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## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Abacus Announces Strong First Half Result

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Abacus Property Group today reported a 25% increase in normalised net profit after tax, underpinned by strong growth across its principal property investments and funds management businesses. Key highlights for the period included:

- a 9% increase in normalised earnings per security;
- an 8% increase in distribution per security; and
- a 9% increase in NTA per security.

Total assets under management grew by 11.5% over the half to \$2.3 billion, primarily through additions to the principal property book and expansion of the funds management business.

Abacus's financial position strengthened significantly during the half, with:

- total equity growing 20% to \$963 million, primarily as a result of a \$100 million institutional placement completed in July and retained earnings increasing 18% to \$175 million; and
- gearing was maintained at 32.5%.

A new \$550 million club debt facility with the ANZ, CBA and St George Bank has been signed and, subject to the satisfaction of the few remaining routine conditions precedent, will be drawn down shortly. This new facility will provide certainty and flexibility for the Group's funding requirements, and will initially be drawn to \$380 million. Key features of the facility when drawn include:

- a weighted average term of 3.2 years;
- an average total cost of 7.3%;
- 88% fixed rate swap coverage; and
- a weighted average swap term of 5.8 years.

Key highlights in the Group's operations over the reporting period included the acquisition of \$210 million of property (with a further \$90 million to settle post 31 December), bringing total property assets to \$925 million. Within this portfolio, there are approximately \$340 million of assets being incubated for future release as managed fund products.

The funds management business expanded in line with expectations over the six months to December with the launch of the \$190 million Abacus Diversified Income Fund II in July and the growth of the Abacus Hospitality Fund to over \$330 million in assets by year end. ADIFII was included on the BT and Macquarie Wrap investment platforms, and the Hospitality Fund was also included on Macquarie Wrap. Further growth is expected as new investment opportunities are syndicated over the next 12 -18 months, coupled with performance fees to be earned on several funds.

Abacus established a new joint venture relationship with Sanctuary Residences (NZ), which will develop and manage retirement villages in Australia. Sanctuary Residences is a joint venture business between Cliff Cook (one of the founding shareholders in Metlife Care) and Equity International (a real estate private equity firm affiliated with Sam Zell's Equity Group Investments). The joint venture will focus on developing well situated luxury retirement living solutions for the elderly, utilising Sanctuary's long history in this sector and Abacus' Australian property expertise to create a secure, recurring DMF income stream. During the half, the joint venture obtained approval to acquire its first development site in Crows Nest from the Abacus Crows Nest Property Trust, and is currently working on the acquisition of a second site.

It was also announced last week that Abacus would be included in the S&P/ASX 200 Index from 15 February 2008, which is a significant milestone for the Group.

## **Outlook**

Abacus is very well-placed for continued growth across all businesses. Our new debt facilities, asset recycling strategy, retail fund inflows and mortgage book will provide substantial cashflow to fund new acquisitions that meet our investment criteria. Volatile markets and restrictive credit conditions may provide acquisition opportunities as well as opportunities for our financial solutions and joint venture businesses.

Further information on the Group's results and an update on current operations are provided in the attached half-year financial report and presentation. Abacus has also released an overview of its principal property portfolio.

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14 February 2008

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# Abacus Property Group

## Appendix 4D – Half year report

For the six months ended 31 December 2007

Previous corresponding period the six months ended 31 December 2006

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At 31 December 2007, Abacus Property Group comprised Abacus Group Holdings Limited, Abacus Trust, Abacus Income Trust and Abacus Group Projects Limited. Abacus Funds Management Limited, a subsidiary of Abacus Group Holdings Limited, is the responsible entity of the Abacus Trust and Abacus Income Trust. This report is for the Group as a whole.

### Results for Announcement to the Market

Abacus Property Group revenues, net profit, earnings per security and distributions per security all grew strongly in the half year ended 31 December 2007:

|                                                                    | Six months to<br>31 December 2007 | Six months to<br>31 December 2006 | change     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total income<sup>1</sup></b>                                    | \$90.21 m                         | \$80.82 m                         | 12%        |
| <b>Pre-tax profit</b>                                              | \$66.99 m                         | \$44.63 m                         | 50%        |
| <b>Net profit attributable to s/holders</b>                        | \$67.66 m                         | \$41.11 m                         | 65%        |
| <b>Normalised net profit attributable to s/holders<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>\$48.08 m</b>                  | <b>\$38.33 m</b>                  | <b>25%</b> |
| <b>Earnings per security</b>                                       | 10.94 cps                         | 7.63 cps                          | 43%        |
| <b>Normalised EPS after AIFRS adjustments<sup>2</sup></b>          | 7.77 cps                          | 7.11 cps                          | 9%         |
| <b>Distributions per security</b>                                  | 6.50 cps                          | 6.00 cps                          | 8%         |
| <b>Securities on issue</b>                                         | 618.5 m                           | 538.8 m                           | 15%        |

1. Total income is defined as total revenue plus realised gains on sale of investments plus unrealised revaluation gains on properties and investments.
2. Normalised earnings is net profit adjusted for AIFRS fair value adjustments, including property revaluations, revaluations of derivatives and other financial instruments and share-based payments.

The key factors underpinning these results include:

- A 10% increase in net property rental income compared to the previous corresponding period;
  - The sale of properties at Noble Park, Dingley and office strata suites at 109 Pitt Street and origination fees on the disposal of the Group's interest in the Rydges Esplanade Hotel;
  - The revaluation of 14 properties; and
  - An increase in asset management fees and other funds management income, principally through the growth in the Abacus Hospitality Fund and the launch of the Abacus Diversified Income Fund II.
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## Earnings per security

|                                                  | Dec 2007 | Dec 2006 |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Basic earnings per stapled security              | 10.94    | 7.63     |
| Diluted earnings per stapled security            | 10.76    | 7.63     |
| Basic normalised earnings per stapled security   | 7.77     | 7.11     |
| Diluted normalised earnings per stapled security | 7.64     | 7.11     |

## Net tangible assets per security

|                                  | Dec 2007 | June 2007 | Dec 2006 |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Net tangible assets per security | \$1.44   | \$1.32    | \$1.27   |

The increase in the net tangible assets per security relative to the previous corresponding period primarily reflects:

- Increased equity through capital raisings undertaken over the past twelve months, including a \$100 million institutional placement in July 2007, a Security Purchase Plan and the ongoing operation of the Distribution Reinvestment Plan;
- Revaluation of the investment property portfolio in December 2007; and
- Increased retained earnings.

## Controlled entities

In November 2007, Abacus Property Group acquired 58% of the voting shares of U Stow It Holdings Limited, an unlisted public holding company based in Australia, which owns 100% of U Stow It Pty Limited, a company specialising in self-storage in Canberra.

## Distributions

Distributions were paid in full by the Abacus Trust on a pre-tax basis.

| Distribution period             | Date paid       | Individual distribution cps | Total distribution \$ m |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Quarter ended 30 September 2007 | 8 November 2007 | 3.25                        | 20.23                   |
| Quarter ended 31 December 2007  | 7 February 2008 | 3.25                        | 20.47                   |

The record date for determining entitlements to the December distribution was 31 December 2007.

The quarterly distribution increased 7.7% to 3.50 cents per security from 1 January 2008. This brings the total distribution forecast for the financial year ending 30 June 2008 to 13.5 cents per security, representing an 8.0% increase in the annual distribution over the last financial year.

