

# The New Zealand Racing Board Interim Financial Statements

For the six months ended 31 January 2015

## **Financial Commentary**

### FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

The New Zealand Racing Board ("NZ Racing Board") achieved a net profit of \$76.8 million for the first half of the 2015 year which was \$5.8 million or 8.2% above the 2014 equivalent. The 2015 net profit includes the gain on sale of the Petone Head Office building of \$4.9 million. After excluding this gain on sale, 2015 net profit was \$71.9 million or \$0.9 million above the prior year and \$0.2 million below budget.

Current year financial performance against prior year

#### Betting and gaming turnover

Betting turnover was \$128.7 million or 13.8% higher than for the same period last year. This was the result of higher turnover on fixed odds racing betting products exceeding the effect of a decline in tote racing betting turnover, mainly within the domestic sector. The increase in turnover was primarly due to an increased offering of televised races to customers as a result of the broadcasting channel changes to Trackside 1 and 2, together with the introduction of the mobile app and continuing sales initiatives.

Gaming turnover increased by \$34.7 million or 29.0%. This increase was in part driven by the reopening of the Courtenay Place branch, that had been closed for 12 months following the 2013 Seddon earthquakes, together with additional investment in gaming machines.

#### Income

Net betting revenue was \$5.9 million or 4.5% higher than for the first half of the 2014 year as a result of the increased turnover despite a decline in net betting margin (12.9% compared to 14.1% to January 2014). The decrease in margin is the result of a move towards lower margin fixed odds betting products, in particular within sports fixed odds betting where in-play options betting has increased.

Net gaming revenue was \$1.9 million or 27.5% above the first half of the 2014 year as a result of the increase in turnover.

Other income was \$5.9 million (26.5%) higher than the first half of the 2014 year. After excluding the impact of the gain on sale of the Petone building, the main driver of this increase was additional broadcasting revenue received from the changes made to the Trackside channels.

#### Expenses

Turnover related expenses were \$3.6 million or 15.2% higher than the first half of the 2014 year, a trend closely aligned with the increase in turnover and driven from increased national sporting organisation commission and overseas racing rights on both sports betting and overseas racing betting.

Operating expenses increased \$4.5 million or 6.7% on the prior year. This was mainly due to higher depreciation expense arising from the increased capital spending in the prior year (\$1.2 million), increased broadcasting expenses due to the new broadcasting solution implemented (\$1.3 million) and higher occupancy expenses from rent paid following the sale and leaseback of the Petone building (\$0.6 million). In addition, advertising costs increased by \$1.0m which was in line with budget.

### Net profit

After excluding the sale of the Petone building, net profit was \$0.9 million or 1.2% above the prior year.

Total distributions to both the racing industry and external sporting organisations increased by \$1.5 million or 2.1% with racing industry distributions increasing by \$1.4 million or 1.8% on the prior year.

Trackside channels.	UNAUDITED 31 JANUARY 2015 Consolidated NZ\$000	UNAUDITED 31 JANUARY 2014 Consolidated NZ\$000	% change
Betting and gaming turnover	1,217,333	1,053,988	15.5%
Net profit before distributions	76,776	70,988	8.2%
Net profit excluding gain on sale of Petone building	71,846	70,988	1.2%
Distributions to racing industry	78,131	76,736	1.8%
Total distributions	74,842	73,326	2.1%

### **Financial position**

Cash balances have decreased by \$4.6 million or 23.2% since July 2014. The majority of this movement relates to continued investment in projects and capital expenditure. Cash and term deposit balances, after excluding those relating to Betting Accounts and Vouchers Trust, are \$28.2 million.

The proceeds from the sale of the Petone building were realised during the period and are included in the figures above.

Total liabilities have increased by \$5.7 million since July 2014, largely driven from the establishment of the NZ Live Limited "NZ Live" finance lease of \$3.8 million. This relates to the lease of broadcasting equipment arising out of the 10 year service contract with NZ Live to provide broadcasting services to the NZ Racing Board. Customer Betting Account Deposits and Vouchers balance also increased by \$2.2 million, reflecting the increased betting activity during the first six months of the 2015 year.

Total equity is \$69.2 million as at 31 January 2015, increasing by \$1.2 million or 1.7%.

