

# **ASX Limited**

## **2010 Half-Year Results**

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# Markets Supervision Highlights

## Changes to Australia's supervisory framework

- Government's 24 August announcement - supervision of real-time trading will move to ASIC in Q3 2010
- ASX will retain:
  - Supervisory responsibilities for all listed entities
  - Surveillance monitoring for continuous disclosure
  - Admission of new participants
  - Trading operations
  - Capital monitoring
  - Clearing and settlement operations
- Anticipated that approximately 10%-20% of existing ASXMS headcount will be transferred to ASIC
- ASXMS working collaboratively with ASIC to ensure smooth transition

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## ASXMS activities in six months to 31 December 2009

- Listed entity supervision:
  - Continuous disclosure monitoring
  - Capital raising activity
  - Reviews of listed entity disclosure
- Participant supervision:
  - Stepped up review program
- Investigations and enforcement activity:
  - 79 insider trading and 18 market manipulation enquiries commenced
  - 39 referrals to ASIC
  - Increased enforcement activity before Disciplinary Tribunal
    - Finalised 20 matters and imposed \$1,960,000 (plus GST) in fines
- Education and Research Program – new initiatives piloted:
  - Workshops in Compliance and Risk, and Capital Monitoring
- Planned industry roll-out of new Capital Returns system

# Corporate Governance Council Update

## Proposed changes to Corporate Governance Recommendations

- Areas of review and their status:
  - Dealing policies – contingent on final changes to ASX Listing Rules
  - Remuneration – contingent on Government's acceptance of Productivity Commission's recommendations
  - Diversity - new recommendation requiring companies to set gender balance objectives and report against those objectives
- ASXMS review of 2009 Annual Reports - collate data on these three areas
- Next steps:
  - Exposure draft released in April 2010
  - Consultation
  - Finalised June 2010 and effective from 1 January 2011