ASX Limited 2006/2007 Half-Year Results

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Important Notes

The financial statistics, including comparables, in this report are based on ASX's pro-forma income statement which itself is not audited, but is based upon external auditor reviewed accounts. The pro-forma income statement is presented as if ASX and SFE were one during the relevant periods.

There were no material changes to accounting policies as a consequence of the ASX and SFE merger.

There have been some minor changes to classifications within some revenue and expense items. These changes are described in detail within the CFO report. All comparatives reflect a consistent application of these changes.

All references to previous corresponding period (pcp) are for the six months to 31 December 2005.

All figures are in Australian dollars.

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Managing Director and CEO

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ASX Performance Summary – HY07

•	Normal profit after tax up 39.6% to \$139.3 million	V
•	EPS up 30.8% to 81.6 cents per share	V
•	Dividend up 28.6% to 72.3 cents per share	V
•	Capital reduction of 58.5 cents per share	V
•	Revenue up 19.6% to \$259.7 million	V
•	Expenses (ex D&A) down 11.3% to \$75.2 million	V
•	Phase 1 of merger integration completed	V
•	CLICK XT and EXIGO successfully implemented	V
•	Orient Capital divested	V

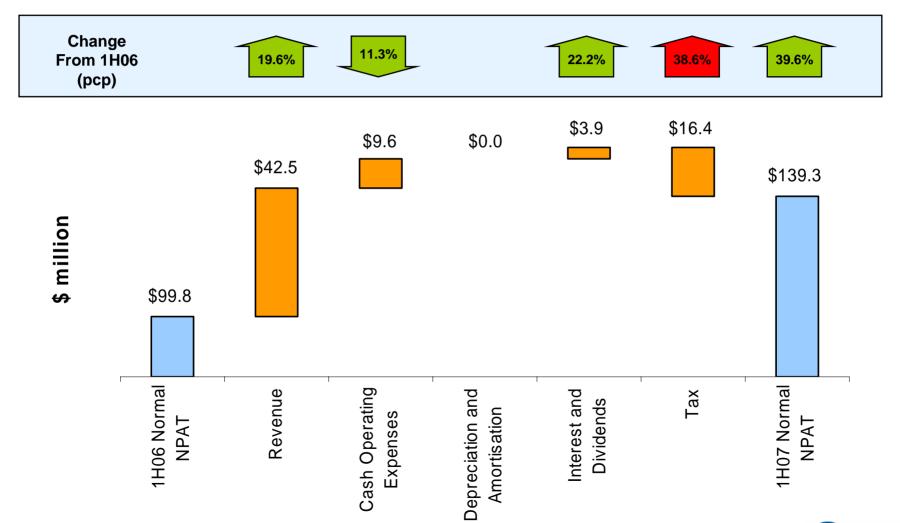


ASX Financial and Operational Highlights

Alan Bardwell
Chief Financial Officer

ASX Result Highlights

Half-year ended 31 December 2006





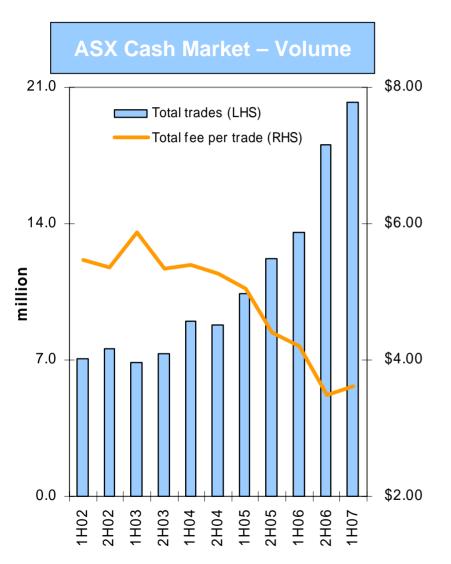
Financial Performance - Revenue

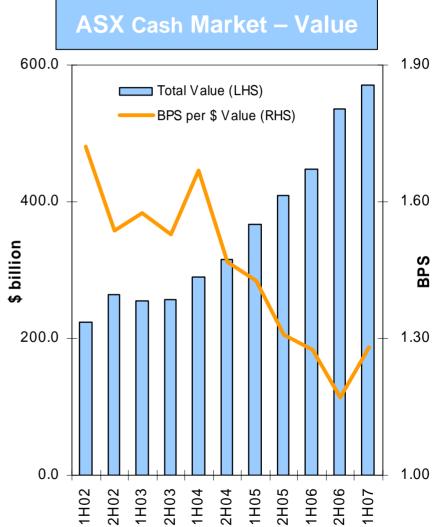
Revenue	6 mths to Dec 2006 \$ million	6 mths to Dec 2005 \$ million	vs. pcp
ASX listings	56.4	41.8	34.7%
ASX cash market	76.5	59.3	29.1%
SFE derivatives	57.6	48.9	17.8%
ASX derivatives	16.1	16.4	-2.3%
Information services	26.1	21.6	21.2%
Technology infrastructure	11.6	10.6	9.6%
Austraclear depository and settlement	6.9	6.7	3.6%
Austraclear registry fees	3.1	2.2	37.9%
Other revenue *	5.4	9.7	-44.2%
Total Revenue	259.7	217.2	19.6%

^{*} Decrease in Other revenue mainly attributable to divestment of Orient Capital. Refer note 5 of accounts.