## **Financial Commentary (Cont)**

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

Current year financial performance against budget

### Betting and gaming turnover

Total betting turnover was \$34.2 million or 3.3% higher than budget with all product types above budget except domestic tote betting.

Within fixed odds betting turnover, which was \$33.6 million or 17.0% higher than budget, domestic fixed odds racing was \$11.5 million higher than budget and overseas fixed odds racing was \$22.1 million higher than budget.

Total tote betting turnover was \$11.5 million or 1.7% below budget with a below budget performance by domestic tote racing (\$25.8 million) being partially offset by a higher than budget performance by overseas tote racing (\$14.3 million).

Sports betting turnover was \$12.1 million or 7.2% higher than budget with more sports events and betting options being offered.

Gaming turnover was \$19.1 million or 14.0% higher than budget. This was driven by increased investment in improved gaming machines and this result exceeded expectations.

#### Income

Net betting revenue was \$4.6 million or 3.3% lower than budget for the first half of the 2015 year. This was primarily driven by a shift in sports fixed odds betting turnover towards lower margin in-play betting options.

Net gaming revenue was \$1.0 million or 12.0% higher than budget as a result of the increase in turnover referred to above.

Other income was \$6.9 million higher than budget, largely due to the gain on sale of the Petone building of \$4.9 million which was not included in budget. Excluding the impact of this gain on sale, other income was \$2.0 million or 9.5% higher than budget. This was as a result of higher income from NZ racing shown overseas, denominated mainly in Australian Dollars, which was positively impacted by a more favourable exchange rate together with additional races being taken by overseas betting agencies than was budgeted.

### Expenses

Turnover related expenses were \$1.4 million or 5.6% higher than budget. These expenses increased as a result of higher overseas racing rights due to the increased overseas racing turnover and national sporting organisation commissions resulting from increased sports betting.

Operating expenses were below budget by \$2.8 million (3.9%), driven by favourable variances across all three categories of operating expenses.

Staff expenses were below budget by \$0.5 million (1.4%), mainly due to savings arisng from vacancies not filled of \$1.7 million (7.9%) which were partially offset by higher contractor spend of \$1.4 million (56.6%). There were savings in other staff expenses of \$0.2 million.

Premises and equipment expenses were below budget by \$1.4 million (7.3%). Rent expense was \$0.5 million (11.7%) below budget and depreciation was below budget, by \$0.5 million (6.2%) due to the timing impact of last year's capital expenditure.

Other expenses were below budget by \$1.0 million (4.4%) mainly due to timing in relation to race form expenses.

### Net profit

After excluding the sale of the Petone building, net profit was \$0.2 million or 0.3% below budget.

	UNAUDITED ACTUAL 31 JANUARY 2015 Consolidated	UNAUDITED BUDGET 31 JANUARY 2015 Consolidated	VARIANCE
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000	NZ\$000
TURNOVER	1,217,333	1,164,074	53,259
INCOME			
Net betting revenue	137,299	141,918	(4,619)
Net gaming revenue	8,937	7,979	958
Other income	28,341	21,400	6,941
TOTAL INCOME	174,577	171,297	3,280
TURNOVER RELATED EXPENSES	26,916	25,494	(1,422)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Premises and equipment expenses	17,623	19,004	1,381
Staff expenses	31,505	31,961	456
Other expenses	21,757	22,765	1,008
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	70,885	73,730	2,845
TOTAL EXPENSES	97,801	99,224	1,423
NET PROFIT BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS	76,776	72,073	4,703

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## Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

		UNAU 31 JANUARY 2015	31 JANUARY 2014
	Note	Consolidated NZ\$000	Consolidated NZ\$000
Detting and coming turnous	1a	4 047 000	4 052 088
Betting and gaming turnover	la	1,217,333	1,053,988
INCOME			
Net betting revenue	1b	137,299	131,354
Net gaming revenue	1c	8,937	7,007
Other income	2	28,341	22,408
TOTAL INCOME		174,577	160,769
TURNOVER RELATED EXPENSES	3	26,916	23,355
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Premises and equipment expenses	4a	17,623	14,515
Staff expenses	4b	31,505	31,328
Other expenses	4c	21,757	20,583
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		70,885	66,426
TOTAL EXPENSES		97,801	89,781
NET PROFIT BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS		76,776	70,988
Distributions	5	74,842	73,326
Provision for undistributed gaming surplus		880	1,382
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER DISTRIBUTIONS		1,054	(3,720)

