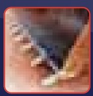  

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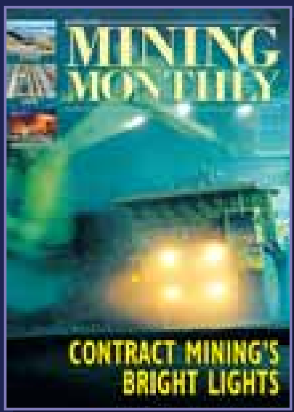

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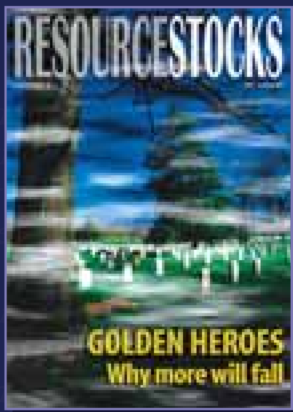

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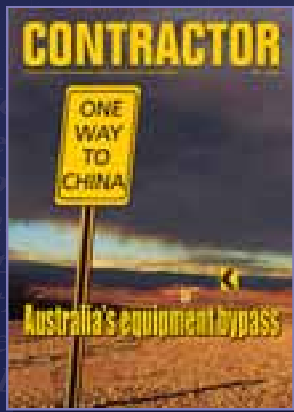

CONTRACTOR

Online

MiningNews.net

Longwalls.com

ConstructionEquipmentNews.net

EnergyReview.net

Transport.Industry-News.net

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Chairman's Address

Andrew Kent

Executive chairman

Dear fellow shareholder,

It gives the directors great pleasure to announce that Aspermont has achieved an operating profit for the year ended June 2004. The company has emerged from four years of investment and development to provide a platform for future growth and opportunities.

During the year, the company continued to develop both its print and online publishing businessess. We increased the circulation and frequency of some of the print publications, and expanded our online publishing from three to five sectors. Operating revenue increased some 33% over the prior year, including a 100% increase in revenue fro the online publishing division.

Aspermont has taken a long term view of its business and is encouraged by the performance of its products. The company's focus is on developing value by targeting sector leading positions in new industries.

Associated IT development, which has taken four years to complete, has resulted in an enterprise grade technology touching every facet of the business which now gives the company a clear competitive advantage. Aspermont is pioneering the technology that brings both the print and net media together as an integrated unit.

In addition, the company holds an 11% shareholding in a significant gold mining project and continues to review other opportunities as they arise.

Aspermont has a bright future and I look forward to the challenges ahead. My expectation is for continued growth from all our existing products and activities, resulting in further improvements to profitability during the next twelve months.

I would like to record the board's appreciation for the contribution made by the company's employees towards its progress and to wish them every encouragement in the new financial year. Finally, I would like to thank all shareholders for their continued encouragement and support.

Andrew Kent

Directors and Management

Andrew Kent
Executive Chairman

John Stark
Non Executive Director

Lewis Cross
Non Executive Director

Russell Hardwick
Chief Financial Officer/
Company Secretary

Daniel Soderstrom
Chief Information Officer

Chris Bond
Chief Operating
Officer

Richard Roberts
Group Managing Editor

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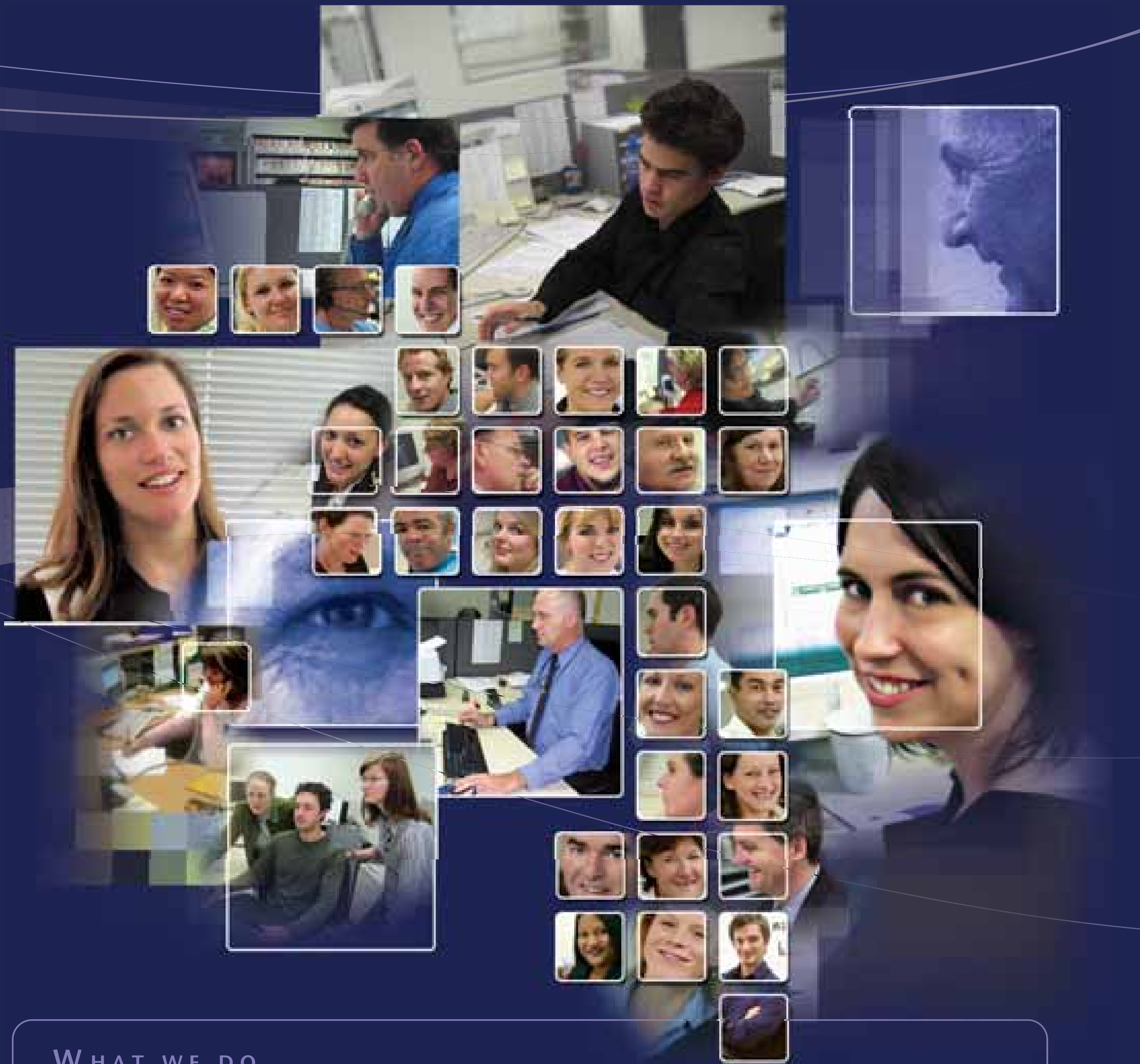


WHAT WE DO

Aspermont employs a talented team of journalists, editors, design and sales staff, and information technology experts, to produce its market leading magazines and online news services.

This motivated and dynamic group is building a suite of quality products that is well regarded by the international communities they serve.

Aspermont is an employer of choice in the Australian publishing industry and has more than doubled its workforce in the past two years.

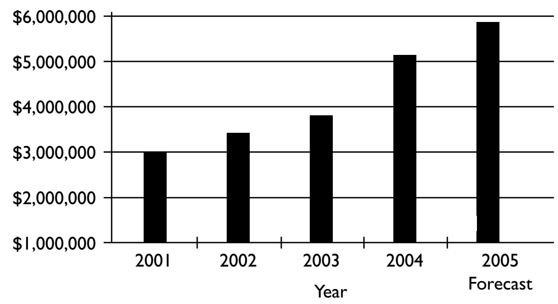
Review
of operations

Aspermont Limited is Australia's leading publisher to the resources and related trade sectors. Over the period, the group has achieved stable revenue growth in its print products and a rise of more than 100% in its internet revenues, which has resulted in the company being able to declare profits. From development and market testing the company has now, with tighter management lines, driven toward progressive and profit-making focused growth.

