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RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2002

Dear Sirs

The Directors of drilling products and services group, Imdex Limited, report the Financial Results for the half year ending 31 December 2002.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Imdex Group's domestic businesses performed strongly, generating Earnings Before Interest and Tax (EBIT) of $1.280 million for the half year. The domestic result represents a 110% increase over the previous corresponding period and is in line with budget;

- Net Profit After Tax was $720,000, an increase of 191% over the previous corresponding period;

- Earnings per share increased from 0.24 to 0.61 cents per share;

- Net Tangible Asset Backing per share increased to 17.5 cents from 16.6 cents at 30 June 2002;

- Net Assets increased to $21.6 million from $18.4 million at 30 June 2002;

- Joint Venture monthly sales averaged US$1.25 million per month for the half year; and

- Imdex Limited's 49% of the Net Profit Before Tax of its main Joint Venture was $56,000. The result, while small, represents the Joint Venture's first profit and is in line with expectations for the half year. The Joint Venture is establishing a strong and reliable track record which has laid the foundation for future expansion and increased returns.

OPERATING RESULT

The Group's EBIT for the half year was $1.230 million, in line with market guidance and a 102% increase over the previous corresponding period.

Revenue was $14.68 million, compared to $13.86 million for the previous corresponding period.

Net Profit After Tax for the half year was $720,000.

On 12 February 2003, the Directors advised that the Imdex Group EBIT for the 2003 financial year should approximate $3 million. Given the half year EBIT result, Imdex confirms its earnings guidance.

Internationally, Imdex's Joint Venture continues to mature.

The Joint Venture is currently working on a number of projects and success in these areas should enable the business to be consolidated and improved going forward. However, Imdex does not anticipate the expected benefits from these initiatives will have a significant earnings impact in the 2003 financial year.

OUTLOOK

Imdex's outlook for the second half is positive and, historically, the Group performs more strongly in the second half. The 2003 financial year does not appear to be an exception.

The Australian Mud Company (AMC) continues to trade strongly and was ahead of budget for the first half.

Domestically, AMC has a major share of the drilling fluids and chemicals market in the mining, water well, civil and horizontal directional drilling industries. AMC is expanding its business in the domestic and international oil and gas sectors.

Imdex anticipates that AMC will exceed budget for the full year.

Imdex Minerals also exceeded budget for the first half and Imdex expects the company to perform strongly in the second half.

Imdex Minerals has successfully commissioned a new large ceramic lined ball mill at Jandakot, Western Australia. The new mill significantly expands the Jandakot facility's toll milling capacity and facilitates the expansion of Imdex Minerals' proprietary business, such as Silica Flour, where new markets exist both domestically and internationally.

Surtron was below budget for the half year. However, Surtron continued the successful introduction of its new wireless steering technology into the emerging coal bed methane gas drainage industry. In addition, Surtron's initiative to expand its logging and survey services into the Australian east coast and internationally continues to produce pleasing results.

Imdex anticipates that Surtron will approximate budget for the full year.

Internationally, the RTE/Imdex Joint Venture has continued to develop and has grown its revenue base. Going forward, Imdex expects the Joint Venture to operate with increased profitability. The Joint Venture continues to establish a track record of reliability and performance, providing a strong foundation from which improved earnings performance should flow.

The Middle East remains a strong growth market for Imdex. The domestic market no longer offers Imdex the opportunities available in the Middle East, particularly with the size of the major customers and the potential for ongoing revenue and earnings growth.

Yours sincerely
Imdex Limited

B Ridgeway

B W Ridgeway
Managing Director

IMDEX LIMITED
ABN 78 008 947 813

HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT
31 DECEMBER 2002

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The directors present their report together with the Consolidated Financial Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2002, and the Auditors' Review Report thereon.

Directors

The directors of the company during or since the end of the half-year are:

Name	Period of Directorship
Mr Ian F Burston, Non Executive Chairman	Appointed 6 October 2000
Mr Bernie W Ridgeway, Managing Director	Appointed 1 May 2000
Mr Michael L Gasson, Non Executive Director	Appointed 24 May 1989
Mr Hadi Hammed Al-Merry, Non Executive Director	Appointed 12 April 2002
Mr Gary Cobbledick, Non Executive Director	Appointed 6 January 2003

Review of Operations

	Current Period 31 Dec 2002 $'000	Previous Corresponding Period 31 Dec 2001 $'000
Operating Revenue	14,678	13,858
Net Profit after tax	720	247

Further details on the operations and overall results are contained in the Financial Report and accompanying ASX Release.

