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Amalgamated Increases Dividend by 42%

A record 2004 ski season at Thredbo and a strong performance from the Hotels & Resorts operations enabled the diversified entertainment, hospitality & leisure group Amalgamated Holdings Ltd (AHL) to declare a final dividend of 11.5 cents per share, lifting the full year dividend to 18.5 cents per share, an increase of 42.3% over the prior year.

The Chairman, Mr Alan Rydge, in announcing the increased dividend commented, "the further rationalising of the Group's operations, reduction in Group debt and underlying strength in normalised earnings, has enabled the Board to reward shareholders with a significant increase in dividend declared for the 2004/05 financial year".

The company posted a net profit of $40.1 million compared to a loss of $31.1 million in the prior year. The prior year's result was impacted by the decision to write-down the company's investment in the German cinema operations.

In announcing the result, the Managing Director of AHL, Mr David Seargeant said, "with relatively soft film product impacting on second half Exhibition earnings, the achievement of full year normalised earnings marginally up on the prior year was a very solid result for the Company", adding "further strength in the Hotel segment, a record 2004 ski season at Thredbo and an improved performance from our film production laboratories, all made a valuable contribution".

The performance of the German cinema operations was affected by the lack of strong film product in the second half, however the full year result was in line with the earnings level of the prior year. The investment in Roadshow Distributors produced a pleasing result primarily due to continuing strong demand for DVD product.

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