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## Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP)

The Abacus Property Group DRP allows securityholders to reinvest their distributions into APG securities at a 2% discount to the market price, being the volume weighted average price of securities traded on the ASX over the five business days up to and including the record date.

Securityholders wishing to participate in the DRP may lodge their election notice at any time. The record date for determining entitlements to each quarterly distribution is also the record date for participation in the DRP for that distribution. The record dates for the Abacus Property Group's distributions generally are the last business days of March, June, September and December in each year.

## Associates and joint venture entities

|                                                                               | % Ownership |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Abacus Nominees (No 4) Pty Limited ATF Abacus Rosebery Property Trust         | 50%         |
| Telak Close Pty Limited ATF Willoughby Development Trust                      | 50%         |
| Bando Road Pty Limited ATF Cronulla Property Trust                            | 50%         |
| Pakenham Valley Pty Limited ATF Pakenham Valley Unit Trust                    | 50%         |
| Corporate Helpers Pty Limited ATF The Main Street Pakenham Unit Trust         | 50%         |
| Abacus Colemans Road Trust                                                    | 50%         |
| Abacus Muswellbrook Pty Ltd                                                   | 50%         |
| Mt Druitt Unit Trust                                                          | 50%         |
| Abacus-Marblo Abbey Unit Trust                                                | 50%         |
| Playworld Pty Ltd atf the Tulip Unit Trust                                    | 50%         |
| Clarendon Property Investments Pty Ltd ATF The Bay Street Brighton Unit Trust | 50%         |
| Aquarius Link Pty Limited ATF East Boundary Road Trust No. 1                  | 50%         |
| Aquarius Link Pty Limited ATF East Boundary Road Trust No. 2                  | 50%         |
| Fordview Pty Limited ATF Building Property Trust                              | 50%         |
| Gamsdale Pty Limited ATF Southern Property Trust                              | 50%         |

None of the above entities made a material contribution to net profit of the Group over the reporting period or the previous corresponding period.

## Audit status

Independent auditor Ernst & Young has completed a review of the accounts on which this report is based and provided an unqualified opinion.

A copy of the Abacus Property Group 31 December 2007 Half-Year Financial Report with the Ernst & Young review opinion is attached.

# HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

31 DECEMBER 2007

## Directory

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**Directors of Abacus Group Holdings Limited:**

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It is recommended that this Half-Year Financial Report should be read in conjunction with the Half-Year Financial Report of Abacus Trust, Abacus Group Projects Limited and Abacus Income Trust as at 31 December 2007 and Abacus Property Group's 30 June 2007 Annual Financial Report. It is also recommended that the report be considered together with any public announcements made by the Abacus Property Group in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT****31 DECEMBER 2007**

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial reports of Abacus Group Holdings Limited and the auditor's report thereon.

Abacus Group Holdings Limited has been identified as the parent entity of the group referred to as the Abacus Property Group ("APG" or the "Group"). The consolidated financial reports of the Abacus Property Group for the half-year ended 31 December 2007 comprise the consolidated financial reports of Abacus Group Holdings Limited and its controlled entities, Abacus Trust and its controlled entities, Abacus Income Trust and its controlled entities, and Abacus Group Projects Limited and its controlled entities.

**DIRECTORS**

The Directors of Abacus Group Holdings Limited in office during the half year and until the date of this report are set out below:

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| John Thame       | Chairman (Non-executive) |
| Frank Wolf       | Managing Director        |
| William Bartlett | Non-executive Director   |
| Dennis Bluth     | Non-executive Director   |
| Malcolm Irving   | Non-executive Director   |
| David Bastian    | Non-executive Director   |
| Len Lloyd        | Executive Director       |

The Group operates predominantly in Australia and its principal activities during the course of the half-year ended 31 December 2007 included:

- investment in commercial, retail and industrial properties;
- property funds management and investment;
- property finance; and
- participation in property joint ventures and developments.

**OPERATING PROFIT AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Group earned a net profit attributable to security holders of \$67.7 million (December 2006: \$41.1 million).

The Group paid cash distributions to security holders of \$38.6 million (6.5 cents per security) during the half-year ended 31 December 2007 (December 2006: \$31.5 million; 6.0 cents per security). In addition, a distribution of \$20.5 million (3.25 cents per security) was declared and provided for in respect of the quarter ended 31 December 2007.

The Abacus Trust funded all distributions to security holders for the half-year ended 31 December 2007, and the Group has announced that forecast distributions to be paid in respect of periods after 31 December 2007 will increase 7.7% to 3.5 cents per stapled security per quarter.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**31 DECEMBER 2007**

## **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

APG revenues, net profit, normalised earnings per security and distributions per security all grew strongly in the half year ended 31 December 2007:

|                                                                                            | <b>31 December<br/>2007<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>31 December<br/>2006<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>%<br/>change</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total income *</b>                                                                      | 90,209                                 | 80,815                                 | 12                  |
| <b>Pre-tax profit</b>                                                                      | 66,990                                 | 44,634                                 | 50                  |
| <b>Net profit attributable to security holders</b>                                         | 67,662                                 | 41,107                                 | 65                  |
| <b>Net profit</b>                                                                          | 68,102                                 | 40,946                                 | 66                  |
| <b>Earnings per security (cents)</b>                                                       | 10.94                                  | 7.63                                   | 43                  |
| <b>"Normalised earnings" per security (ex AIFRS<br/>fair value adjustments) (cents) **</b> | 7.77                                   | 7.11                                   | 9                   |
| <b>Distributions per security (cents)</b>                                                  | 6.50                                   | 6.00                                   | 8                   |

\* Total revenue plus realised gains on sale of investments plus unrealised revaluation gains on properties/investments

\*\* Normalised earnings is net profit adjusted for AIFRS fair value adjustments (namely property revaluations, revaluations of derivatives and other financial instruments and share based payments).

Similarly APG's financial condition also strengthened during the half year:

|                                                       | <b>31 December<br/>2007</b> | <b>30 June<br/>2007</b> | <b>%<br/>change</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total Assets (\$ million)</b>                      | 1,569                       | 1,270                   | 24                  |
| <b>Gearing (%)</b>                                    | 32.5                        | 30.0                    | 8                   |
| <b>Net Assets (\$ million)</b>                        | 962.7                       | 803.2                   | 20                  |
| <b>Net Tangible Assets (\$ million)</b>               | 922.4                       | 764.2                   | 21                  |
| <b>NTA per security (\$)</b>                          | 1.44                        | 1.32                    | 9                   |
| <b>Retained earnings (\$ million)</b>                 | 175.3                       | 148.4                   | 18                  |
| <b>Securities on issue (million)</b>                  | 641.9                       | 578.6                   | 11                  |
| <b>Weighted average securities on issue (million)</b> | 618.5                       | 553.2                   | 12                  |

Business activities which contributed to the Group's operating performance and financial condition for the half year were:

### *Property*

Total investment property assets at 31 December 2007 were \$890 million (30 June 2007 \$673 million). During the half year APG acquired 13 properties with an aggregate purchase price of more than \$210 million.

Revaluation of the property portfolio during the half year contributed \$13.6 million to the Group's assets.

Gains from sale of 2 properties and strata suites in 109 Pitt Street, Sydney increased Property's contribution to half year operating profit by \$9.2 million.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**31 DECEMBER 2007**

**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS continued**

*Funds Management*

The \$190m Abacus Diversified Income Fund II was launched to retail investors in July 2007. The fund is an open-ended property fund investing in a diversified portfolio of investment properties and other property based assets.