Rounding Off

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the Financial Report and Directors' Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Dated at Perth 13 March 2003.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

B Ridgeway

B W Ridgeway
Managing Director

Imdex Limited and its controlled entities
Directors' Declaration
Half-year ended 31 December 2002

In the opinion of the directors of Imdex Limited:

1 The Financial Report is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

   (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity as at 31 December 2002 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the half-year ended on that date; and

   (b) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and

2 There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Perth 13 March 2003

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

B Ridgeway

B W Ridgeway
Managing Director

Appendix 4B

Half yearly/~~preliminary final~~ report

Introduced 30/6/2002.

Name of entity

IMDEX LIMITED

ABN or equivalent company reference	Half yearly *(tick)*	Preliminary final *(tick)*	Half year/~~financial year ended~~ ('current period')
78 008 947 813	✓		**31 December 2002**

For announcement to the market

Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1). $A'000

Revenues from ordinary activities *(item 1.1)*	**up/~~down~~**	**6%**	to	**14,678**
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members *(item 1.22)*	**up/~~down~~**	**191%**	to	**720**
Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax attributable to members *(item 2.5(d))*	gain (loss) of	N/A		N/A
Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members *(item 1.11)*	**up/~~down~~**	**191%**	to	**720**

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Final dividend *(Preliminary final report only - item15.4)*	**N/A**	**N/A**
Interim dividend *(Half yearly report only - item 15.6)*	**NIL**	**NIL**
Previous corresponding period *(Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7)*	**NIL**	**NIL**

+Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) *(see item 15.2)*: NOT APPLICABLE

Brief explanation of any of the figures reported above (see Note 1) and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:

If this is a half yearly report it is to be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report.

Condensed consolidated statement of financial performance

		Current period - $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
1.1	Revenues from ordinary activities *(see items 1.23 -1.25)*	**14,678**	13,858
1.2	Expenses from ordinary activities (*see items 1.26 & 1.27)*	**(13,398)**	(13,248)
1.3	Borrowing costs	**(272)**	(293)
1.4	Share of net profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities (*see item 16.7*)	**(50)**	-
1.5	**Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax**	**958**	317
1.6	Income tax on ordinary activities *(see note 4)*	**(238)**	(70)
1.7	**Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax**	**720**	247
1.8	Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax (*see item 2.5*)	**-**	-
1.9	**Net profit (loss)**	**720**	247
1.10	Net profit (loss) attributable to outside +equity interests	**-**	-
1.11	**Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members**	**720**	247
	Non-owner transaction changes in equity		
1.12	Increase (decrease) in revaluation reserves	**-**	-
1.13	Net exchange differences recognised in equity	**-**	-
1.14	Other revenue, expense and initial adjustments recognised directly in equity (attach details)	**-**	-
1.15	Initial adjustments from UIG transitional provisions	**-**	-
1.16	Total transactions and adjustments recognised directly in equity (items 1.12 to 1.15)	**-**	-
1.17	**Total changes in equity not resulting from transactions with owners as owners**	**720**	247

	Earnings per security (EPS)	Current period	Previous corresponding period
1.18	Basic EPS	**0.61 cents**	0.24 cents
1.19	Diluted EPS	**0.61 cents**	0.24 cents

Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of financial performance

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members

		Current period - $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
1.20	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (*item 1.7*)	**720**	247
1.21	Less (plus) outside +equity interests	-	-
1.22	**Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax, attributable to members**	**720**	247

Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

(see note 15)

		Current period - $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
1.23	Revenue from sales or services	**14,667**	13,810
1.24	Interest revenue	**11**	6
1.25	Other relevant revenue	-	42
1.26	Details of relevant expenses (including depreciation. Refer Also Note 19.5)		
	Cost of goods sold	**8,068**	8,424
	Cost of services provided	**2,118**	1,999
	Selling and administration expenses	**2,996**	2,810
	Other administration expenses	**216**	15
1.27	Depreciation and amortisation excluding amortisation of intangibles *(see item 2.3)*	**845**	992
Capitalised outlays			
1.28	Interest costs capitalised in asset values	-	-
1.29	Outlays capitalised in intangibles (unless arising from an +acquisition of a business)	-	-