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Movement in fair value of cash flow hedges *	7	103	-
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	)	1,157	(3,720)
Total other comprehensive income / (loss) attributable to:			
Non-controlling interests in RIU		196	40
NZ Racing Board reserves		961	(3,760)
		1,157	(3,720)

\* Items of other comprehensive income may be reclassified to profit or loss.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED
	General reserve	Hedging reserve	Non-controlling interest	TOTAL EQUITY
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000	NZ\$000	NZ\$000
Balance as at 1 August 2013	69,477	-	40	69,517
Net loss after distributions	(3,760)	-	40	(3,720)
Balance as at 31 January 2014	65,717	-	80	65,797
Balance as at 1 August 2014	68,065	-	23	68,088
Net profit after distributions	858	-	196	1,054
Other comprehensive income	-	103	-	103
Balance as at 31 January 2015	68,923	103	219	69,245

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

## **Condensed Statement of Financial Position**

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015

	Note	UNAUDITED 31 JANUARY 2015 Consolidated NZ\$000	AUDITED 31 JULY 2014 Consolidated NZ\$000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		15,152	19,721
Trade and other receivables		11,627	8,163
Non-current assets held for sale	6		5,063
Derivative assets	7	103	-
Other financial assets	8	37,000	29,511
Other current assets		2,578	1,779
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		66,460	64,237
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		45,814	41,787
Intangible assets (including software assets)		16,462	15,843
Other financial assets		3,148	3,143
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		65,424	60,773
TOTAL ASSETS		131,884	125,010
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		21,907	24,339
Customer betting account deposits and vouchers		21,722	19,525
Provisions		2,156	3,205
Other financial liabilities		7,403	5,900
Taxation payable		4,519	2,782
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		57,707	55,751
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions		1,469	1,139
Other financial liabilities		3,463	32
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,932	1,171
TOTAL LIABILITIES		62,639	56,922
TOTAL EQUITY		69,245	68,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		131,884	125,010

The Board members of the New Zealand Racing Board authorised these financial statements for issue on 20 April 2015.

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Glenda Hughes Chair of the New Zealand Racing Board

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Alistair Ryan Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of the New Zealand Racing Board

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## **Condensed Statement of Cash Flows**

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

	UNAUDITED	
	31 JANUARY	31 JANUARY
	2015	2014
	Consolidated	Consolidated
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
INFLOWS		
Betting and gaming turnover	1,218,148	1,053,609
NZ racing shown overseas and other income	11,833	11,982
Racing services	7,384	7,641
Jackpot retentions and account deposits (net)	3,211	1,742
TOTAL INFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,240,576	1,074,974
OUTFLOWS		
	(4,000,040)	(000.047)
Betting and gaming dividends paid	(1,036,343)	(883,847)
Goods and services tax (net)	(22,577)	(20,860)
Betting and gaming duty paid	(10,572)	(9,454)
National sporting organisations	(3,448)	(2,623)
Payments to suppliers	(59,090)	(49,289)
Payments for employee benefits including termination payments	(32,071)	(31,836)
Distributions to the racing codes	(72,065)	(73,462)
Payments to racing industry	(1,377)	(1,161)
Gaming distribution to external bodies	(1,211)	(821)
TOTAL OUTFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,238,754)	(1,073,353)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,822	1,621
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
INFLOWS		
Interest received	1,252	830
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	10,380	2,961
TOTAL INFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	11,632	3,791
OUTFLOWS		
Investment of short-term deposits	(7,489)	(7,500)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(8,959)	(5,584)
Purchases of intangible assets	(1,245)	(4,463)
Lending to clubs	-	(162)
TOTAL OUTFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(17,693)	(17,709)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(0.004)	(42.040)
	(6,061)	(13,918)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
OUTFLOWS		
Repayment of finance lease	(62)	_
Repayment of secured loan	-	(1,500)
Interest paid	(114)	(99)
TOTAL OUTFLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(176)	(1,599)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(176)	(1,599)
	(178)	(1,599)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(4,415)	(13,896)
Cash and cash equivalents as at the beginning of the period	19,721	26,622
Foreign exchange loss on cash and cash equivalents	(154)	(22)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	15,152	12,704