Gross assets under management (including APG assets) grew to \$2.3 billion at 31 December 2007 (June 2007 \$2 billion).

Fees and other income from ongoing funds management activities totalled \$25.2 million (December 2006 \$33.3 million).

*Property Finance*

Total assets including accrued interest (net of provisions) at 31 December 2007 were \$125 million (30 June 2007 \$120.5 million).

Revenue earned from interest and fees (net of provisions) totalled \$6.2 million for the half year (December 2006 \$7 million).

*Joint ventures & Developments*

Investments managed within the Joint Ventures & Developments division comprise direct and indirect property investments and at 31 December 2007 totalled \$91.2 million (30 June 2007 \$89.3 million).

Revenue in the form of equity accounted income, distributions and fair value revaluations of listed securities and options contributed \$2.6 million to half year operating profit (December 2006 \$4.4million).

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**31 DECEMBER 2007**

**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS continued**

*Other*

On 25 July 2007 the Group completed a \$100 million capital raising through the placement of 52.6 million securities at an issue price of \$1.90. On 15 November 2007 the Group also raised \$7.4 million through the security purchase plan (SPP) by issuing 4 million securities.

As a result of the Group's strong financial performance distributions are forecast to increase in 2008. Quarterly distributions of 3.25 cents per security for the first half will be increased to 3.5 cents from the quarter commencing 1 January 2008. This 7.7% increase in quarterly distributions will yield a full year distribution of 13.5 cents for the year ending 30 June 2008 which will be an 8% increase on the 12.5c in distributions paid for the 30 June 2007 financial year.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**31 DECEMBER 2007**

### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE**

On 13 February 2008 the Group signed club facility debt agreements with ANZ (as lead arranger), CBA and St George Bank. Note 11 sets out in more detail the Group's new financing arrangements.

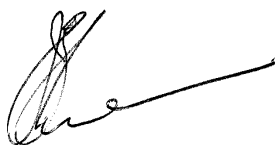
Other than as disclosed already in this report, there has been no matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the half-year that has significantly affected, or may affect, the Group's operations in future financial periods, the results of those operations or the Group's state of affairs in future financial periods.

### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

We have obtained an independence declaration from our auditor, Ernst & Young, and such declaration is set out on page 7.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Abacus Group Holdings Limited (ABN 31 080 604 619)



John Thame  
Chairman

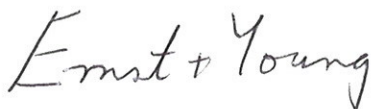


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Managing Director

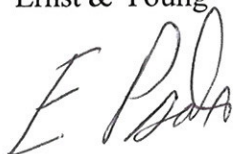
Sydney, 14 February 2008

## **Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Abacus Group Holdings Limited**

In relation to our review of the financial report of Abacus Group Holdings Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2007, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A stylized, handwritten signature of the firm Ernst & Young in black ink.

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Psaltis'.

Ed Psaltis  
Partner

14 February 2008

# ABACUS PROPERTY GROUP

## CONDENSED INCOME AND DISTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

|                                                                  | Notes | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Dec-06<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME</b>                                  |       |                  |                  |
| Rental income                                                    |       | 29,588           | 28,881           |
| Storage-related income                                           |       | 1,136            | -                |
| Hotel-related income                                             |       | 1,731            | 7,956            |
| Finance income                                                   | 4(a)  | 7,106            | 10,763           |
| Funds management income                                          | 4(b)  | 25,245           | 25,870           |
| Share of profit from equity accounted investments                |       | 3,345            | 855              |
| Income from distributions                                        |       | 501              | 596              |
| Net realised gains on investments                                | 4(c)  | 9,226            | 2,949            |
| Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments                     | 4(d)  | 12,331           | 2,945            |
| <b>Total Revenue and Other Income</b>                            |       | <b>90,209</b>    | <b>80,815</b>    |
| Employee benefits expense                                        | 4(e)  | (10,230)         | (7,520)          |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense                            | 4(f)  | (1,148)          | (3,193)          |
| Finance costs                                                    | 4(g)  | (7,254)          | (14,747)         |
| Other expenses                                                   | 4(h)  | (4,587)          | (10,721)         |
| <b>PROFIT BEFORE TAX</b>                                         |       | <b>66,990</b>    | <b>44,634</b>    |
| Income tax benefit/(expense)                                     |       | 1,112            | (3,688)          |
| <b>PROFIT AFTER TAX</b>                                          |       | <b>68,102</b>    | <b>40,946</b>    |
| <b>PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO:</b>                                   |       |                  |                  |
| Equity holders of the parent entity                              |       | (2,840)          | 5,032            |
| Equity holders of other stapled entities (minority interest):    |       |                  |                  |
| Abacus Trust                                                     |       | 44,183           | 27,556           |
| Abacus Group Projects Limited                                    |       | 265              | 20               |
| Abacus Income Trust                                              |       | 26,054           | 8,499            |
| <b>Stapled security holders</b>                                  |       | <b>67,662</b>    | <b>41,107</b>    |
| Net profit attributable to external minority interests           |       | 440              | (161)            |
| <b>NET PROFIT</b>                                                |       | <b>68,102</b>    | <b>40,946</b>    |
| <br>                                                             |       |                  |                  |
| <b>Basic earnings per stapled security (cents)</b>               |       | <b>10.94</b>     | <b>7.63</b>      |
| <b>Diluted earnings per stapled security (cents)</b>             |       | <b>10.76</b>     | <b>-</b>         |
| <br>                                                             |       |                  |                  |
| Basic earnings per stapled security ex fair value adjustments*   |       | 7.77             | 7.11             |
| Diluted earnings per stapled security ex fair value adjustments* |       | 7.64             | -                |

\*Based on net profit excluding AIFRS fair value adjustments (namely property revaluations, revaluations of derivatives and other financial instruments and share based payments)

## ABACUS PROPERTY GROUP

### CONDENSED INCOME AND DISTRIBUTION STATEMENTS CONTINUED HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

|                                                                | Notes    | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Dec-06<br>\$'000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION</b>                               |          |                  |                  |
| Net profit/(loss) attributable to security holders             |          | 67,662           | 41,107           |
| Net transfer of undistributed income to security holders funds |          | (26,966)         | (9,074)          |
| <b>Distributions paid and payable</b>                          | <b>5</b> | <b>40,696</b>    | <b>32,033</b>    |
| Distribution per stapled security (cents per security)         |          | 6.50             | 6.00             |
| <b>Weighted average number of securities ('000)</b>            |          | <b>618,493</b>   | <b>538,783</b>   |

