Appendix 4E (rule 4.3(a))

Preliminary Final Report

Fletcher Building Limited

Financial Year Ended 30 June 2003
ARBN - 002 232 368

Preliminary full year report on results (including the results for the previous corresponding full year) in accordance with Listing Rule 10.4.2.

The amounts as presented have been prepared in a manner which complies with generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) in New Zealand and give a true and fair view of the matters to which the report relates and are based on audited accounts.

The Listed Issuer (Fletcher Building Limited) has a formally constituted Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Results for Announcement to the Market

				NZ$million
2.1 Revenues from ordinary activities	Up	8.6%	to	3,221
2.2 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	Up	80.6%	to	168
2.3 Net Profit (loss) and Extraordinary Items after tax attributable to members	Up	80.6%	to	168

2.4 Dividends (distributions)	Amount per per security	Franked amount per security
Final dividend, payable 13 November 2003	NZ10.00 cps	NZ0.00 cps
Interim dividend, paid 9 April 2003	NZ9.00 cps	NZ0.00 cps

Tax credits of NZ 4.9254 cps are attached to the final dividend from the current year.
Non New Zealand resident shareholders can benefit from the partial refund of the New Zealand tax credits as outlined in the attached press release.

2.5 Record date for determining entitlement to the dividend: 24 October 2003

3. Statement of Financial Performance
Refer to attachment.

4. Statement of Financial Position
Refer to attachment.

5. Statement of Cash Flows
Refer to attachment.

6. Dividends

	Amount per share	Due date paid
Final dividend from prior year paid in current period	NZ 8.00 cps	14 November 2002
Interim dividend	NZ 9.00 cps	09 April 2003

Final dividend from current year	NZ 10.00 cps	13 November 2003

Tax credits of NZ 4.9254 cps are attached to the final dividend from the current year.
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7. Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Refer Press Release.

8. Statement of Movements in Equity
Refer to attachment.

9. Net Tangible Assets per security

	June 2003	June 2002
NZ$ per share	1.54	1.60

10. Control of Entities gained or lost during period

Control gained:

Name of subsidiary or group of subsidiaries	Laminex Group Limited
Contribution to net profit for the period attributable to members	NZ$31 million
Date to which such contribution has been calculated	13/11/2002-30/06/2003

Control Lost:
During the period, Fletcher Building Limited disposed of Fletcher Challenge Building Bolivia.

Contribution to net profit for the period attributable to members (excluding unusual items)	NZ$1.6 million
Date to which such contribution has been calculated	31 October 2002
Contribution to net profit for the period attributable to members tax for the previous corresponding Full Year	NZ$0.1 million
Contribution to net profit for the period attributable to members	NZ$nil

The other discontinued operations are the business of Fletcher Aluminium Australia
This business did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

11. Associates

Fletcher Building's Share of Associates:	June 2003 NZ$million	June 2002 NZ$million
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	17	21
Acquisition of associates	65	
Sale of associate	(2)	
Equity accounted earnings of associates	17	11
Amortisation of goodwill in associates	(2)	
Impairment of overseas assets		(3)
Dividends from associates	(19)	(12)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	76	17

Material Interests in Associates

Fletcher Building has an interest (that is material to it) in the following associates:

Name of Associates	Percentage of ownership interest (ordinary shares, units, etc) held at end of financial year		Contribution to Operating Profit and Extraordinary Items after Taxation	
	June 2003	June 2002	June 2003 NZ$million	June 2002 NZ$million
Equity Accounted Associates			*Equity Accounted*	
Sims Pacific Metals	50.0%	50.0%	11	11
Laminex associates -Wespine and Dyno	50.0%		5	
Miscellaneous			1	
Total			17	11
Other Material Interests				
NIL				
Total			17	11

As part of the Laminex acquisition, the Group acquired 50% of Wespine Industries Pty Limited and Dyno Industries WA Pty Limited, companies incorporated in Australia. As a result of the fair value exercise, the assets have been recorded with a carrying value of $65 million, inclusive of $52 million of goodwill. $2 million of the goodwill has been amortised during the year ending 30 June 2003. The principal activity of these companies is the manufacture and distribution of building products.

12. Other Significant information to assess entity's financial performance and financial position

Refer Press Release.