Consolidated retained profits

		Current period - $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
1.30	Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	**(174)**	346
1.31	Net profit (loss) attributable to members (*item 1.11*)	**720**	247

1.32	Net transfers from (to) reserves *(details if material)*	-	-
1.33	Net effect of changes in accounting policies	-	-
1.34	Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	-	-
1.35	**Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period**	**546**	593

Intangible and extraordinary items

		Consolidated - current period			
		Before tax $A'000 (a)	Related tax $A'000 (b)	Related outside +equity interests $A'000 (c)	Amount (after tax) attributable to members $A'000 (d)
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	-	-	-	-
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	-	-	-	-
2.3	**Total amortisation of intangibles**	-	-	-	-
2.4	Extraordinary items (details)	-	-	-	-
2.5	**Total extraordinary items**	-	-	-	-

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year - $A'000	Previous year - $A'000
3.1	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members reported for the *1st* half year (item 1.22 in the half yearly report)	**N/A**	N/A
3.2	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members for the *2nd* half year	**N/A**	N/A

Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

		At end of current period $A'000	As shown in last annual report $A'000	As in last half yearly report $A'000
		31 Dec 2002	30 June 2002	31 Dec 2001
	Current assets			
4.1	Cash	**158**	145	-
4.2	Receivables	**5,858**	7,504	6,201
4.3	Investments	**-**	-	-
4.4	Inventories	**6,182**	5,223	6,513
4.5	Tax assets	**-**	-	-
4.6	Other (provide details if material)	**193**	139	216
4.7	**Total current assets**	**12,391**	13,011	12,930
	Non-current assets			
4.8	Receivables (Refer Note 19.1)	**-**	2,921	-
4.9	Investments (equity accounted - Refer Note 19.1)	**9,373**	3,458	-
4.10	Other investments	**56**	56	251
4.11	Inventories	**-**	-	-
4.12	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised *(see para .71 of AASB 1022)*	**-**	-	-
4.13	Development properties (+mining entities)	**722**	572	575
4.14	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	**11,428**	11,355	13,328
4.15	Intangibles (net)	**-**	-	-
4.16	Tax assets	**589**	556	-
4.17	Other (provide details if material)	**-**	-	3,397
4.18	**Total non-current assets**	**22,168**	18,918	17,551
4.19	**Total assets**	**34,559**	31,929	30,481
	Current liabilities			
4.20	Payables	**3,918**	5,075	3,868
4.21	Interest bearing liabilities	**2,909**	4,016	2,077
4.22	Tax liabilities	**235**	-	-
4.23	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	**649**	981	234
4.24	Other (provide details if material)	**-**	-	-
4.25	**Total current liabilities**	**7,711**	10,072	6,179
	Non-current liabilities			
4.26	Payables	**-**	-	-
4.27	Interest bearing liabilities	**4,659**	2,646	4,400
4.28	Tax liabilities	**503**	694	630
4.29	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	**74**	71	257
4.30	Other (provide details if material)	**-**	-	-
4.31	**Total non-current liabilities**	**5,236**	3,411	5,287

Condensed consolidated statement of financial position continued

4.32	**Total liabilities**	**12,947**	13,483	11,466
4.33	**Net assets**	**21,612**	18,446	19,015

	Equity			
4.34	Capital/contributed equity	**21,058**	18,612	18,407
4.35	Reserves	**8**	8	15
4.36	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	**546**	(174)	593
4.37	**Equity attributable to members of the parent entity**	**21,612**	18,446	19,015
4.38	Outside +equity interests in controlled entities	**-**	-	-
4.39	**Total equity**	**21,612**	18,446	19,015

4.40	Preference capital included as part of 4.37	**-**	-	-

Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of financial position

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred.)