Financial and business highlights

- Increase of 33% in operating revenue to $5,277,000 for the year
- Operating profit of $65,520
- 100% increase in online publishing revenues to $1,293,000
- Consolidation of the company offices into one Perth CBD location
- Strategic investments into focused emerging resource and other opportunities

Group revenue summary



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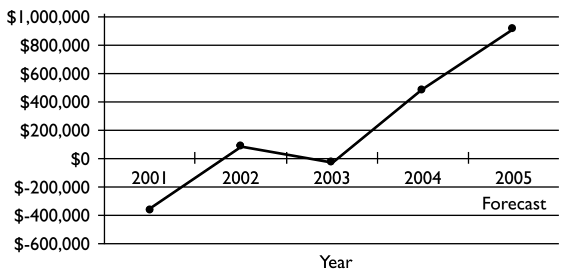


Key Activities during the Year

Print

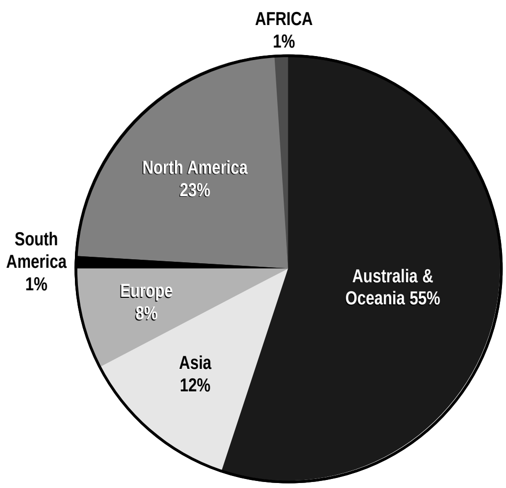
Operating with four existing mastheads, management has sustained its position of leadership and recorded some impressive gains over the past 12 months.

- Australia's Mining Monthly (AMM) — our print flagship is Australia's leading mining publication and has successfully tooled up for change as the Group's managing editor, Richard Roberts, takes control of overall group content. Notwithstanding these changes, AMM performed strongly during the year.
- RESOURCESTOCKS (RS) — the darling of the market has broadened its reach considerably and has increased its revenues by an impressive 63%.
- Australia's Longwalls — our niche industry product increased its frequency successfully and has launched a US version, which will drive increased revenue growth over the next 12 months and expand the business to the US market. We have also initiated a focus on the South African and Chinese longwall markets.
- Our regional magazine, Western Contractor, has been successfully restructured and relaunched under the banner **Contractor**. Early impressions are very good and revenue forecasts are just short of our tough expectations. The Group managing editor has focused on this product to ensure a successful relaunch.
- Magazine distribution has been overhauled, which has resulted in increased renewals for the print products and a milestone of 250,000 magazines produced.

Internet / Online publishing

The company has expanded its online publishing to six masthead titles, with one product still in the testing stage. The company's products now include Miningnews.net, *Construction Equipment News.net*, *Energyreview.net*, *Longwalls.com* and its new mass marketing site, *Industry-news.net*, with *Transport Industry News* being in the final stages of prelaunch.

- Both *Miningnews* and *Energyreview* now deliver powerful, rich content through their premium line of products, which have met strategic objectives of growing revenues in subscriptions through content and survey data offerings.
- The enterprise-wide technology continues to be solidified, with features unseen in any online application commercially offered for publishers with both Print and Net interests.
- Through the strategy implemented, the management team has driven the company's net products into profitability and lifted the focus from development to a sustained growth strategy which will show clear milestones achieved in the next 12 months.
- Both content and users are Australian-centric and continue to grow at a brisk pace, with 50% of our audience of 40,000 residing outside Australia. The build-up of foreign content is being addressed and an expansion plan is being developed for these markets following a comprehensive readership survey.



Corporate

The company has been active in its non-core asset build-up, leveraging off the extensive expertise of our management team in capital raisings and corporate advice. The company has reviewed its mastheads and considered the recent principles of best practice corporate governance, as well as the guidelines for working with the Privacy and Spam Acts now in force.

If not the most important, then one of the most important events was the seamless transition of the operations into the one Perth CBD location with minimal interruption to day-to-day activities.

Emerging market investments

The company has provided advice and introductions to a number of emerging opportunities through the executive chairman. The company now holds or expects to hold significant positions in three soon-to-be listed public companies: -

1. Magyar Mining PLC, to be floated in London by Insinger Townsley
2. Abra Mining Limited, to be floated in Australia by Montagu Corporate Limited
3. Primedical, to be floated in London by Codd Securities

Outlook

It is clear that the company has demonstrated that it has the ability to provide strong revenues in its three core businesses, being print publishing, on-line publishing and corporate, at a low established cost. The company has a bright future and the expected benefits of several years of development are now starting to emerge.

Corporate governance

The primary role of the Aspermont Board is the protection and enhancement of long-term shareholder value. The board is accountable to shareholders for the performance of the company. It directs and monitors the business and affairs of the company on behalf of shareholders and is responsible for the company's overall corporate governance.

Responsibility for managing, directing and promoting the profitable operation and development of the company, consistent with the primary objective of enhancing long-term shareholder value, is delegated to the managing director, who is accountable to the board.

In March 2004 the Australian Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Council released its Principles of Good Governance and Best Practice Recommendations. The board has reviewed these recommendations and in many cases the company was already achieving the standard required. In some cases the company has not met the recommendations due to these being unduly onerous for a company of its size and its current business development phase.

The following sets out the company's position in relation to corporate governance, specifically the 10 principles contained in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's report.

Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

The company has developed a board charter that determines the functions reserved for the board and those delegated to management. The relationship between the board and senior management is important to the group's long-term success. The board responsibilities include: appointing the managing director / chief executive officer and succession planning, approving major strategic plans, monitoring the integrity and consistency of management's control of risk, agreeing business plans and budgets, approving major capital expenditure, acquisitions and divestments, approving funding plans and capital raisings, agreeing corporate goals and reviewing performance against approved plans.

Principle 2: Structure the board to add value

The company has a board of three directors comprising the managing director/chairman and two non-executive directors. Of the three directors the board considers that Mr Lewis Cross is independent after reviewing the ASX Corporate Governance council's definition of independence and considering materiality. Crosscorp Accounting Services of which Mr Cross is the principal does provide minor services to the company at normal commercial rates. Mr Cross is also an experienced company director. The board does not have a majority of independent directors but believes the existing directors have adequate skills and experience for a company of Aspermont's size.

The chairman of the board Mr Andrew Kent also has the role of chief executive officer. The board has considered the best practice recommendations but believes the benefits of Mr Kent's experience and knowledge outweigh any benefits that might be gained from appointing an additional director or executive at this point in time. The board will continue to monitor the development of the business and the combined roles of chairman and chief executive officer. A description of the skills and experience of all the directors is included in the directors' report.

Each director has the right of access to all relevant company information and to the company's executives and subject to prior consultation with the chairman, may seek independent professional advice at the company's expense.

Principle 3: Promote ethical and responsible decision-making

The company has an established policy regarding trading in its securities by directors and officers. Directors and employees must not, directly or indirectly, buy or sell shares or other securities in the company, when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information, which could materially affect the value of those securities. The company also has a formal code of conduct as part of its board charter.

Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

The executive chairman and chief financial officer have made the following certifications to the board:

- That the company's financial reports are complete and present a true and fair view, in all material respects of the financial condition and operational results of the company and group.
- That the above statement is founded on a system of internal control and risk management.

Due to its size the board as a whole acts as the audit and risk management committee. The board assesses and reviews external and internal audits and any material issues arising from those audits. It also assesses and reviews the accounting policies and practices of the group as an integral part of reviewing the half year and full year accounts. It also makes recommendations regarding the appointment of external auditors and the level of their fees and provides a facility, if necessary, to discuss any concerns raised by the internal and external auditors independently of management influence.

The external auditors meet privately with the board at least once per year.

Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure

The company secretary has been nominated as the person responsible for communications with the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). The company seeks to provide relevant and timely information to its shareholders and is committed to fulfilling its obligations to the broader market for continuous disclosure. The company aims to ensure timely provision and equal access to material information about the company.

The board has ensured that the procedure for identifying and disclosing material and price sensitive information is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules. The company does not have a formal written policy regarding disclosure but uses strong communication between the board and management to identify and approve information for disclosure.

The Aspermont Ltd website contains copies of our annual and half-year reports, ASX announcements, investor relations publications, briefings and presentations given by executives, plus links to information on our products and services.

Principle 6: Respect the rights of shareholders

All information disclosed to the ASX is posted on the company's website as soon as confirmation is received from the ASX. Shareholders may register on the site to receive electronic notification of releases of information by the company. A copy of the company's annual report and notice of annual general meeting is sent to all shareholders.

For many years the company has requested the external auditor to attend general meetings and this has been supported by the company's auditors, MSI Marsdens.

Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

The board has in place risk management programs aimed at ensuring the company conducts its operations in a manner that allows risks to be identified, assessed and appropriately managed. The company secretary and chief operating officer reporting to the executive chairman manage the company's internal controls and risk management. During the year ending June 2004 the company has been reviewing and improving its safety, risk identification and management processes. With the relocation of the company's offices into the Perth CBD location, further work will be undertaken during the next financial year to progress and improve risk analysis, monitoring and mitigation.

Principle 8: Encourage enhanced performance

Due to the size and development phase of the company, the board has no formal performance evaluation policy. The current directors consider that they have a sufficient mix of skills and experience to add value to the company.

The directors are provided access to the following resources: -

- A monthly financial report outlining results of the operations and key functional areas
- The company's proposed budget is provided to each director for review and comment
- All board members have unrestricted access to the executive chairman, chief operating officer and chief financial officer / company secretary.

The key executives complete a performance appraisal each year.

Principle 9: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

The board determines the remuneration of the managing director and key executives. The board believes that due to the size of the company, individual salary negotiation is more appropriate than formal remuneration policies.

The board reviews market comparisons in determining remunerations and will seek independent external advice as necessary. The company has an executive option scheme in place that has been previously approved by shareholders.

Non-executive directors are remunerated by way of directors' fees within the limit approved by shareholders. The board determines fees paid to individual board members. Further information on directors' and executives remuneration is set out in the directors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Principle 10: Recognise the legitimate interests of stakeholders

The company has a formal code of conduct for the board, management and staff. The directors continue to review the business to determine the most effective and appropriate operating procedures. The company continues to review its risk management programs across health, safety and the commercial operations of the business. The company has in place a comprehensive editorial risk management guideline that is used as the main guide within the publishing business.

Directors' report

The directors present their report together with the accounts of Aspermont Limited and the consolidated accounts of the economic entity for the year ended June 30 2004 and the auditors' report thereon.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Name	
Andrew Leslie Kent	Executive chairman and managing director.
John Stark	Non-executive director
Lewis George Cross	Non-executive director

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The consolidated entity's principal activities during the year were to continue to develop the combined print and internet publishing business. Aspermont has been through a significant development stage with the dual print and internet publishing environment. The company has continued to develop its products principally through its low cost online news services.

OPERATING RESULTS / REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The company has achieved an operating profit of $65,520 after providing for income tax and eliminating outside equity interest. (2003 loss $1,663,318).

Operating revenue for the year ending 30th June 2004 was $5,277,000 up 33.16% on the prior year. The increase in revenue was achieved by continued improvement in the subscription and advertising revenues across both print and online products. The company has improved margins across all products particularly in the online news services. The internet publishing division covering the mining, energy, construction and longwall mining sectors successfully increased revenue by 100% on the prior year to $1,293,000.

DIVIDENDS

The directors have recommended that no dividend be declared.

CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

During the financial year there was no significant change in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity other than that referred to in this report or the financial statements or notes thereto.

CHANGES IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES AND DIVISIONS

Nil

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS & INFORMATION

Andrew Kent

Experience

Director since 1993 and executive chairman since 1998. Mr Kent is an experienced businessman and previously had 12 years experience with a large international equities company.

Interest in shares and options

60,200,000 ordinary shares in Aspermont Ltd and 44,978,082 - 50c share options and 9,000,000 - 10c share options.

Directors' report (continued)

Lewis Cross

Experience

Director since August 2000. Mr Cross is a Certified Practising Accountant and principal of the firm Crosscorp Accounting, which has been established for over 25 years. He holds a Bachelor of Business degree majoring in Accounting from Curtin University and is a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors.

Interest in shares and options

1,600,000 ordinary shares in Aspermont Ltd.

John Stark

Experience

Director since April 2002. Mr Stark is an experienced and successful businessman with extensive commercial and investment knowledge and is the company's second largest shareholder.

Interest in shares and options

21,981,580 ordinary shares in Aspermont Ltd.

The number of directors' meetings and number of meetings attended by each of the directors of the company during the financial year were:

	DIRECTORS' MEETINGS	
Name	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Andrew L Kent	5	5
Lewis Cross	5	5
John Stark	5	5

In addition to the meetings of directors, certain matters were approved by circulatory resolutions signed by the directors. All matters in relation to the audit and nomination committees were dealt with in normal board meetings and no separate committee meetings were held.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES EMOLUMENTS

The board is responsible for determining the remuneration policies and packages applicable to the board members and senior executives of the company. The broad remuneration policy is to ensure that the remuneration package properly reflects the person's duties, responsibilities, level of performance and that the remuneration is competitive in attracting, retaining and motivating people of the highest quality.

Details of the nature and amount of each element of the emoluments of each director of the company and four named officers of the consolidated entity receiving the highest emolument are:

Directors' emoluments

Directors	Directors' Fees	Total
	$	$
Non-executive		
Lewis Cross	24,000	24,000
John Stark	52,000 (See below)	52,000
Executive		
Andrew Kent	(See below)	-

During the year ending 30th June 2003 the company issued Drysdale Investments Ltd, a company associated with Mr Andrew Kent, 9,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 9,000,000 10c share options in lieu of the payment of directors' fees to Mr Kent for the period of 30th April 2000 to the 30th April 2005.

On the 28th February 2004 the company issued Jimblebar Resources NL, a company associated with Mr John Stark 960,000 fully paid ordinary shares in lieu of the payment of directors fees to Mr Stark for the period of 2nd April 2002 to 2nd April 2004. The balance of $4,000 remains to be issued.

Executive's emoluments

Executives	Salary	Superannuation contributions	Total
	$	$	$
Mr RS Roberts	113,081	10,177	123,258
Mr RP Hardwick	91,554	8,239	99,793
Mr CA Bond	81,229	7,311	88,540
Mr DS Soderstrom	73,636	6,627	80,263

DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS INDEMNIFICATION

The company has paid premiums to insure each of the directors and officers against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company. The amount of the premium was $13,350 with a limit of indemnity of $1,000,000 in aggregate.

The company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, given an indemnity or entered into an agreement to indemnify, or paid insurance premiums in respect of the auditor of the company or a related body corporate.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors believe on reasonable grounds that disclosure of information regarding the likely developments in the operations of the consolidated entity in future financial years and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the consolidated entity. Accordingly this information has not been included in this report.

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

Executive share option plan

On the 23rd July 2004 the company issued 1,000,000 10c share options pursuant to the Aspermont Executive Option Plan approved by shareholders.

St Istvan plc — Hungarian gold project

Aspermont has previously provided advice and introductions for the development of the Lahoca gold project in Hungary held by St Istvan plc. Aspermont currently holds 11.03% of the issued capital of St Istvan plc based in London. Subsequent to the year end the project continues to advance and the directors of St Istvan plc have advised that they expect the company to be listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) in London later in the 2004 year.

ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS

The parent entity has applied the relief available to it in ASIC Class Order 98/100 and, accordingly, amounts in the financial statements and directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Dated this 22nd September 2004

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors:

Andrew Kent
Director

Lewis Cross
Director

Statement of financial performance
as at June 30 2004

	NOTE	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES BY FUNCTION					
Sales revenue	2	4,747	3,823	4,747	3,823
Cost of sales		(2,557)	(2,172)	(2,557)	(2,172)
Gross profit		2,190	1,651	2,190	1,651
Other revenues from ordinary activities		530	140	530	140
Distribution expenses		(253)	(231)	(253)	(231)
Marketing expenses		(923)	(701)	(923)	(701)
Occupancy expenses		(137)	(122)	(137)	(122)
Corporate and administration		(782)	(1,772)	(782)	(1,772)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(559)	(628)	(559)	(628)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	3	66	(1,663)	66	(1,663)
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	4	-	-	-	-
Profit from ordinary activities after related income tax expense		66	(1,663)	66	(1,663)
Net profit/(loss) attributable to outside equity interests		-	-	-	-
Net profit attributable to members of the parent entity		66	(1,663)	66	(1,663)
Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to members of the parent entity and recognised directly in equity		-	-	-	-
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		66	(1,663)	66	(1,663)
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)		0.058c	(1.67c)		
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)		0.102c	(1.30c)		

The statements of financial performance are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

Statement of financial position

as at June 30 2004

	NOTE	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
Current assets					
Cash assets		316	1,166	316	1,166
Receivables	6	1,363	803	1,363	803
Other financial assets	7b	140	31	140	31
Total current assets		1,819	2,000	1,819	2,000
Non-current assets					
Receivables	6	97	235	97	235
Investments accounted for using the equity method	7a	-	-	250	250
Property plant and equipment	8	459	153	459	153
Intangible assets	9	2,348	2,348	2,182	2,182
Total non-current assets		2,904	2,736	2,988	2,820
TOTAL ASSETS		4,723	4,736	4,807	4,820
Current liabilities					
Payables	10	1,133	984	1,106	957
Interest-bearing liabilities	11	1,000	780	1,000	780
Provisions	12	122	89	122	89
Other	13	74	74	74	74
Total current liabilities		2,329	1,927	2,302	1,900

The statements of financial position are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

Statement of financial position
as at June 30 2004 (continued)

	NOTE	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
Non-current liabilities					
Interest-bearing liabilities	11	76	1,050	18,263	19,313
Provisions	12	35	30	35	30
Total non-current liabilities		111	1,080	18,298	19,343
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,440	3,007	20,600	21,243
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		2,283	1,729	(15,793)	(16,423)
EQUITY					
Contributed equity	14	34,277	33,713	34,277	33,713
Reserves	5	2,042	2,042	2,041	2,041
Accumulated losses	19	(33,822)	(33,812)	(52,111)	(52,177)
Parent entity interest		2,497	1,943	(15,793)	(16,423)
Outside equity interest	17	(214)	(214)	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY (DEFICIENCY)		2,283	1,729	(15,793)	(16,423)

The statements of financial position are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

Statement of cash flows
as at June 30 2004

	NOTE	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
Cash flows used in operating activities					
Cash receipts in the course of operations		4,490	3,769	4,490	3,769
Cash payments in the course of operations		(4,352)	(4,195)	(4,352)	(4,195)
Interest and other costs of finance paid		(433)	(124)	(433)	(124)
Interest received		23	50	23	50
Other		-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	18(b)	(272)	(500)	(272)	(500)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Proceeds from loans repaid by other entities		-	182	-	182
Payments for investments		(31)	(285)	(31)	(285)
Proceeds from sale of equity investments		79	295	79	295
Payments for non-current assets		(331)	(185)	(331)	(185)
Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets		18	-	18	-
Net cash provided by investing activities		(265)	7	(265)	7
Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceeds from issue of shares		517	200	517	200
Repayment of borrowings		(830)	-	(830)	-
Proceeds from borrowings		-	50	-	50
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(313)	250	(313)	250
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(850)	(243)	(850)	(243)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		1,166	1,409	1,166	1,409
Cash at the end of the financial year	18(a)	316	1,166	316	1,166

The statements of financial cash flows are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

Notes to and forming part of the accounts
for the year ended June 30 2004

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.The financial report covers the economic entity of Aspermont Limited and controlled entities and Aspermont Limited as an individual parent entity. Aspermont Limited is a listed public company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated accounts comprise the accounts of Aspermont Limited and all of its controlled entities. A controlled entity is any entity controlled by Aspermont Limited. Control exists where Aspermont Limited has the capacity to dominate the decision-making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with Aspermont Limited to achieve the objectives of Aspermont Limited. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 15 to the accounts. All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the economic entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Where controlled entities have entered or left the economic entity during the year, their operating results have been included from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased. Outside interests in the equity and results of the entities that are controlled are shown as a separate item in the consolidated accounts.

(b) Income tax

The economic entity adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense is based on the operating profit from ordinary activities adjusted for any permanent differences.

Timing differences which arise due to the different accounting periods in which items of revenue and expense are included in the determination of operating profit before income tax and taxable income are brought to account as either a provision for deferred income tax or an asset described as future income tax benefit at the rate of income tax applicable to the period in which the benefit will be received or the liability will become payable. Future income tax benefits are not brought to account unless realisation of the asset is assured beyond reasonable doubt. Future income tax benefits in relation to tax losses have not been brought to account because there is uncertainty of realisation of the benefit.The amount of benefits not brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the economic entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

Aspermont Limited and its wholly-owned Australian subsidiaries have formed an income tax consolidated group under the Tax Consolidation System. Aspermont Limited is responsible for recognising the current and deferred tax assets and liabilities for the tax consolidated group. The group notified the ATO in April 2004 that it had formed an income tax consolidated group to apply from July 2002.

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(c) **Foreign currency**

Foreign currency transactions are translated to Australian currency at the rates of exchange ruling at the dates of the transactions. Amounts receivable and payable in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at balance date. Exchange differences relating to amounts payable and receivable in foreign currencies are brought to account in the profit and loss account in the financial year in which the exchange rates change, as exchange gains or losses.

(d) **Investments**

Current and non-current investments are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of non-current investments is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments. The recoverable amount is assessed from the quoted market value for listed investments or the underlying net assets for other non-listed investments. The expected net cash flows from investments have not been discounted to their present value in determining the recoverable amounts. Investments in associate companies are recognised in the financial statements by applying the equity method of accounting.

(e) **Provisions**

Provision for doubtful debts

The collectability of debts is assessed at year-end and provision is made for any doubtful accounts.

(f) **Employee entitlements**

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and annual leave, which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements. Contributions are made by the economic entity to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(g) **Intangibles**

a) Goodwill

Goodwill and goodwill on consolidation are initially recorded at the amount by which the purchase price for a business exceeds the fair value attributed to its net assets at date of acquisition. Both goodwill and goodwill on consolidation are amortised on a straight-line basis over a period of twenty years. The balances are reviewed annually and any balance representing future benefits for which the realisation is considered to be no longer probable are written off.

b) Mastheads

In the past mastheads have been carried at cost and were not amortised as the directors were of the opinion that having regard to the duration of the life of the mastheads and their ultimate residual value amortisation would not have been material.

While applicable accounting standards and other professional requirements require that assets such as mastheads be amortised over a period not exceeding twenty years, the directors have decided not to amortise mastheads for the following reasons: -

i) On February 21 2000 the company issued a prospectus to raise $2,200,000 by the issue of 11,000,000 new shares at an issue price of 20c each;

The issue under the prospectus was fully met and consequently the company's shares were quoted on the Australian Stock Exchange on April 27 2000 and have remained quoted;

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ii) The successful capital raising by the company and the subsequent listing of its shares on the Australian Stock Exchange has significantly increased the market capitalisation of the company and provided an avenue for the sale of its shares;

iii) Since the raising of new capital, the company has significantly enlarged its business through both increased revenues and the acquisition of related business assets;

iv) The increased revenues are the result of improved circulation for publications and rises in advertising revenue; and

v) The company is regarded as a leader in the specialist and technical publishing world.

As a result, the directors are of the opinion that the mastheads have increased in value but, in the light of the matters discussed above and having regard to the requirements of applicable accounting standards, they have determined to retain the mastheads at their existing carrying value and that no provision for their amortisation should be made at this time. The carrying amount is reviewed annually by the directors to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is assessed based upon the present value of expected future cash flows.