13. This report has been prepared in accordance with standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

14. Commentary on results for the period.

14.1 Details of basic and diluted EPS	June 2003 NZ cents	June 2002 NZ cents
Basic EPS	43.4	27.0
Diluted EPS	39.9	25.1

Diluted net earnings per share uses the weighted average number of shares used for basic net earnings per share, adjusted for dilutive securities. Capital notes and options are convertible into the Company's shares, and are therefore considered dilutive securities for diluted net earnings per share.

Numerator		
Net earnings	168	93
Numerator for basic earnings per share	168	93
Dilutive capital notes distribution	19	15
Numerator for diluted net earnings per share	187	108
Denominator (millions of shares)		
Denominator for basic net earnings per share	387	345
Conversion of dilutive capital notes	82	85
Denominator for diluted net earnings per share	469	430

14.2 Returns to Shareholders including distributions and buy backs.

Refer to item 6 for details of dividend distributions. There were no other distributions in the current or prior period.

14.3 Significant features of operating performance.

Refer to press release.

14.4 Segment results

Refer to press release for industry segment information.

GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENT	$NZM New Zealand	$NZM Australia	$NZM Other	$NZM Total
Operating Revenue by origin	2,588	522	111	3,221
EBIT	278	41	12	331

14.5 Discussion of trends in performance

Refer to press release.

14.6 Any other factors which have affected the results in the period, or which are likely to affect results in the future .

Refer to press release.

15. This report is based on accounts which have been audited.

16. N/A

17. N/A

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Operating revenue	**3,221**	2,966
Operating expenses	**(2,890)**	(2,756)
Operating earnings	**331**	210
Funding costs	**(59)**	(51)
Earnings before taxation	**272**	159
Taxation expense	**(85)**	(54)
Earnings after taxation	**187**	105
Minority interest	**(19)**	(12)
Net earnings	**168**	93

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Total equity		
At the beginning of the year	**591**	790
Net earnings - parent interest	**168**	93
Net earnings - minority interest	**19**	12
Revaluation of fixed assets	**(17)**	(11)
Taxation on revaluation of fixed assets	**6**	(5)
Movement in currency translation reserve	**(3)**	(19)
Total recognised revenues and expenses for the year	**173**	70
Movement in minority equity	**(9)**	13
Movement in reported capital	**173**	6
Movement in capital notes		(20)
Restatement of capital notes as debt		(230)
Dividends and distributions	**(68)**	(38)
Total equity	**860**	591

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	JUNE 2003 NZ$M	JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and liquid deposits	**36**	59
Stocks	**448**	318
Debtors	**537**	405
Contracts	**(66)**	(86)
Provision for current taxation	**(1)**	12
Total current assets	**954**	708
Non current assets:		
Fixed assets	**969**	666
Goodwill	**53**	3
Intangibles	**145**	5
Investments	**155**	72
Provision for deferred taxation	**105**	96
Total non current assets	**1,427**	842
Total assets	**2,381**	1,550
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term loans	**2**	3
Accruals and provisions	**127**	101
Creditors	**500**	401
Capital notes	**60**	53
Term debt	**20**	25
Total current liabilities	**709**	583
Non current liabilities:		
Capital notes	**296**	177
Term debt	**516**	199
Total non current liabilities	**812**	376
Total liabilities	**1,521**	959
Equity		
Reported capital	**628**	455
Revenue reserves	**166**	66
Other reserves	**29**	43
Shareholders funds	**823**	564
Minority equity	**37**	27
Total equity	**860**	591
Total liabilities and equity	**2,381**	1,550

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Cash flow from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	**3,193**	2,972
Dividends received	**19**	12
Interest received	**3**	2
Total received	**3,215**	2,986
Payments to suppliers, employees and other	**2,840**	2,723
Interest paid	**54**	53
Income tax paid	**45**	23
Total applied	**2,939**	2,799
Net cash from operating activities	**276**	187
Cash flow from investing activities		
Sale of fixed assets	**8**	12
Sale of investments	**4**	
Sale of subsidiaries	**15**	42
Total received	**27**	54
Purchase of fixed assets	**85**	50
Purchase of investments	**3**	1
Purchase of subsidiaries	**759**	
Net debt in subsidiaries acquired	**2**	14
Total applied	**849**	65
Net cash from investing activities	**(822)**	(11)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Net debt drawdowns / (settlements)	**309**	(179)
Issue of shares	**154**	
Issue of capital notes	**153**	
Total received	**616**	(179)
Purchase of capital notes	**27**	20
Distribution to minority shareholders	**16**	14
Dividends and distributions	**49**	32
Total applied	**92**	66
Net cash from financing activities	**524**	(245)
Net movement in cash held	**(22)**	(69)
Add opening cash and liquid deposits	**59**	132
Effect of exchange rate changes on net cash	**(1)**	(4)
Closing cash and liquid deposits	**36**	59