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
5.1	Opening balance	**-**	-
5.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	**-**	-
5.3	Expenditure written off during current period	**-**	-
5.4	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	**-**	-
5.5	Expenditure transferred to Development Properties	**-**	-
5.6	**Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet** *(item 4.12)*	**-**	**-**

Development properties

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material)

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
6.1	Opening balance	**572**	570
6.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	**150**	-
6.3	Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation	-	-
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	5
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties	-	-
6.7	**Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet** *(item 4.13)*	**722**	**575**

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
	Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1	Receipts from customers	**15,813**	16,323
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	**(14,886)**	(13,363)
7.3	Dividends received from associates	-	-
7.4	Other dividends received	-	-
7.5	Interest and other items of similar nature received	**11**	6
7.6	Interest and other costs of finance paid	**(211)**	(235)
7.7	Income taxes paid	**(81)**	(274)
7.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
7.9	**Net operating cash flows**	**646**	2,457
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.10	Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	**(939)**	(651)
7.11	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	**27**	175
7.12	Payment for purchases of equity investments	-	-
7.13	Proceeds from sale of equity investments	-	-
7.14	Loans to other entities	-	-
7.15	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.16	Other – Additional investment in associated entities in Saudi Arabia	**(1,065)**	(3,210)
	Other – Helix Resources Limited, settlement balance on the sale of Australian Vermiculite Industries Pty Ltd, previously a subsidiary of Imdex Limited	**500**	-

7.17	**Net investing cash flows**	**(1,477)**	(3,686)
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.18	Proceeds from issues of +securities (shares, options, etc.)	**-**	3,102
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	**3,134**	-
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	**(1,010)**	(920)
7.21	Dividends paid	**-**	-
7.22	Other – Share placement costs	**-**	(210)
7.23	**Net financing cash flows**	**2,124**	1,972
7.24	**Net increase (decrease) in cash held**	**1,293**	742
7.25	Cash at beginning of period *(see Reconciliation of cash)*	**(2,305)**	(1,589)
7.26	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25.	**-**	-
7.27	**Cash at end of period** *(see Reconciliation of cash)*	**(1,012)**	(847)

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. *(If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.)*

(i) During the half-year the Company acquired plant and equipment valued at $939,828 through finance and hire purchase facilities.

(ii) During the half-year the Company issued 10,000,000 ordinary shares to Mr H H Al-Merry on the formation of Imdex Arabia. In addition, 2,173,913 shares were issued to Helix Resources finalising the disposal of Imdex's subsidiary Australian Vermiculite Industries Pty Ltd. These events are further described at Note 35 in the 2002 Imdex Limited Annual Report.

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.		**Current period $A'000**	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
8.1	Cash on hand and at bank	**158**	-
8.2	Deposits at call	**-**	-
8.3	Bank overdraft	**(1,170)**	(847)
8.4	Other (provide details)	**-**	-
8.5	**Total cash at end of period** *(item 7.27)*	**(1,012)**	(847)

Other notes to the condensed financial statements

Ratios		**Current period**	Previous corresponding period
9.1	**Profit before tax / revenue** Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (*item 1.5*) as a percentage of revenue (*item 1.1*)	**6.53%**	2.29%
9.2	**Profit after tax / +equity interests** Consolidated net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (*item 1.11*) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (*item 4.37*)	**3.33%**	1.30%

Earnings per security (EPS)

10. Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 9 and 18 of *AASB 1027: Earnings Per Share* are as follows.

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Basic Earnings per share		
Earnings used in calculation ($'000)	**720**	247
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	**117,696,492**	102,123,324
Diluted Earnings per share		
Earnings used in calculation ($'000)	**720**	247
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	**117,696,492**	102,123,324
Weighted average number of potential ordinary shares	**-**	-

NTA backing *(see note 7)*		**Current period**	Previous corresponding Period
11.1	Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security – includes the investment in Saudi Arabia and Dubai (Refer 4.9)	**17.52**	17.79

Discontinuing Operations

(Entities must report a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations in accordance with paragraph 7.5 (g) of AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting, or, the details of discontinuing operations they have disclosed in their accounts in accordance with AASB 1042: Discontinuing Operations (see note 17).)