(h) Plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable any accumulated depreciation. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amounts are assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows and have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts. The depreciable amounts of all plant and equipment are depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their useful lives to the economic entity commencing from the time an asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate
Plant and equipment	13.5% - 40%

(i) Subscriptions in advance

Print magazine and internet news subscriptions are received in advance for the subscription period applied for. Subscriptions received during the financial year for issues expected to be published and news services to be provided after balance date have been deferred in creditors and will be brought to account and recognised in the accounting period in which the respective magazines or news services subscribed for are published.

(j) Revenue

Advertising and subscription revenue is brought to account and recognised in the accounting period in which the respective magazines or news sites containing the booked advertisements are published or displayed. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

(k) Cash

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes:

i. cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, net of bank overdrafts; and

ii. investments in money market instruments with less than 14 days to maturity.

(l) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(m) Rounding of amounts

The parent entity has applied the relief available to it under ASIC Class Order 98/100 and accordingly, amounts in the financial report and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest $1,000.

(n) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(o) Adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

Australia is currently preparing for the introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) effective for financial years commencing 1st January 2005. This requires the production of accounting data for future comparative purposes at the beginning of the next financial year.

The economic entity's management, along with its auditors, are assessing the significance of these changes and preparing for their implementation. An IFRS committee has been established to oversee and manage the economic entity's transition to IFRS. We will seek to keep stakeholders informed as to the impact of these new standards as they are finalised.

Internally generated brands

Under the pending AASB 138: Intangible Assets, internally generated brands may not be capitalised to the statement of financial position, but should be expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Current accounting policy is to capitalise these costs. The result of this change may be to derecognise the mastheads that currently are recorded as intangible assets, with an adjustment being made to opening retained earnings.

Goodwill on consolidation

Under the proposed changes to the IAS 22: Business Combinations, goodwill is to be capitalised to the statement of financial position and subjected to an annual impairment test. Amortisation of goodwill is to be prohibited. Current accounting policy is to amortise goodwill on a straight line basis over a period of twenty years.

Non-current investments

Under the pending AASB 139: Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement, financial instruments that are classified as available for sale instruments must be carried at fair value. Unrealised gains or losses may be recognised either in income or directly to equity. Current accounting policy is to measure non-current investments at cost, with an annual review by directors to ensure that the carrying amounts are not in excess of the recoverable value of the instrument.

Income tax

Currently, the economic entity adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense is based on the accounting profit adjusted for any permanent differences. Timing differences are currently brought to account as either a provision for deferred income tax or future income tax benefit. Under the Australian equivalent to IAS 12, the economic entity will be required to adopt a balance sheet approach under which temporary differences are identified for each asset and liability rather than the effects of the timing and permanent differences between taxable income and accounting profit.

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	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
2. REVENUE				
Operating activities:				
Sales revenue - subscriptions & advertising	4,719	3,787	4,719	3,787
Contract income	-	34	-	34
Interest received or due and receivable from:				
other corporations	23	50	23	50
Consultancy fees	462	-	462	-
	5,204	3,871	5,204	3,871
Non-operating activities:				
Proceeds from disposal of shares & non-current assets	79	333	79	333
Excess provisions written back	37	35	37	35
	116	368	116	368

3. PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Profit from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:

	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
(a) Expenses:				
Cost of sales	2,557	2,172	2,557	2,172
Bad debts written off	10	11	10	11
Doubtful debts	7	7	7	7
Legal costs	136	94	136	94
Borrowing costs				
- related companies	277	299	277	299
- other companies	-	-	-	-
Consulting & accounting services	16	262	16	262
Write-down of non-current investments to recoverable amount	14	187	14	187

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
Depreciation of plant, equipment and websites	107	88	107	88
Directors' fees	76	495	76	495
Rental expense on operating leases - minimum lease payments	72	71	72	71
Movement in provisions for employee entitlements	38	79	38	79
Foreign exchange loss	-	42	-	42

(b) Significant revenues and expenses

The following significant revenue and expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:

Revenue				
Excess provisions written back	37	35	37	35
Internet advertising & subscriptions	1,293	647	1,293	647
Print advertising & subscriptions	3,426	3,094	3,426	3,094
Expenses				
Interest expense	257	275	257	275
Legal costs	136	94	136	94
Write-down of non-current investments to recoverable amount	14	187	14	187
Directors' fees	76	495	76	495
Consulting & accounting fees	16	262	16	262
Depreciation of plant, equipment and websites	107	88	107	88

(c) Remuneration of auditors of the parent entity for

Auditing or reviewing the accounts	29	32	29	32
Other services	2	8	2	8
	31	40	31	40

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	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
4. TAXATION				
Income tax expense				
The prima facie tax/(loss) on profit from ordinary activities before tax is reconciled to the income tax as follows:				
Prima facie tax payable on profit/(loss) from ordinary activities calculated at 30%	20	(499)	20	(499)
Tax effect of permanent differences:				
Increase in income tax expense due to:				
• Doubtful debts	2	(2)	2	(2)
• Movement in provision for employee entitlements	11	24	11	24
• Non-deductible expenditure	35	276	35	276
• Write downs to recoverable amounts	4	57	4	57
Decrease in income tax expense due to:				
• Non-assessable income	(11)	19	(11)	19
• Prior year losses recouped	(61)	-	(61)	-
• Prior year losses not tax effected	-	125	-	125
Income tax expense attributable to profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	-	-	-	-

Tax consolidation

Aspermont and its wholly owned Australian subsidiaries have decided to implement the tax consolidation legislation as of the 30th June 2003. As a consequence, as the head entity in the tax consolidated group, Aspermont will recognise current and deferred tax amounts relating to transactions, events and balances of the wholly owned Australian controlled entities in this group in future financial statements as if those transactions, events and balances were its own, in addition to the current and deferred tax balances arising in relation to its own transactions, events and balances.

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
Future income tax benefit not taken to account				

The potential future income tax benefit for the consolidated entity at the applicable rate of 30% arising from the implementation of tax consolidation and the carried forward tax losses has not been recognised as an asset because recovery of tax losses is not virtually certain beyond any reasonable doubt.

	2004	2003	2004	2003
Tax losses carried forward - revenue	2,830	-	-	-
Tax losses carried forward - capital	1,395	-	-	-
	4,225	-	-	-
Other losses				
Unrealised capital losses - external investment	29	29	-	-
Unrealised capital losses - subsidiary investment	31,592	31,592	-	-
	31,621	31,621	-	-

Future income tax benefits will only be obtained if:

(i) the relevant company derives future assessable income of a nature and an amount sufficient to enable the benefit to be realised, or the benefit can be utilised by another controlled entity in accordance with Section 80G of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936;

(ii) the relevant company and the economic entity continues to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by the law; and

(iii) no changes in tax legislation adversely affect the relevant company and the economic entity in realising the benefit.

Potential future income tax benefits attributable to tax losses carried forward and timing differences as detailed below have not been brought to account at June 30 2004, because generally the directors do not regard realisation of the future income tax benefits as virtually certain within the economic entity and also due to the changeable nature of the taxation climate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the directors are of the opinion that in regard to the year ended June 30 2000, that year's profits are able to be successfully offset against prior years' losses brought forward. Accordingly no provision for income tax arising thereon for the year ended June 30 2000 was raised in the financial report. If these losses should not prove to be available, a liability for income tax in the sums of $220,000 and $238,000 for the economic entity and parent entity respectively could arise. Should assessments be raised in future years in this regard, they will be brought to account in the financial years in which this occurs.

