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The Manager
Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange
Exchange Centre
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

ELECTRONIC LODGEMENT

Dear Sir or Madam

IRESS 2013 Half Year Financial Report - Appendix 4D

Please find attached an Appendix 4D relating to the company's 2013 Half Year Financial Report.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Ferguson
Group General Counsel
& Company Secretary

Appendix 4D

Preliminary half year report

Name of entity	ABN reference
IRESS Limited	47 060 313 359

1. Reporting Periods

Financial half-year ended (‘current period’)	Financial half-year ended (‘previous corresponding period’)
30 June 2013	30 June 2012

2. Results for announcement to the market

\$A'000

Key Information	Current Period	Previous Corresponding Period	% Change Increase/(Decrease)	Amount Increase/(Decrease)
Revenue from ordinary activities	106,246	103,958	2.20	2,288
Profit before income tax expense	25,979	28,454	(8.70)	(2,475)
Net profit attributable to the members of the parent entity	17,820	19,667	(9.39)	(1,847)
Dividends (distributions)			Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax
Interim Dividend	Record Date Payable	19 August 2013 27 September 2013	13.5¢	12.15¢
Supplementary Comments of any figures above: Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.				

3. Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

4. Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

5. Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

6. Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

7. Dividends

	Date paid/payable	Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax	Amount per security of foreign sourced dividend	
Interim dividend:	Current year	27 September 2013	13.5¢	12.15¢	–
	Previous year	28 September 2012	13.5¢	12.15¢	–
Final dividend:	Current year	n/a	-	-	–
	Previous year	28 March 2013	24.5¢	22.05¢	–

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim)

+ Ordinary securities
Preference + securities

Current year	Previous year
13.5¢	13.5¢

Total dividend (distribution) paid/payable (interim)

+Ordinary securities (each class separately)	Interim
Preference + securities (each class separately)	Interim
Other equity instruments (each class separately)	Interim
Total	

Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period * \$A'000
17,494	17,363
–	–
–	–
17,494	17,363

* Where applicable, amounts provided have been updated to reflect the actual dividend paid.

8. Dividend Reinvestment plans

The company does not have a dividend reinvestment plan.

9. NTA Backing

	Current Period	Previous Corresponding Period
Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security (¢ per share)	59.4¢	60.1¢

10. Controlled entities

Please refer to note 8 of the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

11. Other Significant Information

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

12. Foreign Entities

Please refer to note 8 of the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

13. Commentary

13.1 Earnings per security

Please refer to note 9 of the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

13.2 Returns to shareholders including distributions and buy backs

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

Note 5 Issued Capital

Note 6 Dividends

13.3 Significant features of operating performance

REVIEW OF GROUP RESULTS

The reported net profit after tax was \$17.8m (2012: \$19.7m), a 9.4% decrease on reported profits for the same period last year. Impacting on comparability of results for 2013 and 2012 are:

- Revenue from ordinary activities which increased by \$2.6m or 2.6% largely driven by Wealth Management A&NZ.
- Employee benefits expense which increased by \$3.5m or 8.5% during the year. This increase arises from a number of factors including
 - The \$0.7m increase in share based payments expense predominately driven by the once-off share right incentive arrangements to facilitate the establishment of the Consolidated Entity's activities in the United Kingdom.
 - A continued increase in total head count for the twelve months to June 2013 to support existing clients and support the growth investment businesses. The FTE headcount for the group increased by 20 staff to a total of 724 at the end of the period. In terms of geographic spread the change was 15, 1 and 4 for Australia, South Africa and the United Kingdom respectively.
- Other expenses including general and administrative expenses increased by \$0.6m or 19.5%. Primary contributors to this increase were expenses such as insurance and professional advisory fees.
- Business acquisition and restructure expenses increased by \$2.1m due to the commencement of investigation into potential acquisitions in growth markets.
- Depreciation and amortisation expense declined by \$1.7m. Splitting this item between normal operating business depreciation and amortisation, and amortisation of assets recognised as part of an acquisition (strategic charges), the movement is an increase of \$0.2m and a decline of \$1.9m respectively. The decline in strategic charges reflects several of these assets that became fully written down during the period. The increase in operating depreciation and amortisation expenses primarily represents the continued investment in network and infrastructure facilities.

In addition the number of shares on issue increased by 0.965m to support the employee share plans.

The collective impact of these changes was a decrease in basic EPS from 15.43 cents per share to 13.82 cents per share, a decrease of 10.4%.

Further details on the performance of the Company are set out in the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

13.4 Other factors which have affected or likely to affect the results

Please refer to the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.

14. Compliance Statement

This report should be read in conjunction with the Reviewed Financial Statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2013.



Sign here:

(Company Secretary)

Date: 5 August 2013

Print name:

PETER FERGUSON