**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET**  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

|                                                   | Notes | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Jun-07<br>\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                             |       |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                         |       | 30,061           | 19,068           |
| Trade and other receivables                       |       | 30,812           | 65,914           |
| Inventories                                       |       | 10,815           | 13,359           |
| Investment properties                             | 6a    | 5,634            | 12,524           |
| Property loans and other financial assets         | 7a    | 284,422          | 256,236          |
| Other                                             |       | 2,254            | 1,764            |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>                       |       | <b>363,998</b>   | <b>368,865</b>   |
| <b>NON - CURRENT ASSETS</b>                       |       |                  |                  |
| Property, plant and equipment                     |       | 34,603           | 30,553           |
| Investment properties                             | 6b    | 884,780          | 660,536          |
| Property loans and other financial assets         | 7b    | 143,790          | 70,945           |
| Investments accounted for using the equity method |       | 91,240           | 89,299           |
| Deferred tax assets                               |       | 5,421            | 4,569            |
| Intangible assets and goodwill                    |       | 40,313           | 40,977           |
| Other                                             |       | 4,832            | 4,510            |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>                   |       | <b>1,204,979</b> | <b>901,389</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                               |       | <b>1,568,977</b> | <b>1,270,254</b> |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                        |       |                  |                  |
| Trade and other payables                          |       | 59,223           | 53,948           |
| Interest-bearing loans and borrowings             | 11    | 326,955          | 171,473          |
| Other                                             |       | 522              | 417              |
| Income tax payable                                |       | -                | 7,139            |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                  |       | <b>386,700</b>   | <b>232,977</b>   |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                    |       |                  |                  |
| Interest-bearing loans and borrowings             | 11    | 203,331          | 222,751          |
| Other                                             |       | 7,389            | 8,742            |
| Deferred tax liabilities                          |       | 8,855            | 2,579            |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>              |       | <b>219,575</b>   | <b>234,072</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                          |       | <b>606,275</b>   | <b>467,049</b>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                 |       | <b>962,702</b>   | <b>803,205</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                               |       | <b>962,702</b>   | <b>803,205</b>   |

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## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

|                                                                 |   | Dec-07<br>\$'000      | Jun-07<br>\$'000      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total equity attributable to members of AGHL:</b>            |   |                       |                       |
| Contributed equity                                              |   | 31,508                | 24,684                |
| Reserves                                                        |   | 2,511                 | 2,703                 |
| Retained earnings                                               |   | 8,482                 | 10,532                |
|                                                                 |   | <u>42,501</u>         | <u>37,919</u>         |
| <b>Internal minority interests:</b>                             |   |                       |                       |
| <b>Total equity attributable to unitholders of AT:</b>          |   |                       |                       |
| Contributed equity                                              |   | 591,738               | 504,561               |
| Reserves                                                        |   | 117                   | -                     |
| Retained earnings                                               |   | 100,961               | 98,260                |
|                                                                 |   | <u>692,816</u>        | <u>602,821</u>        |
| <b>Total equity attributable to members of AGPL:</b>            |   |                       |                       |
| Contributed equity                                              |   | 7,228                 | 6,240                 |
| Reserves                                                        |   | 121                   | -                     |
| Retained earnings                                               |   | (778)                 | (1,043)               |
|                                                                 |   | <u>6,571</u>          | <u>5,197</u>          |
| <b>Total equity attributable to unitholders of AIT:</b>         |   |                       |                       |
| Contributed equity                                              |   | 135,853               | 112,956               |
| Retained earnings                                               |   | 66,666                | 40,615                |
|                                                                 |   | <u>202,519</u>        | <u>153,571</u>        |
| <b>Total equity attributable to external minority interest:</b> |   |                       |                       |
| Contributed equity                                              |   | 2,544                 | 1,321                 |
| Retained earnings                                               |   | 15,751                | 2,376                 |
|                                                                 |   | <u>18,295</u>         | <u>3,697</u>          |
| <b>Total minority interest</b>                                  |   | <b>920,201</b>        | <b>765,286</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                                             |   | <b><u>962,702</u></b> | <b><u>803,205</u></b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                                   |   |                       |                       |
| Contributed equity                                              | 8 | 766,327               | 648,440               |
| Reserves                                                        |   | 2,749                 | 2,703                 |
| Retained earnings                                               |   | 175,331               | 148,365               |
| Total security holders' interest in equity                      |   | <u>944,407</u>        | <u>799,508</u>        |
| Total external minority interest                                |   | 18,295                | 3,697                 |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                                             |   | <b><u>962,702</u></b> | <b><u>803,205</u></b> |

# ABACUS PROPERTY GROUP

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

| CONSOLIDATED                                                                | Issued<br>capital<br>\$'000 | Asset<br>revaluation<br>reserve<br>\$'000 | Foreign<br>currency<br>translation<br>\$'000 | Employee<br>equity<br>benefits<br>\$'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>\$'000 | Minority<br>interest<br>\$'000 | Total<br>Equity<br>\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>At 1 July 2007</b>                                                       | 648,440                     | -                                         | (165)                                        | 2,868                                    | 148,365                        | 3,697                          | <b>803,205</b>            |
| Tax taken directly to equity                                                | -                           | -                                         | 93                                           | -                                        | -                              | -                              | 93                        |
| Foreign currency translation                                                | -                           | -                                         | (576)                                        | -                                        | -                              | -                              | (576)                     |
| Total income and expense for the half<br>year recognised directly in equity | <b>648,440</b>              | -                                         | <b>(648)</b>                                 | <b>2,868</b>                             | <b>148,365</b>                 | <b>3,697</b>                   | <b>802,722</b>            |
| Net income for the half year                                                | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | 67,662                         | 440                            | 68,102                    |
| <b>Total income for the half year</b>                                       | <b>648,440</b>              | -                                         | <b>(648)</b>                                 | <b>2,868</b>                             | <b>216,027</b>                 | <b>4,137</b>                   | <b>870,824</b>            |
| Equity raisings (net of issue costs)                                        | 105,532                     | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | -                              | -                              | 105,532                   |
| Distribution reinvestment plan                                              | 12,355                      | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | -                              | -                              | 12,355                    |
| Disposal of interests in Matson Resort                                      | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | -                              | (699)                          | (699)                     |
| Minority interest on acquisition of<br>U-Stow-It Holdings Limited           | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | -                              | 14,857                         | 14,857                    |
| Distributions to security holders                                           | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | (40,696)                       | -                              | (40,696)                  |
| Share based payments                                                        | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | 529                                      | -                              | -                              | 529                       |
| <b>At 31 December 2007</b>                                                  | <b>766,327</b>              | -                                         | <b>(648)</b>                                 | <b>3,397</b>                             | <b>175,331</b>                 | <b>18,295</b>                  | <b>962,702</b>            |

| CONSOLIDATED                                                                        | Issued<br>capital<br>\$'000 | Asset<br>revaluation<br>reserve<br>\$'000 | Foreign<br>currency<br>translation<br>\$'000 | Employee<br>equity<br>benefits<br>\$'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>\$'000 | Minority<br>interest<br>\$'000 | Total<br>Equity<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>At 1 July 2006</b>                                                               | 572,503                     | 1,907                                     | (229)                                        | -                                        | 96,626                         | 2,304                          | <b>673,111</b>            |
| Foreign currency translation                                                        | -                           | -                                         | 144                                          | -                                        | -                              | -                              | 144                       |
| Other                                                                               | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | 365                            | -                              | 365                       |
| <b>Total income and expense for the half<br/>year recognised directly in equity</b> | <b>572,503</b>              | <b>1,907</b>                              | <b>(85)</b>                                  | -                                        | <b>96,991</b>                  | <b>2,304</b>                   | <b>673,620</b>            |
| Net income for the half year                                                        | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | 41,107                         | (162)                          | 40,945                    |
| Total income and expense for the half<br>year                                       | 572,503                     | 1,907                                     | (85)                                         | -                                        | 138,098                        | 2,142                          | 714,565                   |
| Equity raisings (net of issue costs)                                                | 85,827                      | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | -                              | -                              | 85,827                    |
| Distributions to security holders                                                   | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | -                                        | (32,034)                       | -                              | (32,034)                  |
| Share based payments                                                                | -                           | -                                         | -                                            | 2,408                                    | -                              | -                              | 2,408                     |
| <b>At 31 December 2006</b>                                                          | <b>658,330</b>              | <b>1,907</b>                              | <b>(85)</b>                                  | <b>2,408</b>                             | <b>106,064</b>                 | <b>2,142</b>                   | <b>770,766</b>            |

**CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007**

|                                                                   | Notes | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Dec-06<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                       |       |                  |                  |
| Income receipts                                                   |       | 68,564           | 64,191           |
| Interest received                                                 |       | 8,575            | 10,431           |
| Distributions received                                            |       | -                | 419              |
| Income tax (paid)/received                                        |       | (7,163)          | -                |
| Borrowing costs paid                                              |       | (13,024)         | (14,828)         |
| Operating payments                                                |       | (22,422)         | (23,199)         |
| <b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                   |       | <b>34,530</b>    | <b>37,014</b>    |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                       |       |                  |                  |
| Payments for investments and funds advanced                       |       | (329,460)        | (306,793)        |
| Proceeds from sale and settlement of investments and funds repaid |       | 255,403          | 184,910          |
| Purchase of a controlled entity                                   | 9     | (22,702)         | -                |
| Disposal of controlled entities                                   |       | 59,501           | 131,557          |
| Purchase of plant and equipment                                   |       | (24,366)         | (66)             |
| Disposal of property, plant and equipment                         |       | 4,586            | -                |
| Purchase of investment properties                                 |       | (193,876)        | (81,493)         |
| Disposal of investment properties                                 |       | 44,174           | 19,575           |
| Payment for other investments                                     |       | (4,516)          | -                |
| <b>NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                |       | <b>(211,256)</b> | <b>(52,310)</b>  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                       |       |                  |                  |
| Proceeds from issue of stapled securities                         |       | 105,422          | 66,728           |
| Repayment of borrowings                                           |       | (302,669)        | (121,696)        |
| Proceeds from borrowings                                          |       | 411,123          | 113,459          |
| Distributions paid                                                |       | (26,396)         | (31,466)         |
| <b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                   |       | <b>187,480</b>   | <b>27,025</b>    |
| <b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>                  |       | <b>10,754</b>    | <b>11,729</b>    |
| Net foreign exchange differences                                  |       | 239              | -                |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                  |       | 19,068           | 20,107           |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD</b>                 |       | <b>30,061</b>    | <b>31,836</b>    |

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****31 December 2007****1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

Abacus Property Group ("APG" or the "Group") is comprised of Abacus Group Holdings Limited ("AGHL"), Abacus Trust ("AT"), Abacus Group Projects Limited ("AGPL") and Abacus Income Trust ("AIT"). Shares in AGHL and AGPL and units in AT and AIT have been stapled together so that neither can be dealt with without the other. The securities trade as one security on the Australian Stock Exchange (the "ASX") under the code ABP.

The financial report of the Group for the half year ended 31 December 2007 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 14 February 2008.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The half-year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the consolidated entity as the full financial report.

The half-year financial report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report of Abacus Property Group for the year ended 30 June 2007. It is also recommended that the half-year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by the Abacus Property Group during the half-year ended 31 December 2007 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001. All of the above are found on the APG website [www.abacusproperty.com.au](http://www.abacusproperty.com.au).

**(a) Basis of preparation**

The half-year financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional requirements.

The half-year financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investment properties, property, plant and equipment and financial instruments that have been measured at fair value.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000) unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Group under ASIC Class Order 98/100. The Group is an entity to which the class order applies.

For the purpose of preparing the half-year financial report, the half-year has been treated as a discrete reporting period and where necessary, comparatives have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation in this financial report.

**(b) Significant accounting policies**

The half-year consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies used in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007, except the adoption of amending standards mandatory for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2007. The amending standards had no material financial impact to the Group for the half-year ended 31 December 2007.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****31 December 2007****2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued****(c) Basis of consolidation**

The half-year consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Abacus Group Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Abacus Trust and its subsidiaries, Abacus Group Projects Limited and its subsidiaries and Abacus Income Trust and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as the Abacus Property Group ('the Group').

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies with adjustments made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies that may exist.

All intercompany balances and transactions, including unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions, have been eliminated in full and subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group. Where there is loss of control of a subsidiary, the consolidated financial statements include the results for the part of the reporting period during which the Group has control.

External minority interests represent those equity interests in Abacus Hobart Growth Trust, The Wollongong Property Trust, Abacus Independent Retail Property Trust and U-Stow-It Holdings Limited that are not held by the Group and are presented separately in the income statement and within equity in the consolidated balance sheet.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's primary business segments are Property, Funds Management, Property Finance and Joint Ventures and Developments. The Property division comprises the ownership of commercial, retail and industrial properties. The Funds Management division develops, originates and manages off balance sheet funds in addition to discharging the Group's responsible entity obligations. Property Finance comprises mortgage lending and related property financing solutions. Joint Ventures & Developments comprise investments in joint venture activities and in securities of other listed and unlisted property trusts.

| Business segments                                     | Property<br>\$'000 | Funds<br>Management<br>\$'000 | Property<br>Finance<br>\$'000 | Joint Ventures &<br>Developments<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Half year ended 31 Dec 2007</b>                    |                    |                               |                               |                                            |                 |
| <b>Revenue</b>                                        |                    |                               |                               |                                            |                 |
| Revenue from external customers                       | 32,456             | 15,878                        | 6,187                         | 3,846                                      | 58,367          |
| Realised gains on investments                         | 9,226              | 9,367                         | -                             | -                                          | 18,593          |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments              | 13,549             | -                             | -                             | (1,218)                                    | 12,331          |
|                                                       | <b>55,231</b>      | <b>25,245</b>                 | <b>6,187</b>                  | <b>2,628</b>                               | <b>89,291</b>   |
| Unallocated revenue                                   |                    |                               |                               |                                            | 918             |
| <b>Total consolidated revenue</b>                     |                    |                               |                               |                                            | <b>90,209</b>   |
| <b>Result</b>                                         |                    |                               |                               |                                            |                 |
| Segment result                                        | 45,279             | 21,222                        | 5,009                         | 1,816                                      | 73,326          |
| Unallocated revenue                                   |                    |                               |                               |                                            | 918             |
| <b>Profit/(loss) before tax and<br/>finance costs</b> |                    |                               |                               |                                            | <b>74,244</b>   |

| Business segments                                     | Property<br>\$'000 | Funds<br>Management<br>\$'000 | Property<br>Finance<br>\$'000 | Joint Ventures &<br>Developments<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Half year ended 31 Dec 2006</b>                    |                    |                               |                               |                                            |                 |
| <b>Revenue</b>                                        |                    |                               |                               |                                            |                 |
| Revenue from external customers                       | 29,410             | 12,109                        | 9,011                         | 1,451                                      | 51,981          |
| Realised and unrealised gains<br>on investments       | 2,949              | 21,188                        | -                             | 2,945                                      | 27,082          |
|                                                       | <b>32,359</b>      | <b>33,297</b>                 | <b>9,011</b>                  | <b>4,396</b>                               | <b>79,063</b>   |
| Unallocated revenue                                   |                    |                               |                               |                                            | 1,752           |
| <b>Total consolidated revenue</b>                     |                    |                               |                               |                                            | <b>80,815</b>   |
| <b>Result</b>                                         |                    |                               |                               |                                            |                 |
| Segment result                                        | 21,932             | 26,570                        | 5,887                         | 3,240                                      | 57,629          |
| Unallocated revenue                                   |                    |                               |                               |                                            | 1,752           |
| <b>Profit/(loss) before tax and<br/>finance costs</b> |                    |                               |                               |                                            | <b>59,381</b>   |