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
5. RESERVES				
Capital				
Capital profits	81	81	81	81
Asset revaluation	1,961	1,961	1,960	1,960
Total reserves	2,042	2,042	2,041	2,041
6. RECEIVABLES				
Current				
Trade debtors	645	657	645	657
Provision for doubtful debts	(27)	(22)	(27)	(22)
Other debtors	725	128	725	128
Prepaid borrowing expenses	20	40	20	40
	1,363	803	1,363	803
Non-current				
Loans to controlled entities	-	-	6,187	6,187
Less provision for loss on realisation	-	-	(6,187)	(6,187)
Loans to related entities	-	138	-	138
Less provision for loss on realisation	-	(7)	-	(7)
US mortgages	97	104	97	104
Total non-current receivables	97	235	97	235

The US Mortgages, represent 30 year non-interest bearing loans secured by second mortgages over residential properties in Chandler Arizona, USA, which mature in 2018 which previous management accepted in the course of resolving a dispute. The movement in the net loan balance from $104,000 to $97,000 is a result of repayment of one of the mortgages and an adjustment to the NPV of the loan amount and to reflect movements in the $US/$A exchange rate.

	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
7. INVESTMENTS				
a.) INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD				
Non-current				
Associated companies - at cost	-	-	43,944	43,944
Less provision for diminution	-	-	(43,694)	(43,694)
	-	-	250	250

There have been no movements in these investments during the year.
Refer to Note 15 for particulars in relation to associated companies.

	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
b.) OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Current				
Listed investments at cost	-	48	-	48
Less provision for write-down to recoverable amount	-	(17)	-	(17)
	-	31	-	31
Market value of listed investments:				
- shares in other corporations	-	31	-	31
Unlisted investments at cost				
- Shares in other corporations (see note below)	402	262	402	262
Less provision for write-down to recoverable amount	(262)	(262)	(262)	(262)
	140	-	140	-
Total investments	140	31	140	31

Note : The company currently holds 11.03% of the issued capital of St Istvan plc, which is developing the Lahoca Gold project in Hungary. The company has recorded its investment at its historical cost of $140,000. The project continues to advance and St Istvan plc is expected to be listed in London later in the 2004 year. These shares are held for resale within the next 12 months.

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
8. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Plant and equipment - at cost	763	431	763	431
Accumulated depreciation	(401)	(319)	(401)	(319)
	362	112	362	112
Websites - at cost	235	156	235	156
Accumulated amortisation	(138)	(115)	(138)	(115)
	97	41	97	41
	459	153	459	153

Movements in carrying amounts:

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Plant and equipment $000	Websites $000	Total $000
Economic Entity:			
Balance at the beginning of year	112	41	153
Additions	332	79	411
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(82)	(23)	(105)
Carrying amount at the end of year	362	97	459
Parent Entity:			
Balance at the beginning of year	112	41	153
Additions	332	79	411
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(82)	(23)	(105)
Carrying amount at the end of year	362	97	459

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	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
9. INTANGIBLES				
Goodwill on acquisition				
Balance at beginning of year	2,450	2,450	2,154	2,154
Added during the year - at cost	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of year	2,450	2,450	2,154	2,154
Accumulated amortisation	(2,131)	(2,131)	(2,113)	(2,113)
	319	319	41	41
Masthead - at independent valuation 30th June 1999				
Balance at beginning of year	1,936	1,936	1,936	1,936
Added during the year	0	0	0	0
Balance at end of year	1,936	1,936	1,936	1,936
Mastheads - at cost	93	93	205	205
Total Intangibles	2,348	2,348	2,182	2,182

The independent valuation carried out on 30th June 1999 by Ernst and Young Corporate Finance Pty Ltd was based on the single masthead of Australia's Mining Monthly. No other independent valuation has been carried out on the company's other mastheads.

	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
10. PAYABLES				
Current				
Sundry creditors and accrued expenses	589	635	534	580
Less provision for reduction	(28)	(28)	-	-
Subscriptions & advertising in advance	523	328	523	328
Other creditors	49	49	49	49
	1,133	984	1,106	957

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
11. INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES:				
Current				
Unsecured:				
Related party loans (refer below)	1,000	780	1,000	780
	1,000	780	1,000	780

The related party loan is a convertible note with Drysdale Investments Ltd a company associated with Mr Andrew Kent. The significant terms include :-

- Principal debt $1,000,000,
- Interest rate of 10% per annum payable quarterly in arrears,
- The loan is convertible to 50,000,000 ordinary shares in Aspermont Ltd at a conversion price of 2c per share at any time during the term of the loan at the option of the lender,
- The term of the loan is three years from 01st July 2002 (expires 30 June 2005).

	CONSOLIDATED 2004	CONSOLIDATED 2003	THE COMPANY 2004	THE COMPANY 2003
Non-current				
Unsecured:				
Controlled entities loans (refer below)	-	-	18,263	18,263
Related party loans	76	1,050	-	1,050
	76	1,050	18,263	19,313

The directors of controlled entities have resolved that controlled entity loans are interest free and repayable only when the parent entity has the financial means to do so.

	CONSOLIDATED 2004	CONSOLIDATED 2003	THE COMPANY 2004	THE COMPANY 2003
12. PROVISIONS				
Current				
Employee entitlements	122	89	122	89
Non-current				
Long service leave entitlements	35	30	35	30
(a) Aggregate employee entitlements liability	157	119	157	119
(b) Number of employees at year-end.	56	48	56	48

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
13. OTHER				
Current				
Taxation receipt unallocated.	74	74	74	74
	74	74	74	74
14. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY				
129,639,792 (2003 102,849,129)				
Fully paid ordinary shares (a)	34,277	33,713	34,277	33,713
Ordinary shares				
At the beginning of the reporting period	33,713	32,775	33,713	32,775
Shares issued during the year:				
(a) 25,830,663 (2003: 4,000,000) pursuant to a placement	516	200	516	200
(b) 960,000 (2003: 14,750,000) via the issue of shares in lieu of the payment of directors or consultants fees during the year.	48	738	48	738
At reporting date	34,277	33,713	34,277	33,713

Fully paid ordinary shares issued during the financial year:

a) 27th January 2004 - 9,000,000 at an issue price of 2 cents each.

20th February 2004 - 4,000,000 at an issue price of 2 cents each.

5th March 2004 - 12,830,663 at an issue price of 2 cents each.

b) 27th January 2004 - 960,000 at an issue price of 5 cents each.

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the parent entity in proportion to the number of shares held. At shareholders meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

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15. PARTICULARS IN RELATION TO CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Place of incorp.	Class of share	Economic entity interest 2004 %	Economic entity interest 2003 %	Amount of investment 2004 $000	Amount of investment 2003 $000	Dividends received or receivable 2004 $000	Dividends received or receivable 2003 $000
Aspermont Limited	NSW	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
Controlled entities:								
International Laser Finance Pty Ltd	NSW	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
Financial and Intellectual Capital Ltd	VIC	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
Aspermont Investments Pty Ltd	NSW	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
International Intellectual Capital Ltd	NSW	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
Long Term Intellectual Capital Pty Ltd	NSW	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
N & K Technology Investments Pty Ltd	VIC	Ord	100	100	-	-	-	-
Darling Downs TV Ltd	QLD	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Eastland Drive-ins Pty Ltd	QLD	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Osmoglen Pty Ltd	QLD	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Zitalane Pty Ltd	QLD	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Hawksbill Pty Ltd	VIC	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Crown Communications (Aust) Pty Ltd	QLD	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Meridian Holdings Ltd	VIC	Ord	54	54	-	-	-	-
Peterson Road Ltd	NSW	Ord	7	7	-	-	-	-
Regal Focus Pty Ltd	WA	Ord	100	100	250	250	-	-
					250	250	-	-

NOTE: The investments in all subsidiary companies have been provided for in full and are written down to $Nil with the exception of Regal Focus Pty Ltd which was acquired on 1 March 2000 for a purchase consideration of $250,000.