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Analysis of subsidiaries disposed (1)		
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries	15	42
Fixed assets	17	17
Current assets	4	22
Current liabilities	(9)	(3)
Net assets of subsidiaries disposed	12	36
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	3	6

Analysis of subsidiaries acquired (2)		
Fixed assets	357	
Goodwill on acquisition	52	
Intangibles	139	
Investments	65	
Tax assets	18	
Current assets	258	
Cash in subsidiary	(2)	
Outstanding consideration	(26)	
Current liabilities	(102)	
Cash paid to date for subsidiaries acquired	759	

(1) During the period the Bolivian operations of Fletcher Challenge Industries S. A. were sold for profit of $3 million. In June 2002 subsidiaries disposed were Varnsdorf Pty Limited, for a profit of $14 million, the rural business of Cyclone, a division of Fletcher Steel Limited, at book value, and the construction activities in Australia upon which a loss of $8 million was provided.

(2) Cash outflow on purchase of subsidiaries includes $759 million for the Laminex Group in November 2002

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RECONCILATION OF NET EARNINGS TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Cash was received from:		
Net earnings	**168**	93
Adjustment for items not involving cash:		
Depreciation, depletions, amortisation and provisions	**93**	93
Taxation	**40**	31
Minority interest in earnings of subsidiaries	**19**	12
Non cash adjustments	**152**	136
Cash flow from operations [1]	**320**	229
Less (gain) / loss on disposal of affiliates and fixed assets	**(4)**	(16)
Cash flow from operations before net working capital movements	**316**	213
Net working capital movements	**(40)**	(26)
Net cash from operating activities [2]	**276**	187
Net working capital movements:		
Debtors	**3**	54
Stocks	**(14)**	19
Contracts	**(20)**	7
Creditors	**(9)**	(106)
	(40)	(26)

[1] Includes loss on disposal of affiliates and fixed assets.
[2] As per the statement of cashflows.

The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

1 Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policy in the year ended 30 June 2003, however certain comparatives were restated to conform with the current year's presentation.

2 Acquisition of Laminex

The Laminex Group was acquired on 13 November 2002 for NZ$785million (A$690 million). Furthermore, if Laminex's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) for the 2003 financial year equals or exceeds A$95 million, Fletcher Building has agreed to pay the vendor a further A$6 million. If Laminex's EBITDA for the 2003 financial year equals or exceeds A$98 million, Fletcher Building will also pay the vendor A$2.00 for every dollar of EBITDA above the $98 million threshold, but only up to a maximum amount of A$14 million. The June 2003 financial statements assume that Fletcher Building will pay an amount of A$20 million. In addition, an estimated final working capital payment of A$3 million is outstanding. A formal fair value exercise was undertaken which resulted in the fair value of the assets and liabilities as described in the statement of cashflows.

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
3 Operating earnings		
Operating earnings includes:		
Net gains on disposal of fixed assets	**(4)**	(2)
Amortisation of goodwill	**5**	4
Amortisation of intangibles	**2**	3
Depreciation and depletions:		
Buildings	**6**	5
Plant and machinery	**63**	54
Fixtures and equipment	**19**	20
Resource extraction assets	**1**	1
Leases assets capitalised	**2**	2
Total depreciation and depletions	**91**	82
Net periodic pension cost/(benefit)	**(1)**	(8)
Unusual items:		
Impairment (1)		11
Other (gains)/losses (2)		(12)
PlaceMakers joint ventures three month income to 30 June 2001 (3)		(4)
Research and development	**2**	2
Bad debts written off	**6**	7
Directors fees	**1**	1
Donations	**1**	1
Maintenance and repairs	**73**	54
Operating lease expense	**35**	38
Auditors' fees and expenses payable for:		
Statutory audit	**1**	1
Other services (4)	**1**	1

(1) The impairment in June 2002 relates to the overseas concrete operations of $11 million.
(2) Other gains in June 2002 relate to the $14 million profit on sale of Varnsdorf Pty Limited, a gain on sale of land at Lunn Avenue of $6 million, and a loss of $8 million relating to the sale of the construction activities in Australia.
(3) In the year ended June 2002, changes in the ownership percentage for the PlaceMakers joint ventures made it appropriate to recognise earnings on a consistent basis with the rest of the Group. Previously income was recognised on an April to March year, in line with the joint venture companies balance date. The June 2002 earnings include 15 months of the joint ventures earnings from 1 April 2001 to 30 June 2002.
(4) Fees paid to the auditors for other services consist mainly of the half annual review and taxation work in overseas jurisdictions.