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## 4. REVENUES AND EXPENSES

|                                                | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Dec-06<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>4. INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>                |                  |                  |
| <b>(a) Finance income</b>                      |                  |                  |
| Interest and fee income on secured loans       | 11,188           | 12,011           |
| Provision for doubtful debts                   | (5,000)          | (3,000)          |
| Bank interest                                  | 918              | 1,752            |
| <b>Total finance income</b>                    | <b>7,106</b>     | <b>10,763</b>    |
| <b>(b) Funds Management Income</b>             |                  |                  |
| Asset management fees                          | 3,294            | 1,352            |
| Property management fees                       | 400              | 277              |
| Consulting and other income                    | 4,252            | 1,041            |
| Interest on loans to funds management entities | 7,932            | 2,012            |
| Sale of interests in the Matson Hotel *        | 9,367            | -                |
| Sale of units in AHF *                         | -                | 8,672            |
| Sale of the Rendezvous Hotel                   | -                | 12,516           |
| <b>Total funds management income</b>           | <b>25,245</b>    | <b>25,870</b>    |
| <br>                                           |                  |                  |
| <b>(c) Net realised gains on disposal of:</b>  |                  |                  |
| Investment properties                          | 7,742            | 2,949            |
| 1-5 Lake Dingley, Melbourne *                  | 1,484            | -                |
| <b>Total net realised gains on investments</b> | <b>9,226</b>     | <b>2,949</b>     |
| <br>                                           |                  |                  |
| <b>(d) Unrealised gains on investments</b>     |                  |                  |
| Change in fair value of investment properties  | 13,643           | -                |
| Change in fair value of property securities    | (1,312)          | 2,945            |
| <b>Total unrealised gains on investments</b>   | <b>12,331</b>    | <b>2,945</b>     |

\* Sale was to a fund managed by AFML

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 4. INCOME AND EXPENSES continued

|                                                        | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Dec-06<br>\$'000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>(e) Employee benefits expense</b>                   |                  |                  |
| Wages and salaries                                     | 9,701            | 5,112            |
| Share based payments                                   | 529              | 2,408            |
| <b>Total employee benefits expense</b>                 | <b>10,230</b>    | <b>7,520</b>     |
| <b>(f) Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>       |                  |                  |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment - hotels | 382              | 2,879            |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment - other  | 3                | 11               |
| Amortisation of intangible assets                      | 56               | 60               |
| Amortisation - other                                   | 707              | 243              |
| <b>Total depreciation and amortisation expense</b>     | <b>1,148</b>     | <b>3,193</b>     |
| <b>(g) Finance costs</b>                               |                  |                  |
| Interest on loans                                      | 14,357           | 16,782           |
| Amortisation of finance costs                          | 586              | 210              |
| Total finance costs (on historical basis)              | 14,943           | 16,992           |
| Unrealised gains on interest rate swaps                | (7,689)          | (2,245)          |
| <b>Total finance costs</b>                             | <b>7,254</b>     | <b>14,747</b>    |
| <b>(h) Other expenses</b>                              |                  |                  |
| Property outgoings                                     | 4,506            | 4,709            |
| Other administrative expenses                          | 81               | 6,012            |
| <b>Total other expenses</b>                            | <b>4,587</b>     | <b>10,721</b>    |

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 5. DISTRIBUTIONS PAID AND PROPOSED

|                                                                 | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Dec-06<br>\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>(a) Distributions paid during the half year</b>              |                  |                  |
| Final distribution for financial year 30 June 2007:             |                  |                  |
| 3.25 cents per unit (2006: 3.00 cents)                          | 18,419           | 15,491           |
| Interim distribution paid during the half year:                 |                  |                  |
| September: 3.25 cents per unit (2006: 3.00 cents)               | 20,229           | 15,974           |
|                                                                 | <b>38,648</b>    | <b>31,465</b>    |
| <b>(b) Distributions proposed and recognised as a liability</b> |                  |                  |
| Interim distribution payable for the December quarter:          |                  |                  |
| 3.25 cents per unit (2006: 3.00 cents)                          | <b>20,467</b>    | <b>16,059</b>    |

Distributions were paid from Abacus Trust (which does not pay tax provided it distributes all its taxable income) hence, there were no franking credits attached.

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## 6. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

| Property                                                                        | Acquisition<br>date | Cost<br>including all<br>additions<br>\$'000 | Independent<br>valuation<br>date | Value            |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                                 |                     |                                              |                                  | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Jun-07<br>\$'000 |
| <b>(a) Current asset</b>                                                        |                     |                                              |                                  |                  |                  |
| 109 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW (i) (b)                                            | 22-Jun-99           | 9,924                                        | 30-Jun-06                        | <u>5,634</u>     | <u>12,524</u>    |
| <b>(b) Non-current assets</b>                                                   |                     |                                              |                                  |                  |                  |
| 66 Christina Road, Villawood, NSW (iv)                                          | 28-May-02           | 8,213                                        | 31-Dec-07                        | 13,200           | 12,426           |
| CSIRO, Limestone Ave., Campbell, ACT (iv)                                       | 21-Jun-02           | 12,686                                       | 30-Jun-07                        | 20,000           | 20,000           |
| 4 Ray Road, Epping, NSW (ii)                                                    | 30-Apr-97           | 27,043                                       | 30-Jun-07                        | 54,500           | 54,500           |
| Ashfield Mall, Ashfield, NSW (iv)                                               | 15-Sep-97           | 86,806                                       | 31-Dec-07                        | 122,000          | 116,843          |
| 10-12 Pike Street, Rydalmere, NSW (v)                                           | 1-Oct-98            | 14,262                                       | 30-Jun-07                        | 22,400           | 22,400           |
| Liverpool Plaza, Liverpool, NSW (iv)                                            | 16-Aug-04           | 32,860                                       | 31-Dec-07                        | 42,000           | 37,020           |
| Macquarie Street, Liverpool, NSW (iv)                                           | 21-Sep-05           | 5,451                                        | 31-Dec-07                        | 5,500            | 5,503            |
| Moore Street, Liverpool, NSW (iv)                                               | 14-Oct-05           | 2,265                                        | 31-Dec-07                        | 2,300            | 2,297            |
| Aspley Village Shopping Centre (iii) (g)                                        | 15-Feb-06           | 16,374                                       | 1-Feb-06                         | 24,516           | 18,607           |
| Westpac House, Adelaide SA (i)                                                  | 5-Oct-04            | 54,327                                       | 30-Jun-07                        | 72,024           | 68,850           |
| Homemaker City, Moorabbin, NSW (iv)                                             | 11-Aug-06           | 38,690                                       | 31-Dec-07                        | 34,000           | 38,690           |
| 95 and 117 Mina Parade, Alderley, QLD                                           | 14-Sep-07           | 20,971                                       | 9-Jul-07                         | 20,982           | -                |
| Cnr Main Street & Bellevue Drive, and<br>169 Varsity Parade, Varsity Lakes, QLD | 17-Sep-07           | 24,042                                       | 16-Jul-07                        | 24,055           | -                |
| 16-18, 17-21 Anzac Street, and<br>206-220 Hume Highway, Greenacre, NSW          | 30-Nov-07           | 14,037                                       | 18-Sep-07                        | 13,913           | -                |
| 1769 Hume Highway, Campbellfield                                                | 12-Nov-07           | 18,538                                       | 10-Oct-07                        | 18,549           | -                |
| 12-14 Butler Road, Hurstville, NSW                                              | 31-May-07           | 18,714                                       | 18-May-07                        | 18,733           | 18,714           |
| 27 Grant Street, Port Macquarie, NSW                                            | 26-Jun-07           | 16,021                                       | 6-Jun-07                         | 16,028           | 16,021           |
| 8 Sylvania Way, Lisarow, NSW                                                    | 23-Jul-07           | 10,510                                       | 30-Jun-07                        | 10,315           | -                |
| 198-206 St Johns Road, Glebe, NSW                                               | 4-Oct-07            | 6,501                                        | 5-Sep-07                         | 6,351            | -                |
| 144-168 National Boulevard, Campbellfield                                       | 9-Nov-07            | 21,668                                       | 28-Sep-07                        | 21,268           | -                |
| Lot 121, Orielton Road, Smeaton Grange                                          | 22-Nov-07           | 10,198                                       | 12-Oct-07                        | 10,011           | -                |
| 23 Norton Street, Leichhardt, NSW                                               | 22-Oct-07           | 9,062                                        | 30-Sep-07                        | 8,894            | -                |
| Townsville Storage portfolio                                                    | 13-Sep-07           | 23,823                                       | 13-Sep-07                        | 23,823           | -                |
| Hamilton Storage portfolio                                                      | 10-Sep-07           | 6,878                                        | 10-Sep-07                        | 6,878            | -                |
| U-Stow-It Storage portfolio <sup>(f)</sup>                                      | 23-Nov-07           | 52,400                                       | -                                | 52,400           | -                |