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	$000	$000	$000	$000
16. AMOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES				
The Australian dollar equivalents of unhedged amounts payable or receivable in foreign currencies, calculated at year end exchange rates, are as follows:				
Current				
Amounts receivable	56	-	56	-
Non - current				
Amounts receivable (net of provision for doubtful debts)	97	104	97	104
17. OUTSIDE EQUITY INTERESTS				
Ordinary share capital of controlled entities issued to outside equity interests is: Darling Downs TV Ltd.	1,949	1,949		
Interest in reserves Darling Downs TV Ltd	13,909	13,909		
Interest in accumulated losses at end of year				
• Darling Downs TV Ltd	(15,911)	(15,911)		
• International Intellectual Capital Pty Ltd	(161)	(161)		
	(16,072)	(16,072)		
Total outside equity interests	(214)	(214)		

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	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
18. CASH FLOW INFORMATION				
(a) Reconciliation of cash Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:				
Cash at bank and on deposit	316	1,166	316	1,166
	316	1,166	316	1,166
(b) Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) after tax to net cash provided by operating activities				
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after income tax	66	(1,663)	66	(1,663)
• (Profit) on sale of non current assets	(4)	(54)	(4)	(54)
• Depreciation	114	88	114	88
• Write downs to recoverable amount	14	192	14	192
• Provision for diminution in value not required	(37)	(34)	(37)	(34)
• Shares issued in lieu of expense payments	48	737	48	737
Change in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(607)	(80)	(607)	(80)
(Increase) in prepayments	(31)	-	(31)	-
Increase in creditors	128	59	128	59
Increase in borrowings	-	176	-	176
Increase in current provisions	33	49	33	49
Increase in non-current provisions	4	30	4	30
Net cash used in operating activities	(272)	(500)	(272)	(500)

(c) Non-cash financing and investing activities

During the year the company issued 960,000 fully paid shares at an issue price of 5c in lieu of the payment of directors fees.

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	CONSOLIDATED 2004 $000	CONSOLIDATED 2003 $000	THE COMPANY 2004 $000	THE COMPANY 2003 $000
19. ACCUMULATED LOSSES				
Accumulated losses at the beginning of the financial year	(33,812)	(32,148)	(52,177)	(50,514)
Net profit attributable to the members of the parent entity	66	(1,663)	66	(1,663)
De-consolidation /adjustments	(76)	(1)	-	-
Accumulated losses at the end of the financial year	(33,822)	(33,812)	(52,111)	(52,177)

20. DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVES' REMUNERATION

(a) Names and positions held of parent entity directors and specified executives in office at any time during the financial year are:

Directors

Mr A Kent	Chairman - chief executive officer
Mr L Cross	Non - executive director
Mr J Stark	Non - executive director

Executives

Mr R Hardwick	Chief financial officer / company secretary
Mr C Bond	Chief operating officer
Mr R Roberts	Group managing editor
Mr D Soderstrom	Chief information officer

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20. DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVES' REMUNERATION (continued)

(b) Remuneration of parent entity directors

2004

Directors	Directors' Fees $	Total $
Non-executive		
Lewis Cross	24,000	24,000
John Stark	52,000 (See below)	52,000
Executive		
Andrew Kent	See below	-

2003

Directors	Directors' Fees $	Total $
Non-executive		
Lewis Cross	22,000	22,000
John Stark	-	-
Maria Stratton	25,000	25,000
Executive		
Andrew Kent	537,000 (See below)	-

During the year ending 30th June 2003 the company issued Drysdale Investments Ltd a company associated with Mr Andrew Kent, 9,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 9,000,000 10c share options in lieu of the payment of directors' fees for the period of 30th April 2000 to the 30th April 2005.

On the 28th February 2004 the company issued Jimblebar Resources NL a company associated with Mr John Stark 960,000 fully paid ordinary shares in lieu of the payment of directors' fees for the period of 2nd April 2002 to 2nd April 2004. The balance of $4,000 remains to be issued.

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(c) Remuneration of specified executives

2004

Executives	Salary $	Superannuation contributions $	Total $
Mr RS Roberts	113,081	10,177	123,258
Mr RP Hardwick	91,554	8,239	99,793
Mr CA Bond	81,229	7,311	88,540
Mr DS Soderstrom	73,636	6,627	80,263

2003

Executives	Salary $	Superannuation contributions $	Total $
Mr RS Roberts	93,060	8,375	101,435
Mr RP Hardwick	89,174	8,025	97,199
Mr CA Bond	77,670	6,990	84,660

(d) Parent entity directors and executives shareholdings and option holdings

Number of shares held by directors and executives

	Balance 1.7.2003	Received as remuneration	Net change purchased or sold	Balance 30.6.2004
Directors				
Mr A Kent and beneficial interests	48,000,000	-	12,200,000	60,200,000
Mr J Stark and beneficial interests	16,983,487	960,000	4,038,093	21,981,580
Mr L Cross and beneficial interests	1,350,000	-	250,000	1,600,000
Executives				
Mr D Soderstrom	-	-	250,000	250,000
Mr R Hardwick and beneficial interests	-	-	180,000	180,000

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Number of options held by directors and executives

	Balance 1.7.2003	Received as remuneration	Net change issued/exercised	Balance 30.6.2004
Directors				
Mr A Kent and beneficial interests	53,978,082	-	-	53,978,082
Executives				
Nil	-	-	-	-

(e.) Remuneration practices

The board determines the remuneration of the managing director and key executives. The board believes that due to the size of the company, individual salary negotiation is more appropriate than formal remuneration policies.

The board reviews market comparisons in determining remunerations and will seek independent external advice as necessary. The company has an executive option scheme in place that has been previously approved by shareholders. Non-executive directors are remunerated by way of directors' fees within the limit approved by shareholders. The board determines fees paid to individual board members. Further information on directors' and executives remuneration is set out in the directors' report and notes to the financial statements.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a.) Loans from director related entities:	2004	2003
Aggregate of amounts payable to directors and their director- related entities.		
Current	1,000	780
Non- current	-	1,050

The current loan is a convertible note with Drysdale Investments Ltd a company associated with Mr Andrew Kent. The significant terms include:-

- Principal debt $1,000,000,
- Interest rate of 10% per annum payable quarterly in arrears,
- The loan is convertible to 50,000,000 ordinary shares in Aspermont Ltd at a conversion price of 2c per share at any time during the term of the loan at the option of the lender,
- The term of the loan is three years from 1st July 2002 (expires 30 June 2005).

During the year the term loan of $50,000 was repaid to Ileveter Pty Ltd a company associated with Mr Andrew Kent.

b.) Other transactions:	2004	2003
The following fees were paid to Crosscorp Accounting, an accounting practice associated with a director, Lewis Cross. The fees were based on normal commercial rates for works performed.	14	3

On the 30th April 2004 the company entered into a lease agreement for the new Perth CBD premises with Ileveter Pty Ltd a company associated with Mr Andrew Kent. The terms of the lease are within normal commercial rates and were reviewed and approved by the independent directors.

22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

Interest rate exposure

The economic entity's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted average effective interest rate		Floating interest rate		Fixed interest rate maturing within			
					One year		One to five years	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Financial assets	%	%	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Cash at bank	4.00	4.25	316	1,166	-	-	-	-
Total financial assets			316	1,166	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities								
Interest bearing liabilities	10.00	12.19	-	-	1,000	780	-	1,050
Total financial liabilities			-	-	1,000	780	-	1,050

Credit risk exposure

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

The economic entity does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity.

Net fair values

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

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23. AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

Share options

On the 23rd July 2004 the company issued 1,000,000 unlisted 10c share options pursuant to the Aspermont Executive Option Plan.

St Istvan plc - Hungarian gold project

Aspermont has previously provided advice and introductions for the development of the Lahoca gold project in Hungary. Aspermont currently holds 11.03% of the issued capital of St Istvan plc based in London. Subsequent to the year end the project continues to advance and the directors of St Istvan plc have advised that they expect to be listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) in London later in the 2004 year.

24. SEGMENT INFORMATION.

The economic entity operates solely in the media publishing industry within Australia.

INFORMATION ABOUT BUSINESS SEGMENTS

(All amounts $ thousand)

	Revenue		Results		Assets		Liabilities	
Segments	**2004 $000**	**2003 $000**	**2004 $000**	**2003 $000**	**2004 $000**	**2003 $000**	**2004 $000**	**2003 $000**
Print media	3,426	3,176	732	524	3,102	3,008	558	414
Internet media	1,293	647	(241)	(548)	531	237	511	281
Corporate	558	140	(425)	(1,639)	1,090	1,491	1,371	2,312
Total	5,277	3,963	66	(1,663)	4,723	4,736	2,440	3,007

Business segments

The above industry segments derive revenue from the following products and services: -

- Print media - Subscriptions and advertising revenue from the publications covering the mining, contracting and resources sector.
- Internet media - The internet media segment develops and maintains website & daily news services covering mining, energy, construction and longwalls sectors.
- Corporate - Corporate advisory and general investment income.