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003 NZ$M	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002 NZ$M
4 Capital		
Reported capital:		
Reported capital at the beginning of the year	**455**	449
Issue of shares	**173**	6
	628	455

All ordinary shares carry equal rights in respect of voting, dividend payments and distribution upon winding up.

On 8 October 2002 the Company issued 1,368,500 shares for $3,202,290 pursuant to an employee share purchse scheme compling with section DF7 of the Income Tax Act 1994. Each New Zealand based employee was eligible to subscribe for a maximun of 1,000 shares for an issue price of $2.34, which represented a 18 percent discount to the market price on 19 August 2002, being the date of announcement. As required by the Income Tax Act the consideration for the shares was funded by an interest free loan to each employee, which will be repaid over a three year restricted period. At 30 June 2003 the total receivable owing from the employees is $2 million. The shares are held on behalf of the employees by the Trustee which is Fletcher Building Share Scheme Limited and have been allocated to the employees who are entitled to receive the dividends. Voting rights on the shares are excersied by the directors of the Trustee company on behalf of the employees. The directors are appointed by the Company and are Martin Farrell, Peter Merry and Bill Roest.

	FLETCHER BUILDING GROUP	
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002
Number of ordinary shares:		
Number of shares at the beginning of the year	**346,560,826**	
Issue of shares	**53,466,850**	
Shares issued under the dividend reinvestment plan	**5,903,137**	346,560,826
	405,930,813	346,560,826

Share options:

On 13 June 2001, the Company issued 1,000,000 share options under the executive option scheme. The exercise price of the share options is $2.28. The restrictive period is until 16 May 2004 and the final exercise date is 13 June 2007.

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5 Capital notes

Capital notes	Coupon	Election date	JUNE 2003 NZ$M	JUNE 2002 NZ$M
Series 2002	11.75%	15 December 2002		28
Series 2003	8.55%	15 June 2003		25
Series 2003	10.80%	30 November 2003	**17**	17
Series 2004	8.50%	15 April 2004	**43**	43
Series 2004	10.50%	30 April 2005	**68**	68
Series 2006	8.75%	15 March 2006	**33**	33
Series 2006	7.90%	31 October 2006	**19**	16
Series 2006	7.30%	31 October 2006	**12**	
Series 2006	8.30%	31 October 2006	**14**	
Series 2008	8.60%	15 March 2008	**113**	
Series 2010	8.85%	15 March 2010	**37**	
			356	230
Capital notes due for election within 12 months			**60**	53
Capital notes due for election after 12 months			**296**	177
			356	230

Capital notes are long-term fixed rate unsecured subordinated notes. On each election date, the coupon rate and term to the next election date of that series of the capital notes will be reset. Holders may then choose either to keep their capital notes on the new terms or to convert the principal amount and any accrued but unpaid interest into shares, in the prescribed ratio at approximately the current market price. Instead of issuing shares to holders who choose to convert, Fletcher Building may, at its option purchase or redeem the capital notes for cash at the principal amount plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

Under the terms of the capital notes, non-payment of interest is not an act of default although unpaid interest is accrued and is interest bearing at the same rate as the principal of the capital notes. Fletcher Building Limited has covenanted not to pay dividends to its shareholders, while interest that is due and payable on capital notes has not been paid.

The capital notes do not carry voting rights and do not participate in any change in value of the issued shares of Fletcher Building Limited.

If the principal amount of the capital notes were to be converted to shares, 99 million shares would be issued at the share price as at 30 June 2003, of $3.67.

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6 Contingent liabilities

Provision has been made in the ordinary course of business for all known and probable future claims but not for such claims as are considered remote. Contingent liabilities arise in respect of the following categories:

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2003	YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002
Contingent liabilities with respect to guarantees extended on trading transactions, performance bonds and other transactions	**139**	158
Letters of credit	**3**	5