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## 6. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES continued

| Property                                                 | Acquisition date | Cost                           | Independent valuation date | Value          |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                          |                  | including all additions \$'000 |                            | Dec-07 \$'000  | Jun-07 \$'000  |
| 8 Station Street, Wollongong, NSW (vi) (c)               | 30-Jun-03        | 7,866                          | 31-Dec-07                  | 12,750         | 12,000         |
| 1-5 Lake Dingley, Melbourne                              | 28-May-03        | 11,956                         | 30-Jun-06                  | -              | 13,300         |
| 367 Peel Street, Tamworth, NSW (iv)                      | 22-Feb-04        | 11,961                         | 31-Dec-07                  | 13,300         | 12,700         |
| 500 Princes Highway, Noble Park, VIC (ii)                | 27-Nov-03        | 19,222                         | 30-Jun-07                  | -              | 21,000         |
| 31-33 Windorah Avenue, Stafford, QLD (iv)                | 3-Nov-03         | 5,109                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 6,500          | 6,500          |
| Lennons Plaza, 66 Queen St., QLD (v)                     | 19-Dec-03        | 32,272                         | 31-Dec-07                  | 43,500         | 39,000         |
| 26 Savage Street & 681 Curtin Avenue, Pinkenba, QLD (iv) | 23-Jan-04        | 5,040                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 12,000         | 12,000         |
| 671 Gympie Rd, Chermside, QLD (v)                        | 17-Dec-04        | 4,722                          | 31-Dec-07                  | 6,500          | 5,877          |
| 9-14 Yates Street, Mawson Lakes, SA (v)                  | 7-Jun-05         | 6,857                          | 31-Dec-07                  | 5,750          | 5,700          |
| 36-52 National Blvd, Campbellfield, VIC (iv)             | 18-Jul-05        | 8,832                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 10,300         | 10,300         |
| Gympie Market Place, Gympie (ii) (d)                     | 7-Jun-04         | 7,340                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 9,000          | 9,000          |
| 29-47 & 18-20 Becker St, Cobar NSW (iv) (d)              | 5-Aug-04         | 1,174                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 1,960          | 1,950          |
| 50 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine, VIC (iv) (d)              | 11-May-05        | 8,092                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 10,200         | 10,200         |
| 29 Queen Street, North Bundaberg, QLD (v) (d) (g)        | 18-Jul-05        | 15,536                         | 11-Aug-05                  | 16,678         | 15,536         |
| 93 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, VIC (iv) (d)              | 29-Sep-05        | 6,150                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 6,900          | 6,900          |
| 12 Docker Street, Wangaratta, QLD (iv) (d)               | 31-Oct-05        | 2,965                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 3,100          | 3,100          |
| Kingscote Kangaroo Island, SA (iv) (d)                   | 21-Dec-05        | 4,337                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 4,500          | 4,500          |
| 96-98 Victoria Street, St. George, QLD (ii) (d)          | 18-Aug-05        | 3,029                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 3,200          | 3,200          |
| 293-295 Grt Eastern Highway, Midland WA (iv) (d)         | 21-Jun-06        | 7,228                          | 30-Jun-07                  | 10,282         | 10,250         |
| Mt View Plaza, Kirwan, QLD (i) (d)                       | 31-Aug-06        | 7,743                          | 31-Dec-07                  | 8,500          | 7,743          |
| Mid City Plaza, Maryborough, VIC (d)                     | 29-Jun-07        | 4,802                          | 23-Apr-07                  | 4,816          | 4,802          |
| 244-256 Liverpool Road, Ashfield, NSW (iv)               | 26-Mar-98        | 8,195                          | 31-Dec-07                  | 6,900          | 6,900          |
| Woodlands Drive, Braeside, VIC                           | 20-Dec-06        | 1,007                          | 5-Dec-06                   | 1,007          | 1,007          |
| 4-8 Jacobs Street, Bankstown (vi)                        | 2-Dec-02         | 5,161                          | 31-Dec-07                  | 5,850          | 5,200          |
| 20-28 Sir William Pickering Drive, Christchurch, NZ      | 20-Jul-07        | 16,647                         | 8-Jun-07                   | 16,647         | -              |
| <b>Non-current - Investment properties</b>               |                  |                                |                            | <b>884,780</b> | <b>660,536</b> |
| <b>Total investment properties</b>                       |                  |                                |                            | <b>890,414</b> | <b>673,060</b> |

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### **6. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES continued**

- (i) As valued by Knight Frank Pty Limited
- (ii) As valued by Colliers International Consultancy and Valuation Pty Ltd
- (iii) As valued by Urbis Property Consultants
- (iv) As valued by CB Richard Ellis Pty Ltd
- (v) As valued by FPD Savills (NSW) Pty Limited
- (vi) As valued by DTZ Australia

**Notes:**

- (a) The value of properties not externally valued at 31 December 2007 may include capital expenditures after the last valuation date.
- (b) The property at 109 Pitt Street is currently under refurbishment and has been subdivided into strata units. The retail component and the leasehold interest in the car park were sold in prior financial years while the sale of the commercial units continues at 31 December 2007.
- (c) The Abacus Income Trust owns 98.4% of the units in the Wollongong Property Trust which owns 8 Station Street, Wollongong.
- (d) Property is owned by Abacus Independent Retail Property Trust (AIRPT). Abacus Retail Property Trust, a wholly owned trust of Abacus Income Trust, owns 75% of the units in AIRPT.
- (e) The Group acquired 58.07% interest in U-Stow-It Holdings Pty Limited in November 2007.
- (f) Properties undergoing major redevelopment were valued at cost including capitalised costs.
- (g) The investment properties are used as security for secured bank debt.