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

#### Reporting entity and statutory base

The New Zealand Racing Board ("NZ Racing Board") is a statutory body established by the Racing Act 2003. Customer betting accounts and betting vouchers offered are debt securities within the meaning of the Securities Act 1978 and the NZ Racing Board is therefore an 'issuer' for the purposes of the Financial Reporting Act 2013. The NZ Racing Board has not yet transitioned to the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 ("FMCA") and in accordance with the FMCA transition provisions, will not be required to do so until 2016. The NZ Racing Board is domiciled in New Zealand.

The financial statements presented are for the NZ Racing Board and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"). The Group comprises the NZ Racing Board, Racing Integrity Unit ("RIU") and the Betting Accounts and Betting Vouchers Trust.

### Statement of compliance

For financial reporting purposes, the NZ Racing Board is designated a profit-oriented entity. The Group is a Tier-1 entity, under the XRB A1 Accounting Standards Framework (For-Profit Entities). These financial statements are prepared in accordance with NZ IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' and NZ GAAP.

These unaudited statements do not include all the disclosures required for full annual financial statements prepared in accordance with NZ IFRS and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included in the NZ Racing Board's financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2014.

These interim financial statements are intended to provide an update since the previous full annual financial statements. Accordingly, it focuses on new actions, events and circumstances and does not duplicate information previously reported in the NZ Racing Board's financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2014.

#### **Basis of measurement**

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. Cost is based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange. The Group financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$) (the "presentation currency"), which is the NZ Racing Board's functional currency.

### Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the six months ended 31 January 2015. All the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period and are the same as those used in the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2014.

#### **Prior period comparatives**

During the 2014 year, the NZ Racing Board made a change to how industry initiatives are accounted for. Certain income and costs relating to industry initiatives have previously been accounted for within Distributions in the profit or loss. These costs have been agreed to be incurred by the NZ Racing Board on behalf of the Codes. For financial reporting purposes these income and expenses should be included within income and operating expenses, as these are income and costs incurred by the NZ Racing Board. Where required, prior period comparatives have been restated to conform to the current period's presentation and the presentation used in the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2014.

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

## 1. REVENUE

1.	REVENUE	UNAUDITED	
		31 JANUARY	31 JANUARY
		2015	2014
		Consolidated	Consolidated
		NZ\$000	NZ\$000
1a.	TURNOVER (including GST)		
	Betting turnover - racing totalisator	650,651	631,781
	Betting turnover - racing fixed odds	231,669	165,273
	Total betting turnover - Racing	882,320	797,054
	Betting turnover - sports totalisator	512	721
	Betting turnover - sports fixed odds	180,366	136,764
	Total betting turnover - Sports	180,878	137,485
	Total betting turnover	1,063,198	934,539
	Gaming turnover	154,135	119,449
	TOTAL BETTING AND GAMING TURNOVER	1,217,333	1,053,988
1b.			
	Total betting turnover	1,063,198	934,539
	Less: dividends payable	(895,790)	(775,190)
	Gross betting revenue	167,408	159,349
	Betting duty	(6,584)	(6,233)
	GST	(22,518)	(20,809)
	Problem gambling levy	(1,007)	(953)
	NET BETTING REVENUE	137,299	131,354
1c.	NET GAMING REVENUE		
	Gaming turnover	154,135	119,449
	Less: dividends paid	(140,521)	(108,775)
	Gross gaming revenue	13,614	10,674
	Gaming machine duty	(2,723)	(2,135)
	GST	(1,776)	(1,392)
	Problem gambling levy	(178)	(140)
	NET GAMING REVENUE	8,937	7,007

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## 2. OTHER INCOME

	UNAUDITED	
	31 JANUARY	31 JANUARY
	2015	2014
	Consolidated	Consolidated
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	4,930	202
Interest	1,253	1,151
Merchant	959	743
NZ racing shown overseas	10,493	10,067
Racing services	7,384	7,641
Revenue from broadcasting within New Zealand	479	486
Other income	2,843	2,118
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	28,341	22,408

The gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment in the current period includes the sale of the Petone building. Refer to note 6 for further information on this transaction.