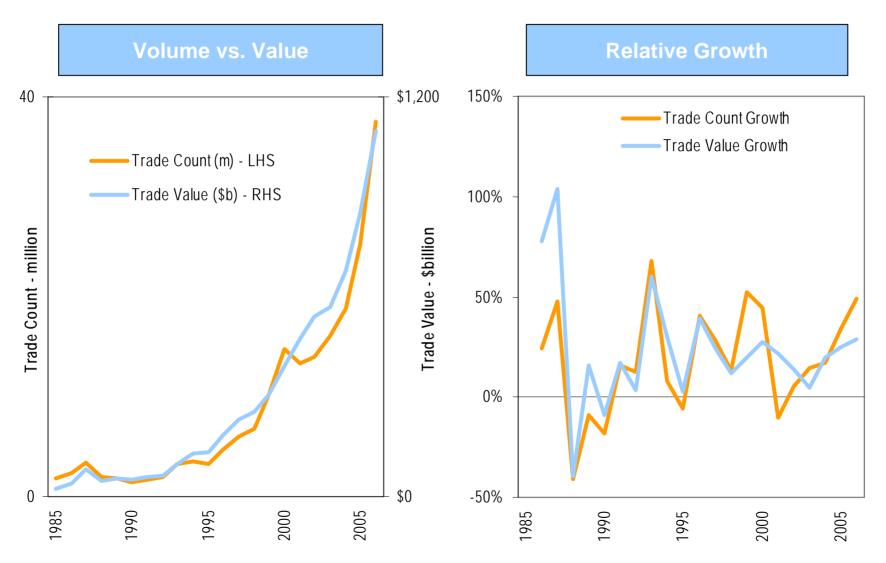
Market Activity – ASX Cash Market





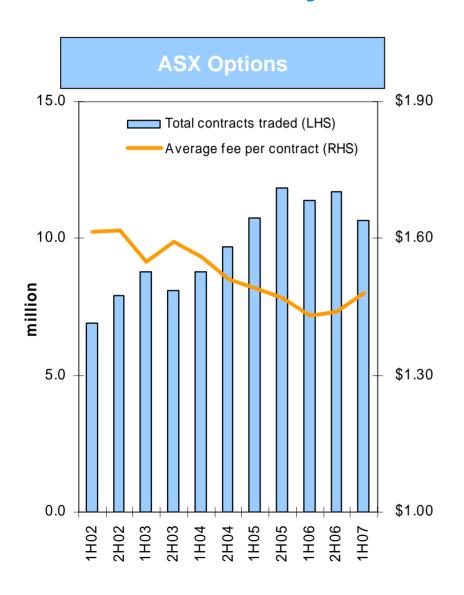


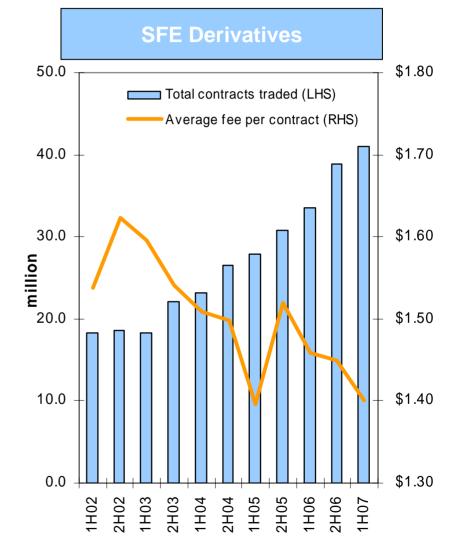
Market Activity – Volume/Value Correlation