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|                                                             | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Jun-07<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>7. PROPERTY LOANS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>         |                  |                  |
| <b>(a) Current</b>                                          |                  |                  |
| Secured loans <sup>(a)</sup>                                | 47,558           | 88,942           |
| Secured funding to funds management entities <sup>(b)</sup> | 229,106          | 153,827          |
| Accrued interest on loans                                   | 15,769           | 16,467           |
| Provision for doubtful debts                                | (8,011)          | (3,000)          |
|                                                             | <b>284,422</b>   | <b>256,236</b>   |
| <b>(b) Non-current</b>                                      |                  |                  |
| Secured loans <sup>(a)</sup>                                | 68,304           | 35,467           |
| Secured funding to funds management entities <sup>(b)</sup> | 17,500           | -                |
| Accrued interest on secured loans                           | 6,173            | 2,077            |
| Derivative financial instruments                            | 14,834           | 7,944            |
| Investments in property securities                          | 36,979           | 25,457           |
|                                                             | <b>143,790</b>   | <b>70,945</b>    |

(a) Mortgages are secured by real property assets. The current facilities are scheduled to mature on or before 31 December 2008 and the non-current facilities will mature between 1 January 2009 and 30 June 2014.

(b) Interim funding is provided to other entities outside the Group managed by the responsible entity AFML to enable acquisition of properties ahead of receipt of funds from investors. The loans are typically unsecured and the rates of interest equal the rate of the respective fund's distribution. The loans rate ahead of the security holders' interests.

## 8. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

|                                             | Dec-07<br>\$'000 | Jun-07<br>\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>(a) Issued stapled securities</b>        |                  |                  |
| Stapled securities                          | 788,824          | 670,937          |
| - securities financed by APG under the ESLP | (22,497)         | (22,497)         |
| <b>Total contributed equity</b>             | <b>766,327</b>   | <b>648,440</b>   |

### (b) Movement in stapled securities on issue

|                                                | Stapled securities |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                                                | Number<br>'000     | Value<br>\$'000 |
| <b>At 1 July 2007</b>                          | <b>578,633</b>     | <b>648,440</b>  |
| - security purchase plan                       | 3,991              | 7,422           |
| - institutional equity raising                 | 52,632             | 100,000         |
| - distribution reinvestment plan               | 6,644              | 12,355          |
| - less transaction costs                       | -                  | (1,890)         |
| <b>Securities on issue at 31 December 2007</b> | <b>641,900</b>     | <b>766,327</b>  |

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 9. BUSINESS COMBINATION

#### Acquisition of U-Stow-It Holdings Limited

In November 2007, APG acquired 58% of the voting shares of U-Stow-It Holdings Limited, an unlisted public holding company based in Australia, which owns 100% of U-Stow-It Pty Limited, a company specialising in self storage.

The total cost of the combination was \$22,731,594 and comprised of the payment of cash and costs directly attributable to the combination.

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of U-Stow-It Holdings Limited as at the date of acquisition was:

|                                          | Recognised on<br>Acquisition<br>\$'000 | Carrying<br>value<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                | 30                                     | 30                          |
| Trade receivables                        | 703                                    | 703                         |
| Investment properties                    | 52,400                                 | 52,400                      |
| Plant & equipment                        | 492                                    | 492                         |
| Other assets                             | 21                                     | 21                          |
| <b>Assets</b>                            | <b>53,646</b>                          | <b>53,646</b>               |
| Trade payables                           | (732)                                  | (732)                       |
| Other payables & accruals                | (712)                                  | (712)                       |
| Interest bearing debt                    | (10,510)                               | (10,510)                    |
| Deferred tax liability                   | (6,259)                                | (5,270)                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       | <b>(18,213)</b>                        | <b>(17,224)</b>             |
| Fair value on identifiable net assets    | 35,433                                 | 36,422                      |
| Minority share (42%)                     | (14,857)                               |                             |
| Fair value of APG's share (58%)          | 20,576                                 |                             |
| Goodwill arising on acquisition          | 2,156                                  |                             |
|                                          | <b>22,732</b>                          |                             |
| Cash paid                                | 22,623                                 |                             |
| Direct costs relating to the acquisition | 109                                    |                             |
| <b>Total cost of the acquisition</b>     | <b>22,732</b>                          |                             |

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From the date of the acquisition through to 31 December 2007, U-Stow-It Holdings Limited's contribution to the Net Profit of the Group is not significant.

If the combination had taken place at the beginning of the 6-month period ended 31 December 2007, the net profit after tax from continuing operations for the Group would have been \$69.47 million and revenue from continuing operations would have been \$92 million.

The key factors contributing to the \$2,156,000 of goodwill relate to opportunity to establish a strong geographical presence in the Canberra market, the yield and portfolio value of the three sites and the high quality of the self-storage stores themselves.

**10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Since the last annual reporting date, there has been no material change to any contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

**11. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

On 13 February 2008 the Group signed club facility debt agreements with ANZ (as lead arranger), CBA and St George Bank. Under the club facility arrangement properties previously financed on a secured basis with a number of individual banks have been combined into a common security pool which is financed by the Club participants.

The effect of this new Club facility is to establish a new \$550 million club facility to replace the Group's existing debt arrangements for its principal property portfolio and will be initially drawn down to approximately \$380m. The facility comprises a core facility of \$400 million secured against the Group's principal property book (with a \$250 million tranche of 3 years duration and \$150 million tranche of 4 years duration) and an acquisition facility (to fund short-term acquisitions of additional properties) of \$150 million, secured against the Group's property assets with a 1.5 year term.

The Group has fixed interest rate swap coverage for 88% of its debt with a weighted average fixed interest rate of 6.38% for A\$ debt with a weighted average swap term 5.8 years.

The average cost of debt under the new club facility and existing fixed rate swap positions will be 7.3%.

In addition to the new Club Facility, the Group has further debt funding of \$106 million (maturing in 2010 and 2011) that is secured over approximately \$268 million of assets being incubated on the balance sheet for future funds management initiatives.

Other than as disclosed already in this report, there has been no matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the half-year that has significantly affected, or may affect, the Group's operations in future financial periods, the results of those operations or the Group's state of affairs in future financial periods.

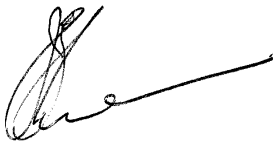
## **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors, we state that:

in the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including :
  - (i) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2007 and the performance for the half-year ended on that date of the consolidated entity; and
  - (ii) comply with Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board



John Thame  
Chairman



Frank Wolf  
Managing Director

Sydney, 14 February 2008

To the members of Abacus Group Holdings Limited

## **Report on the Condensed Half-Year Financial Report**

We have reviewed the accompanying half year financial report of Abacus Group Holdings Limited (the company), which comprises the condensed balance sheet as at 31 December 2007, and the condensed income and distribution statements, condensed statement of changes in equity and condensed cash flow statement for the half year ended on that date, other selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising both Abacus Group Holdings Limited and the entities it controlled at the half year end or from time to time during the half year.

### *Directors' Responsibility for the Half Year Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half year financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the half year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2007 and its performance for the half year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia. As the auditor of Abacus Group Holdings Limited and the entities it controlled during the half year, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

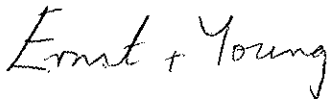
*Independence*

In conducting our review, 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.

*Conclusion*

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report of Abacus Group Holdings Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2007 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.



Ernst & Young



Ed Psaltis  
Partner  
Sydney

14 February 2008