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Dear ASX Shareholder,

On 15 February 2007, at its first consolidated results since the merger of Australian Stock Exchange and SFE Corporation, ASX Limited announced a record interim result for the six months to 31 December 2006, producing a normal net profit after tax of \$139.3 million. This is a 39.6% increase over the previous interim result.

Please find enclosed your dividend advice. An interim dividend of 72.3 cents per share fully franked has been declared, which is up 28.6% on the previous interim dividend. This maintains ASX Board policy of paying 90% of normal net profit after tax as fully franked dividends to shareholders.

The strong profit result reflects the buoyant conditions throughout the reporting period in both the cash equities and derivative markets. It also highlights the success of the ASX/SFE merger, with the first phase of the integration delivering cost savings that underlined part of the merger's rationale.

The footprint of the new ASX, now known as the Australian Securities Exchange, spans the domestic cash equities and entire exchange-traded derivative markets. The group plays a key role in the market for corporate control, equity and interest rate price discovery, risk transfer and the wholesale payments system.

Financial results for the half-year and reports on ASX's plans and activities are available via the ASX Shareholder centre <a href="https://www.asx.com.au/shareholder">www.asx.com.au/shareholder</a>.

## **Direct Credit Payments**

Payments to Shareholders can be made by direct credit to an Australian bank, building society or credit union account. Direct credit is a cost effective and secure payment method and ASX strongly encourages this method of payment. To utilise this method of payment Shareholders are invited to complete and return the enclosed <u>Direct Credit Payment Form</u>.

## Check and Update your ASX Shareholding

If you have any queries relating to your ASX shareholding, please contact ASX's share registrar, Link Market Services Limited on 1300 724 911. You can also access information about your ASX shares via the Link Market Services website, <a href="https://www.linkmarketservices.com.au">www.linkmarketservices.com.au</a>.

We expect to announce the result for the full financial year ending 30 June 2007, on 16 August 2007.

If you have specific questions you wish to put to the ASX Board or management, they can be emailed to <a href="mailto:company.secretariat@asx.com.au">company.secretariat@asx.com.au</a>.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Managing Director and CEO