



BOOM LOGISTICS LIMITED

ABN 28 095 466 961

**Half Year Financial Report
for the half year ended 31 December 2004**



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Directors' Report

Your directors submit their report for the half year ended 31 December 2004.

Directors

The names of the company's directors in office during the half year and until the date of this report are as below. Directors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

Rodney John Robinson (Non-executive Chairman)
Roderick Glynn Harmon (Director and Chief Executive Officer)
Terrance Alexander (Jack) Hebiton (Non-executive Director)
Douglas Edwin Williams (Non-executive Director)
Fiona Bennett (Non-executive Director)
Dr. Huw G. Davies (Non-executive Director)
Terrence Charles Francis (Non-executive Director - appointed 21 January 2005)

Review and Results of Operations

The consolidated entity experienced a significant increase in revenue and profit during the half year. Revenue and profit after tax increased by 90% and 101% respectively on the same period last year. This was due to a combination of continued strong client demand, the full impact from the acquisitions made in the previous half year period, and a new business acquired in NSW during the period. (The impact of this acquisition is disclosed in the financial statements).

Rounding

The amounts contained in this report and in the half year financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the company under ASIC Class Order 98/0100. The company is an entity to which the Class Order applies.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Roderick Harmon
Director



John Robinson
Chairman

Melbourne, 16 February 2005

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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Boom Logistics Limited

As lead engagement partner for the review of Boom Logistics Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2004, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (I) no contraventions of the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (II) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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IAN P OLSON

Partner

PKF

Chartered Accountants

Dated at Perth this 16th day of February 2005

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Condensed Statement of Financial Performance
for the Half Year ended
31 December 2004

	Note	CONSOLIDATED	
		2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	59,367	31,320
Expenses from ordinary activities	2	(49,828)	(26,669)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense		9,539	4,651
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities		(2,830)	(1,305)
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense		6,709	3,346
Net profit attributable to members of Boom Logistics Limited		6,709	3,346
Transaction costs arising from public equity raising recognised directly in equity		(666)	(3,334)
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		6,043	12
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)		6.8	5.1
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)		6.7	5.1
Franked dividends per share (cents per share)		3.0	1.2

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Condensed Statement of Financial Position
for the Half Year ended
31 December 2004

	CONSOLIDATED	
	Note	
	31 December	30 June
	2004	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	10,544	2,572
Receivables	23,764	18,561
Inventories	216	124
Other current assets	1,241	1,636
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	35,765	22,893
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NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	105,695	78,064
Deferred tax assets	1,700	1,283
Intangible assets	6,886	7,070
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	114,281	86,417
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TOTAL ASSETS	150,046	109,310
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	7,140	7,640
Interest bearing liabilities	8,011	8,374
Provisions	4,904	3,815
Tax liabilities	2,143	2,780
Other current liabilities	8,738	6,106
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	30,936	28,715
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NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Interest bearing liabilities	35,098	26,905
Provisions	209	63
Deferred tax liabilities	1,973	1,567
Other non current liabilities	-	320
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	37,280	28,855
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	68,216	57,570
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NET ASSETS	81,830	51,740
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EQUITY		
Contributed equity	68,559	41,576
Retained earnings	13,271	10,164
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TOTAL EQUITY	81,830	51,740
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Condensed Statement of Cash Flows
for the Half Year ended
31 December 2004

	Note	CONSOLIDATED	
		2004	2003
		\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		53,875	26,122
Payments to suppliers and employees		(43,222)	(22,548)
Borrowing costs		(1,528)	(1,064)
Interest received		148	37
Income tax paid		(3,478)	(164)
		-----	-----
Net cash provided by operating activities		5,795	2,383
		-----	-----
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for plant and equipment		(3,681)	(979)
Payments for business acquisitions net of cash acquired	7, 8(b)	(12,612)	(16,902)
Proceeds from the sale of plant and equipment		287	110
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Net cash used in investing activities		(16,006)	(17,771)
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Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		22,984	19,306
Proceeds from borrowings		3,000	2,450
Repayment of borrowings		(4,200)	(2,680)
Payment of dividends		(3,601)	-
		-----	-----
Net cash provided by financing activities		18,183	19,076
		-----	-----
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		7,972	3,688
Cash at the beginning of the period		2,572	883
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Cash at the end of the period		10,544	4,571
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Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements
for the Half Year ended 31 December 2004

1. Basis of preparation of the half year financial report

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 Boom Logistics Limited as at 30 June 2004. It is also recommended that the half year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by Boom Logistics Limited and its controlled entities during the half year ended 31 December 2004 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

(a) Basis of accounting

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, applicable Accounting Standards including AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).

The half year financial report has been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except where stated.

For the purpose of preparing the half year financial report, the half year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

(b) Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with the most recent annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2004.

Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements
for the Half Year ended 31 December 2004

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2004	2003
	\$'000	\$'000
2. Profit From Ordinary Activities		
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense includes the following revenues and expenses whose disclosure is relevant in explaining the financial performance of the entity.		
(a) Revenue from ordinary activities		
Revenue from services	58,932	31,173
Interest income	148	37
Other revenue	287	110
	59,367	31,320
(b) Expenses		
Salaries and employee benefits expense	23,654	11,791
Equipment service and supplies	20,356	11,481
Borrowing costs	1,528	1,064
Depreciation and amortisation	3,322	1,711
Operating leases	813	518
Bad and doubtful debts	155	104
	49,828	26,669
3. Dividends Paid Or Provided For On Ordinary Shares		
(a) Dividends paid during the half year		
Fully franked final dividends	3,601	-
(b) Dividends proposed and not recognised as a liability		
Fully franked interim dividends	3,331	1,108
4. Segment Information		
The consolidated entity operates in the crane hire industry and in Australia only.		
5. Contingent Assets And Liabilities		
Since the last annual reporting date, there has been no material change to any contingent assets or contingent liabilities.		
6. Subsequent Events		
On 13 January 2005 and 24 January 2005, the consolidated entity signed several commercial hire purchase agreements to acquire plant and equipment to the value of \$419,154 in total.		
On 25 January 2005, the consolidated entity entered into a contractual arrangement to acquire Brambles Bowen Cranes for \$11.5 million. Settlement of this transaction has yet to occur at the date of this report.		

**Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements
for the Half Year ended 31 December 2004**

6. Subsequent Events (continued)

On 16 February 2005, the directors of Boom Logistics Limited declared a fully franked interim dividend of 3.0 cents per share on ordinary shares of \$3,330,945 in respect of the half year.

7. Change In Composition Of Entity

The following business was acquired during the reporting period:

Entity Date of Acquisition Type of Acquisition	Bowers 20 October 2004 asset purchase
	\$'000
(a) Consideration	
- cash paid	9,880
- ordinary shares	4,000
- deferred payments	-
	13,880
(b) Net Assets Acquired	
- cash	-
- trade debtors	-
- inventories	50
- other current assets	-
- intangibles	-
- fixed assets	16,353
- other non current assets	-
	16,403
- trade creditors	-
- provisions	(1,094)
- other current liabilities	-
- interest bearing liabilities	(1,429)
- other non current liabilities	-
	(2,523)
Net assets acquired	13,880
(c) Goodwill arising on acquisition	-
(d) Net Cash Effect	
Cash consideration paid	9,880
Cash included in net assets acquired	-
	9,880

In the previous half year reporting period, 4 businesses and 2 entities were acquired for a total net cash consideration of \$16.9 million.

Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements
for the Half Year ended 31 December 2004

8. Statement Of Cash Flows

(a) Non-cash financing and investing activities

Finance Lease Transactions

During the half year ended 31 December 2004, the consolidated entity acquired plant and equipment with an aggregate fair value of \$7,151,074 (2003: \$313,500) by means of commercial hire purchases.

Shares Issued For Business Acquisitions

During the half year ended 31 December 2004, the company issued ordinary shares to the value of \$4,000,000 as part of acquiring the businesses disclosed in Note 7.

(b) Deferred Acquisition Payments

During the half year ended 31 December 2004, deferred cash settlements totalling \$2,731,975 were paid for the acquisition of Heavy Lift P/L, Holt Industries P/L, and Brambles (NSW) acquired in previous period.

9. Impact of Adopting AASB Equivalents to IASB Standards

Since the disclosure in the 30 June 2004 Annual Financial Report in regards to this issue, Boom Logistics Limited has continued to transition its accounting policies and financial reporting from current Australian Standards to Australian equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The key areas identified at 30 June 2004 where accounting policies will change, namely: Goodwill, Impairment of Assets, Income Taxes, and Share Based Payments, remain the same. At this stage the consolidated entity has not been able to reliably quantify these impacts on the financial statements as the conditions under which they will be assessed are not yet known.

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Boom Logistics Limited, we state that:

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the consolidated entity:
 - (i) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2004 and the performance for the half year ended on that date of the consolidation entity; and
 - (ii) comply with Accounting Standards AASB 1029 "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



Roderick Harmon
Director



John Robinson
Chairman

Melbourne, 16 February 2005

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

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Scope

We have reviewed the financial report of Boom Logistics Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2004. The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities that it controlled at the end of the half-year or from time to time during the half-year. The company'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 Standards AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, and in order for the company to lodge the financial report with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Our review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company 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

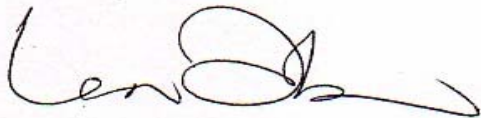
Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Boom Logistics Limited is not in accordance with:

- (a) The *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2004 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 Corporation Regulations 2001; and

(b) Other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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IAN P OLSON
Partner
Dated at Perth this 16th day of February 2005