### 3. TURNOVER RELATED EXPENSES

	UNA	UNAUDITED	
	31 JANUARY	31 JANUARY	
	2015	2014	
	Consolidated	Consolidated	
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000	
mmingling	1,592	1,201	
al sporting organisations	2,688	2,121	
	8,072	7,731	
cing rights	13,709	11,188	
al paper and betting slips	427	592	
ver related expenses	428	522	
NOVER RELATED EXPENSES	26,916	23,355	

## 4. OPERATING EXPENSES

	UNAU	DITED
	31 JANUARY	31 JANUARY
	2015	2014
	Consolidated	Consolidated
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000
4a. PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSES		
Depreciation and amortisation	8,012	6,809
Rent	3,923	3,340
Repairs and maintenance	3,316	2,295
Other premises and equipment expenses	2,372	2,071
TOTAL PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSES	17,623	14,515
4b. STAFF EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages (including contractors)	29,559	28,006
Termination payments	50	1,374
Other staff expenses	1,896	1,948
TOTAL STAFF EXPENSES	31,505	31,328

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## 4. OPERATING EXPENSES (CONT)

	UNAU	UNAUDITED	
	31 JANUARY	31 JANUARY	
	2015	2014	
	Consolidated	Consolidated	
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000	
. OTHER EXPENSES			
Advertising	4,725	3,751	
Auditors remuneration	88	62	
Board members	195	207	
Broadcasting	4,653	3,389	
Consultancy	774	1,636	
Data and telecommunications	2,325	2,541	
Impairment	26	9	
Insurance	742	697	
Interest	182	99	
Legal	127	359	
Merchant	1,382	844	
Printing and stationery	429	595	
Publications	1,742	1,933	
Less race form publications recovered from Gaming	(909	) -	
Swabbing	626	608	
Travel and accommodation	1,676	1,694	
Venue	427	256	
Other operating expenses	2,547	1,903	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	21,757	20,583	

Race form publications recovered from gaming relates to the application of funds from gaming to reimburse certain race form publication expenses under its Racing Authorised Purpose. Refer note 5.

## 5. DISTRIBUTIONS

		UNAUDITED			
31 JANUARY 2015	BETTING	GAMING	Undistributed Gaming net profit from prior year	TOTAL	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Distributions to the racing industry					
Code funding	72,790	-	-	72,790	
RIU	-	2,510	512	3,022	
Racing Laboratory Services	-	564	238	802	
JCA	-	500	108	608	
Other distributions to racing industry - race form publications	-	909	-	909	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE RACING INDUSTRY	72,790	4,483	858	78,131	
Distributions to Sporting Community Organisations					
Sports Authorised Purposes (paid and payable)	-	591	214	805	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO SPORTING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS	-	591	214	805	
Reversal of prior period provision for undistributed net profit	-	-	(1,072)	(1,072)	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM NZ RACING BOARD PARENT	72,790	5,074	-	77,864	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM NZ RACING BOARD PARENT				77,864	
Distributions to RIU - eliminated on consolidation				(3,022)	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM GROUP				74,842	

RIU is consolidated into the NZ Racing Board Group results and therefore the distributions from the NZ Racing Board to RIU are eliminated on consolidation.

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### 5. DISTRIBUTIONS (CONT)

Distributions to the racing industry Code funding RIU Racing Laboratory Services	ETTING \$000 72,248 - -	GAMING \$000	Undistributed Gaming net profit from prior year \$000 - 706	TOTAL \$000 72,248
Distributions to the racing industry Code funding RIU Racing Laboratory Services		2,150	-	
Code funding RIU Racing Laboratory Services	72,248 - -		-	72.248
RIU Racing Laboratory Services	72,248 - -		-	72.248
Racing Laboratory Services	-		706	,
<b>č</b>	-		706	2,856
		380	195	575
JCA	-	325	325	650
Other distributions to racing industry *	407	-	-	407
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE RACING INDUSTRY	72,655	2,855	1,226	76,736
Distributions to Sporting Community Organisations				
Sports Authorised Purposes (paid and payable)	-	672	288	960
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO SPORTING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS	-	672	288	960
Reversal of prior period provision for undistributed net profit	-	-	(1,514)	(1,514)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM NZ RACING BOARD PARENT	72,655	3,527	-	76,182
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM NZ RACING BOARD PARENT				76,182
Distributions to RIU - eliminated on consolidation				(2,856)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM GROUP				73,326

\* Other distributions to racing industry relates to a prior period adjustment that was allocated to RIU and Racing Laboratory Services in the second half of the 2014 year.