12.1 Discontinuing Operations

N/A

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	**N/A**
13.2	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was +acquired	**N/A**
13.3	Date from which such profit has been calculated	**N/A**
13.4	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	**N/A**

Loss of control of entities having material effect

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	**N/A**
14.2	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	**N/A**
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	**N/A**
14.4	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	**N/A**
14.5	Contribution to consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	**N/A**

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	**N/A**

15.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if +securities are not +CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if +securities are +CHESS approved)	**N/A**
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? *(Preliminary final report only)*	**N/A**

Amount per security

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at % tax (see note 4)	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
	(Preliminary final report only)			
15.4	**Final dividend:** Current year	N/A	N/A	N/A
15.5	Previous year	N/A	N/A	N/A
	(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)			
15.6	**Interim dividend:** Current year	**NIL**	**NIL**	**NIL**
15.7	Previous year	NIL	NIL	NIL

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim *plus* final)

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year	Previous year
15.8	+Ordinary securities	**N/A**	N/A
15.9	Preference +securities	**N/A**	N/A

Half yearly report - interim dividend (distribution) on all securities *or* Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
15.10	+Ordinary securities *(each class separately)*	**-**	-
15.11	Preference +securities *(each class separately)*	**N/A**	N/A
15.12	Other equity instruments *(each class separately)*	**N/A**	**N/A**
15.13	**Total**	**-**	**-**

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

N/A

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans	**N/A**

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions). *(For half yearly reports, provide details in accordance with paragraph 7.5(d) of AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting)*

N/A

Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':	**Current period $A'000**	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
16.1 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	**(71)**	-
16.2 Income tax on ordinary activities	**21**	-
16.3 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	**(50)**	-
16.4 Extraordinary items net of tax	**-**	-
16.5 Net profit (loss)	**(50)**	-
16.6 Adjustments	**-**	-
16.7 Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	**(50)**	-

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. *(If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from dd/mm/yy") or disposal ("to dd/mm/yy").)*

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss) (*item 1.9*)	
17.1 Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	**Current period**	Previous corresponding period	**Current period $A'000**	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
Imdex Arabia Company Limited/Imdex Arabia Joint Venture (Saudi Arabia)	**49%**	49%	**39**	-
RTE International (Dubai)	**49%**	49%	**(89)**	-
17.2 Total			**(50)**	-
17.3 Other material interests			**-**	-

17.4 Total			**(50)**	-

Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

(Description must include rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates)

	Category of +securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 14) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 14) (cents)
18.1	**Preference +securities** *(description)*	N/A	N/A		
18.2	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions	N/A	N/A		
18.3	**+Ordinary securities**	120,055,368	120,055,368		
18.4	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks	 12,173,913 -	 12,173,913 -		
18.5	**+Convertible debt securities** *(description and conversion factor)*	N/A	N/A		
18.6	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	N/A	N/A		
18.7	**Options** *(description and conversion factor)*			*Exercise price*	*Expiry date (if any)*
	Employee share options	1,890,000	-	25 cents	31/1/04
	Employee share options	1,000,000	-	45 cents	31/1/04
	Director options	1,000,000	-	45 cents	24/10/04
	Director options	1,000,000	-	35 cents	24/10/04
	Director options	1,000,000	-	20 cents	24/10/04
		5,890,000			

18.8	Issued during current period	-	-		
18.9	Exercised during current period	-	-		
18.10	Expired during current period	-	-		
18.11	**Debentures** *(description)*				
18.12	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	N/A	N/A		
18.13	**Unsecured notes** *(description)*	N/A	N/A		
18.14	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				

Segment reporting

(Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with *AASB 1005: Segment Reporting* and for half year reports, *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting.* Because entities employ different structures a pro forma cannot be provided. Segment information in the layout employed in the entity's +accounts should be reported separately and attached to this report.)

Comments by directors

(Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting.* The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Act) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.)

Basis of financial report preparation

19.1 If this report is a half yearly report, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. ***It should be read in conjunction with the last +annual report and any announcements to the market***

made by the entity during the period. *The financial statements in this report are "condensed financial statements" as defined in AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. This report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report.* [Delete if preliminary final report.]

As indicated at Note 4.8 and Note 4.9 in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, the Directors have determined that, due to its nature, an amount of $2.921 million previously classified as a Non-Current Receivable at 30 June 2002, is more properly classified as a Non-Current Investment in the current half-year ending 31 December 2002.

