing
Clive Bowman Executive Director - Director of Operations

Alden Halse Non-Executive Director
Michael Bowen Non-Executive Director

# **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Diane Jones

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The Company is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange with Sydney, Australia as its home exchange. Its ASX code is "IMF" and its shares were trading as at the date of this report.



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