### 6. NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Non-current assets that were classified as held for sale as at 31 July 2014 of \$5.1 million were assets relating to the NZ Racing Board Petone building that were marketed for sale in March 2014. On 7 August 2014, the NZ Racing Board sold the property under a sale and leaseback arrangement. At this date, settlement, title transfer and the subsequent gain on sale of \$4.9 million were recognised. This gain on sale was reflected in other income and was net of transaction costs (refer note 2).

### 7. DERIVATIVE ASSETS - HEDGES

The NZ Racing Board is exposed to currency risk from foreign currency denominated revenues and expenses. The significant exposure is Australian dollar ('AUD') inflows on NZ racing shown overseas revenue.

During the period the NZ Racing Board purchased derivatives in the form of zero cost collar hedges and forward exchange contracts to reduce the risk that movements in the exchange rate will affect the NZ Racing Board's New Zealand dollar cash flows. These hedges have been designated as hedges of highly probable forecast transactions (a cash flow hedge under NZ IAS 39: *Financial instruments recognition and measurement*). The NZ Racing Board's Treasury Policy requires that a portion of the next 12 months forecast cash flows be hedged.

During the period, \$0.1 million (2014: nil) was recognised in other comprehensive income and will be reclassified to profit or loss over the next 12 months.

### 8. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	UNAUDITED	AUDITED
	31 JANUARY	31 JULY
	2015	2014
	Consolidated	Consolidated
	NZ\$000	NZ\$000
Loans to Racing Clubs - RACE Inc	2,996	2,991
Short-term deposits - Betting Accounts and Vouchers Trust	24,000	22,011
Short-term deposits	13,000	7,500
Other	152	152
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	40,148	32,654
Disclosed as:		
Current	37,000	29,511
Non-current	3,148	3,143
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	40,148	32,654

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

### 9. FINANCE LEASES

On 1 September 2014, the NZ Racing Board recognised a finance lease asset and corresponding liability for a value of \$3.8 million, payable over 10 years. The finance lease relates to broadcasting equipment arising out of the 10 year broadcast service contract between the NZ Racing Board and NZ Live. The financial lease liability is included within Other Financial Liabilities in the balance sheet.

### **10. RELATED PARTIES**

There have been no significant changes to the related parties or transactions with related parties since 31 July 2014.

### **11. OPERATING SEGMENTS**

There have been no material changes in the nature of operating segments since 31 July 2014.

### **12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There have been no subsequent events that would have a material impact on these financial statements.



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to the Board Members of the New Zealand Racing Board

## **Report on the Interim Financial Statements**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the New Zealand Racing Board and the entities it controlled at 31 January 2015, which comprise the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 January 2015, and the condensed statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, the condensed statement of changes in equity and the condensed statement of cash flows for the period ended on that date, and a summary of significant accounting policies and selected explanatory notes.

## Board Members' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board Members of the New Zealand Racing Board are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting ('NZ IAS 34') and International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting for such internal controls as the Board Members determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Our Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with the New Zealand Standard on Review Engagements 2410 *Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (NZ SRE 2410). NZ SRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the NZ IAS 34. As the auditors of the New Zealand Racing Board, NZ SRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial statements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 is a limited assurance engagement. The auditor performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We have no relationship with, or interest in, the New Zealand Racing Board other than in our capacities as accountants conducting this review and providers of other assurance, taxation and advisory services. These services have not impaired our independence as accountants of the Group.

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## Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements of the New Zealand Racing Board are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with NZ IAS 34.

## **Restriction on Use of Our Report**

This report is made solely to the Board Members of the New Zealand Racing Board, as a body. Our review work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board Members those matters which we are required to state to them in our review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board Members of the New Zealand Racing Board, as a body, for our review procedures, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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Chartered Accountants 24 April 2015

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