19.2 Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period. In a half yearly report, provide explanatory comments about any seasonal or irregular factors affecting operations.

Further details concerning the results of Imdex Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2002 are set out in the accompanying ASX announcement.

19.3 A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and which is not already reported elsewhere in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

N/A

19.4 Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year.

At 31 December 2002, the franking credits available to Imdex Limited totalled $9,502,262. The ability to use franking credits is dependent upon there being sufficient available profits from which to declare dividends.

19.5 Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this eport are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows. (Disclose changes and differences in the half yearly report in accordance with *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting.* Disclose changes in accounting policies in the preliminary final report in accordance with *AASB 1001: Accounting Policies-Disclosure*).

Comparative figures are, where appropriate, reclassified so as to be comparable with the figures presented for the current reporting period.

19.6 Revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous +annual reports if those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

N/A

19.7 Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last +annual report.

N/A

Additional disclosure for trusts

20.1	Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.	**N/A**
20.2	A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity. Identify: • initial service charges • management fees • other fees	**N/A**

Annual meeting

(Preliminary final report only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	**N/A**
Date	**N/A**
Time	**N/A**
Approximate date the +annual report will be available	**N/A**

Compliance statement

1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 12).

Identify other standards used | **N/A**

2 This report, and the +accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

3 This report **does**/~~does not~~* *(delete one)* give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

4 This report is based on +accounts to which one of the following applies.
(Tick one)

- ☐ The +accounts have been audited.
- ✓ The +accounts have been subject to review.
- ☐ The +accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.
- ☐ The +accounts have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

5 If the audit report or review by the auditor is not attached, details of any qualifications are attached/will follow immediately they are available* *(delete one)*. *(Half yearly report only - the audit report or review by the auditor must be attached to this report if this report is to satisfy the requirements of the Corporations Act.)*

6 The entity **has**/~~does not have*~~ *(delete one)* a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: B Ridgeway ....Date: 13 March 2003
(Director/~~Company Secretary~~)

Print name: B W Ridgeway, Managing Director

Notes

1. **For announcement to the market** The percentage changes referred to in this section are the percentage changes calculated by comparing the current period's figures with those for the previous corresponding period. Do not show percentage changes if the change is from profit to loss or loss to profit, but still show whether the change was up or down. If changes in accounting policies or procedures have had a

material effect on reported figures, do not show either directional or percentage changes in profits. Explain the reason for the omissions in the note at the end of the announcement section. Entities are encouraged to attach notes or fuller explanations of any significant changes to any of the items in page 1. The area at the end of the announcement section can be used to provide a cross reference to any such attachment.

2. **True and fair view** If this report does not give a true and fair view of a matter (for example, because compliance with an Accounting Standard is required) the entity must attach a note providing additional information and explanations to give a true and fair view.

3. **Condensed consolidated statement of financial performance**

Item 1.1 The definition of "revenue" and an explanation of "ordinary activities" are set out in *AASB 1004: Revenue*, and *AASB 1018: Statement of Financial Performance.*

Item 1.6 This item refers to the total tax attributable to the amount shown in item 1.5. Tax includes income tax and capital gains tax (if any) but excludes taxes treated as expenses from ordinary activities (eg, fringe benefits tax).

4. **Income tax** If the amount provided for income tax in this report differs (or would differ but for compensatory items) by more than 15% from the amount of income tax *prima facie* payable on the profit before tax, the entity must explain in a note the major items responsible for the difference and their amounts. The rate of tax applicable to the franking amount per dividend should be inserted in the heading for the column "Franked amount per security at % tax" for items 15.4 to 15.7.

		Current period $A'000
1.5	Profit from ordinary activities before tax	958
	Prima facie tax on profit before tax at 30%	287
	Permanent differences	37
	Timing differences not previously recognised	(137)
	Under provision for tax	51
1.6	Income tax expense on ordinary activities	238

5. **Condensed consolidated statement of financial position**

Format The format of the consolidated statement of financial position should be followed as closely as possible. However, additional items may be added if greater clarity of exposition will be achieved, provided the disclosure still meets the requirements of *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting,* and *AASB 1040: Statement of Financial Position.* Also, banking institutions, trusts and financial institutions may substitute a clear liquidity ranking for the Current/Non-Current classification.