These segments are the basis on which the group reports its primary segment information. Financial information about business segments is presented in the schedule on the previous page.

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Geographical segments:

The group's two divisions are managed and operated solely within Australia.

Segment revenues and expenses:

Segment revenues and expenses are accounted for separately and are directly attributable to the segments.

Segment assets and liabilities:

Segment assets include all assets used by a segment and consist principally of receivables and property, plant and equipment, net of allowances and accumulated depreciation and amortisation. While most such assets can be directly attributed to individual segments, the carrying amount of certain assets used jointly by two or more segments is allocated to the segments on a reasonable basis. Segment liabilities consist principally of accounts payable, wages and accrued expenses. Segment assets and liabilities do not include deferred income taxes.

Inter-segment transfers:

There are no inter-segment transactions at this time.

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2004	**2003**
25. EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	0.058c	(1.67c)
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	0.102c	(1.30c)
a. Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculation of basic EPS	112,627,177	99,724,129
b. Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculation of diluted EPS	162,627,177	119,724,129

The following potential ordinary shares are not dilutive - 58,434,924 options expiring 20th April 2005 exercisable at 50c per share.

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	CONSOLIDATED		THE COMPANY	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
26. DIVIDENDS PAID OR PROPOSED				
Proposed final franked ordinary dividend of $Nil (2003: Nil)	-	-	-	-
Proposed final unfranked ordinary dividend of $Nil (2003: Nil)	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

As at 30th June 2004, the parent entity's dividend franking account has a balance of $Nil (2003: Nil) adjusted for franking credits arising from payment of income tax payable, payment of proposed dividends and franking credits that may be prevented from distribution in subsequent financial years.

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2004	2003
27. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS		
Operating lease commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements		
Payable:		
— Not later than 1 year	121	56
— Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	775	-
	896	56

The company currently has one property lease at 613-619 Wellington St Perth WA. The lease is a non-cancellable lease with a five-year term that commenced on 28th April 2004. Rent is payable monthly in advance and includes a six month rent-free period to the 28th October 2004.

28. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A verbal claim that is subject to formal confirmation has been made by a shareholder, Mr T Klinger, in regard to monies owing to him in connection with the settlement of certain of the US Loans (see note 6.). Should the claim be successful, an amount of $36,547 will be payable to him in this regard. This amount has not been brought to account in these financial statements.

29. GOING CONCERN

The statement of financial position of the parent entity discloses an excess of liabilities over assets at June 30 2004 of $15,793,000. This has arisen in prior years from abnormal write-downs of loans with 100% controlled entities which are not currently trading. These loans eliminate on consolidation and the consolidated statement of financial position discloses an excess of assets over liabilities amounting to $2,283,000. Accordingly, the parent entity and economic entity do not have a going concern issue at June 30 2004.

Directors' declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes thereto:

   (a) comply with accounting standards and the Corporations Act 2001; and

   (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30th June 2004 and performance for the year ended on that date of the company and economic entity.

2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2004

Andrew Kent	Lewis Cross
Director	Director

Independent auditor's report
to the members of Aspermont Limited

Scope

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cashflows, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration for Aspermont Limited for the year ended 30 June 2004. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error and the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Corporation Act 2001, including compliance with accounting standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position, and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included: -

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

Audit
opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Aspermont Limited is in accordance with:

(a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30th June 2004 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and

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

(b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia

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Partner

Dated at Perth this 23rd day of September 2004

Additional information for listed public companies
as at 31st August 2004

The following additional information is required by the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd in respect of listed public companies.

Shareholding

Ordinary Share Capital

129,639,792 shares are held by 951 individual holders. All issued ordinary shares carry one vote per share. Distribution of Shareholders Number

Category (size of Holding)	Ordinary shares
1 - 1,000	496
1,001 - 5,000	79
5,001 - 10,000	133
10,001 - 100,000	156
100,001 - and over	87
	951

The number of shareholdings held with less than a marketable parcel is 708.

Options 50c expiry April 2005 (Unquoted)

58,434,924 options held by 707 individual holders. Options do not carry a right to vote. Distribution of Options Number.

Category (size of holding)	Options
1 - 1,000	524
1,001 - 5,000	90
5,001 - 10,000	15
10,001 - 100,000	52
100,001 - and over	26
	707

Options 10c expiry June 2005 (Unquoted)

9,000,000	No of holders
Option holder - Drysdale Investments Limited (an associate of the chairman Mr Andrew Kent)	1

Options 10c expiry July 2007 (Unquoted)

1,000,000	4

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Substantial Shareholders	Number	%
The names of substantial holders as at 31st August 2004 are		
Mr Andrew Kent and beneficial interests	60,200,000	46.44
Mr John Stark and beneficial interests	21,981,580	16.96

20 Largest Shareholders - Ordinary Shares

	Name	Number of Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Held	% Held of Issued Ordinary Capital
1.	Drysdale Investments Ltd	51,000,000	39.34
2.	Annis Trading Ltd	9,000,000	6.94
3.	Allandale Holdings Pty Ltd	7,505,000	5.78
4	Mr John Stark	6,133,487	4.73
5.	ANZ Nominees Ltd	3,429,646	2.64
6.	Chepan Pty Ltd	3,010,000	2.32
7	Alan Cowen	2,432,464	1.88
8.	M & P Services Pty Limited	2,105,000	1.62
9	Mr Thomas George Klinger	2,023,724	1.56
10.	Lechmere Financial Corporation	1,960,245	1.51
11.	Hereford Securities and Management SA	1,768,648	1.36
12.	Blackroad Pty Ltd (Petrich Super Fund)	1,765,738	1.36
13.	Peterborough Nominees Pty Ltd	1,500,000	1.16
14.	Allandale Real Estate Super Fund	1,400,000	1.08
15	Chris Vallas	1,200,000	0.92
16.	Slipline Pty Ltd	1,160,000	0.89
17.	National Nominees Ltd	1,122,489	0.86
18.	Allandale Real Estate Pty Ltd	1,008,093	0.78
19.	Rhoderic Whyte	1,000,000	0.77
20.	M & J Smyth (Smyth Super Fund)	1,000,000	0.77
		101,524,534	78.27

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20 Largest Shareholders - 50c Share Options

	Name	Number of Share Options Held	% Held of Issued Options
1.	Drysdale Investments Ltd	40,000,000	68.45
2.	Mr Andrew Leslie Kent	2,205,245	3.77
3.	Mr Thomas George Klinger	2,023,724	3.46
4.	Lechmere Financial Corporation	1,960,245	3.35
5.	FAI General Insurance Company Limited	1,409,150	2.41
6.	Davenham Investments Pty Ltd	894,837	1.53
7.	ANZ Nominees Limited	868,245	1.49
8.	Anniss (HK) Trading Company	780,000	1.33
9.	Barrington Finance Limited	719,202	1.23
10.	Ms Laura Kent	500,000	0.86
11.	Ms Jane Kent	500,000	0.86
12.	Mr Alexander Kent	500,000	0.86
13.	TCC Nominees - In Australia	492,837	0.84
14.	Bowyang Nominees Pty Ltd	463,040	0.79
15.	Westpac Custodian Nominees	442,822	0.76
16.	Mr Neil Bartholomaeus	400,000	0.68
17.	Davenham Investments Pty Ltd	314,349	0.54
18.	Mr Joseph Lieberfreund	300,000	0.51
19.	Mr Stephen Scarr	250,000	0.43
20.	Mr Roy McKenzie	250,000	0.43
		55,273,696	94.58

The names of the company secretaries are Mr Russell Hardwick & Mr Lewis Cross
The address of the principal registered office in Australia is 613-619 Wellington St Perth WA 6000 (08) 6263 9100
The register of securities is held at the following address –
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Western Australia: Level 7, 200 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WA, 6000
Stock Exchange Listing
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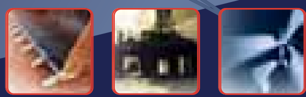

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