Market Activity – Derivatives







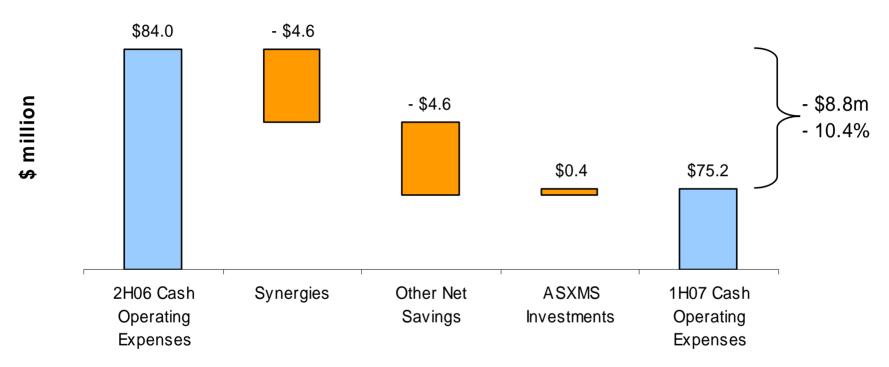
Financial Performance – Expenses

Expenses	6 mths to Dec 2006 \$ million	6 mths to Dec 2005 \$ million	vs. pcp
Staff expenses	41.0	46.2	-11.2%
Occupancy expenses	9.0	10.2	-11.6%
Equipment expenses	14.3	14.0	2.6%
Administration expenses	10.9	14.4	-24.8%
Total Cash Operating Expenses	75.2	84.8	-11.3%



Financial Performance – Expenses

Change from half-year ended 30 June 2006 (2H06)



Faster than expected synergy related savings

- Total synergies savings for 1H07 = \$4.6 million
- Estimated total synergy savings for FY07 = \$14 to \$16 million



Significant Items

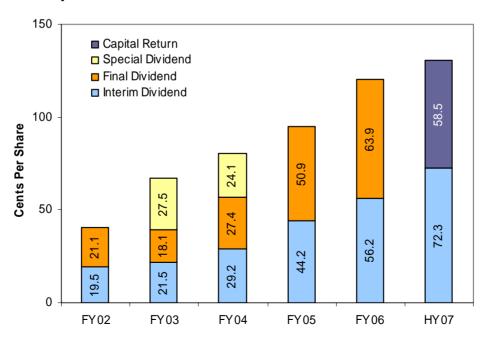
Greater than previously estimated merger restructure expenses due to deeper and faster than expected synergy opportunities and conservative lease space provisioning.

		6 mths to Dec 2006 \$ million
Merger Restructure Expenses		
Redundancy and Outplacement	- \$7.7	
Premises Restructure	- \$19.1	
Other	- \$1.1	
Total Merger Restructure Expenses		- \$27.9
Merger Transaction Expenses		- \$6.8
Profit on Sale of Orient Capital		+ \$7.1
Tax on Significant Items		+ \$10.4
Total Significant Items After Tax		- \$17.2



Capital Structure and Management

- Dividend policy 90% of Normal NPAT, fully franked
 - FY07 Interim dividend = 99% of Statutory NPAT
- \$100 million returned in October 2006
- No further near-term capital management initiative plans until CCP integration picture clearer





ASX Markets Supervision

Eric Mayne Chief Supervision Officer

Market Supervision Highlights

- ASX Markets Supervision established 1 July 2006
 - Manages all core day-to-day ASX supervisory activities
 - Chief Supervision Officer reporting to subsidiary Board
 - CSO chairs ASX Corporate Governance Council
- Integration of futures compliance and surveillance within ASXMS
 - Synergies with disciplinary processes, investigations and referrals to ASIC
- Ongoing review of ASX Operating Rules and commenced review of 'Supervisory Toolbox'
- Released revised ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations for public comment



Market Supervision Activity

- Monitoring and enforcement activity for 1H07:
 - 147 new listings for the 6 months (129 pcp 13% increase)
 - 60,919 company announcements processed (14% increase on pcp)
 - 284 price queries made with 203 subsequent announcements generated (37% and 14% increase respectively on pcp)
 - 60 referrals and notifications to ASIC, including:
 - 14 related to insider trading
 - 6 related to continuous disclosure
 - 5 related to market manipulation
 - 8 matters involving 18 charges determined by the Disciplinary Tribunal and \$185,000 in fines issued
 - 89 annual reports of listed trusts reviewed for corporate governance reporting



Outlook and Post Balance Date

Robert Elstone

Managing Director and CEO

ASX Evolution and Outlook

- Phase 2 merger integration January to June 2007
 - Integration of Finance and Administration functions
 - Additional occupancy savings at Exchange Centre
 - Data centre rationalisation and planning for trading and clearing platform convergence
 - Clarifying clearing risk policy framework
- Business development
 - Cash market enhancements
 - Improving equity derivative market liquidity
 - Broadening distribution
 - Growing the futures franchise
 - New derivatives products
 - Improving market information services
 - Leveraging the Austraclear franchise



ASX Evolution and Outlook

- Delivering benefits to customers
 - EXIGO and CLICK XT
 - Market developments, including DMA facilitation
 - SFECC capital base
 - Index changes
 - Capital raising rules refinements
- Pricing
 - Rebate schemes
 - Volume vs. value
- Business Environment
 - Private Equity
 - Alternative Trading Systems
 - Exchange consolidation



Post Balance Date – Market Activity

- January 2007 vs. January 2006
 - New listings up 300% (16 vs. 4)
 - ASX cash market volume up 56%
 - ASX cash market value up 47%
 - ASX options contracts down 1%
 - SFE derivatives contracts up 27%



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