Basis of revaluation If there has been a material revaluation of non-current assets (including investments) since the last +annual report, the entity must describe the basis of revaluation adopted. The description must meet the requirements of *AASB 1010: Accounting for the Revaluation of Non-Current Assets*. If the entity has adopted a procedure of regular revaluation, the basis for which has been disclosed and has not changed, no additional disclosure is required.

6. **Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows** For definitions of "cash" and other terms used in this report see *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows*. Entities should follow the form as closely as possible, but variations are permitted if the directors (in the case of a trust, the management company) believe that this presentation is inappropriate. However, the presentation adopted must meet the requirements of *AASB 1026*. +Mining exploration entities may use the form of cash flow statement in Appendix 5B.

7. **Net tangible asset backing** Net tangible assets are determined by deducting from total tangible assets all claims on those assets ranking ahead of the +ordinary securities (ie, all liabilities, preference shares, outside +equity interests etc). +Mining entities are *not* required to state a net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security.

8. **Gain and loss of control over entities** The gain or loss must be disclosed if it has a material effect on the +accounts. Details must include the contribution for each gain or loss that increased or decreased the entity's consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax by more than 5% compared to the previous corresponding period.

9. **Rounding of figures** This report anticipates that the information required is given to the nearest $1,000. If an entity reports exact figures, the $A'000 headings must be amended. If an entity qualifies under ASIC Class Order 98/0100 dated 10 July 1998, it may report to the nearest million dollars, or to the nearest $100,000, and the $A'000 headings must be amended.

10. **Comparative figures** Comparative figures are to be presented in accordance with *AASB 1018* or *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting* as appropriate and are the unadjusted figures from the latest annual or half year report as appropriate. However, if an adjustment has been made in accordance with an accounting standard or other reason or if there is a lack of comparability, a note explaining the position should be attached. For the statement of financial performance, *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting* requires information on a year to date basis in addition to the current interim period. Normally an Appendix 4B to which *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting* applies would be for the half year and consequently the information in the current period is also the year to date. If an Appendix 4B Half yearly version is produced for an additional interim period (eg because of a change of reporting period), the entity must provide the year to date information and comparatives required by *AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting*. This should be in the form of a multi-column version of the consolidated statement of financial performance as an attachment to the additional Appendix 4B.

11. **Additional information** An entity may disclose additional information about any matter, and must do so if the information is material to an understanding of the reports. The information may be an expansion of the material contained in this report, or contained in a note attached to the report. The requirement under the listing rules for an entity to complete this report does not prevent the entity issuing reports more frequently. Additional material lodged with the +ASIC under the Corporations Act

must also be given to ASX. For example, a director's report and declaration, if lodged with the +ASIC, must be given to ASX.

12. **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if one exists) must be complied with.

13. **Corporations Act financial statements** This report may be able to be used by an entity required to comply with the Corporations Act as part of its half-year financial statements if prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

14. **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 18.1 and 18.3 for fully paid securities.

15 **Details of expenses** *AASB 1018* requires disclosure of expenses from ordinary activities according to either their nature or function. For foreign entities, there are similar requirements in other accounting standards accepted by ASX. *AASB ED 105* clarifies that the disclosures required by *AASB 10*18 must be either *all* according to nature or *all* according to function. Entities must disclose details of expenses using the layout (by nature or function) employed in their +accounts.

The information in lines 1.23 to 1.27 may be provided in an attachment to Appendix 4B.

Relevant Items *AASB 1018* requires the separate disclosure of specific revenues and expenses which are not extraordinary but which are of a size, nature or incidence that disclosure is *relevant* in explaining the financial performance of the reporting entity. The term "relevance" is defined in *AASB 1018*. There is an equivalent requirement in *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. For foreign entities, there are similar requirements in other accounting standards accepted by ASX.

16 **Dollars** If reporting is not in A$, all references to $A must be changed to the reporting currency. If reporting is not in thousands of dollars, all references to "000" must be changed to the reporting value.

17. **Discontinuing operations**

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All entities must provide the information required in paragraph 12 for half years beginning on or after 1 July 2001.

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Entities must either provide a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations equivalent to that required by paragraph 7.5 (g) of *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*, or, the details of discontinuing operations they are required to disclose in their +accounts in accordance with *AASB 1042 Discontinuing Operations*.

In any case the information may be provided as an attachment to this Appendix 4B.

18. **Format**
This form is a Word document but an entity can re-format the document into Excel or similar applications for submission to the Companies Announcements Office in ASX.

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Segment Reporting Disclosure

Primary Reporting

Business Segments

	Drilling Services		Minerals Processing		Drilling Fluids, Tools and Equipment		Vermiculite Production/Sale		Consolidated	
	2002	2001	**2002**	2001	**2002**	2001	**2002**	**2001**	**2002**	2001
	$'000	$'000	**$'000**	$'000	**$'000**	$'000	**$'000**	$'000	**$'000**	$'000
Revenue										
External segment revenue	**2,165**	2,759	**3,090**	2,681	**9,412**	6,824	-	1,546	**14,667**	13,810
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total segment revenue	**2,165**	2,759	**3,090**	2,681	**9,412**	6,824	-	1,546	**14,667**	13,810
Other unallocated revenue:									**11**	48
Total revenue									**14,678**	13,858
Result										
Segment result	**26**	- 104	**494**	414	**837**	526	-	- 141	**1,357**	696
Share of net profit or loss/result of equity accounted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated corporate expenses									- **420**	- 379
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax									**937**	317
Income tax expense									- **217**	- 70
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax									**720**	247
Extraordinary items after tax									-	-
Net profit									**720**	247
Depreciation and amortisation	**286**	497	**287**	331	**224**	67	-	97	**797**	992
Other unallocated depreciation and amortisation									**48**	64
Non-cash expenses other than depreciation and amortisation	**8**	- 32	**20**	- 40	**20**	100	-	-	**48**	28
Individually significant items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asset Write Off		90	-	225		-			-	315
Assets										
Segment assets	**3,512**	3,628	**11,870**	11,308	**9,759**	8,528	-	3,795	**25,141**	27,259
Equity accounted investments					**9,373**	3,209			**9,373**	3,209
Unallocated corporate assets									**45**	13
Consolidated total assets									**34,559**	30,481
Liabilities										
Segment Liabilities	**1,342**	757	**5,657**	5,651	**4,663**	3,055	-	520	**11,662**	9,983
Unallocated corporate liabilities									**1,284**	1,483
Consolidated total liabilities									**12,946**	11,466
Acquisitions of non-current assets - PPE	**383**	451	**450**	460	**106**	226	-	-	**939**	1,137
Acquisitions of non-current assets - Investment in Saudi Arabia					**2,912**	114			**2,912**	114
									3,851	1,251

Secondary Reporting

Geographical Segments	Australia/Other		Saudi Arabia		Chile		South East Asia		Consolidated	
	2,002	2,001	**2,002**	2,001	**2,002**	2,001	**2,002**	2,001	**2,002**	2,001
External segment revenue by location of customers	**13,051**	11,960	-	662	**152**	105	**1,475**	1,131	**14,678**	13,858
Segment assets by location of assets	**24,447**	26,191	**9,373**	3,209	**64**	677	**675**	404	**34,559**	30,481
Acquisitions of non-current assets (refer to Note 9,12,30)	**939**	1,137	**3,065**	-	-	-	-	-	**4,004**	1,137

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IMDEX LIMITED

Scope

We have reviewed the attached financial report of Imdex Limited in the form of Appendix 4B of the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, including the directors' declaration, for the half-year ended 31 December 2002, but excluding the following sections:

a) material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the consolidated entity for the current period (page 15); and
b) compliance statement (pages 16 and 17).

The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the disclosing entity and the entities it controlled at the end of the half-year or from time to time during the half-year. The disclosing entity's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have performed an independent review of the financial report in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is not presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, statutory requirements and ASX Listing Rules as they relate to Appendix 4B, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the consolidated entity's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, and in order for the disclosing entity to meet its obligations to lodge the financial report with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the ASX.

Our review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the entity's personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance provided is less than given in an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Statement

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Imdex Limited is not in accordance with:

(a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
    (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2002 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
    (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
(b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and ASX Listing Rules as they relate to Appendix 4B.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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K F JONES
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Perth, Western Australia, 13 March 2003