# **MULTIPLEX**

Multiplex SITES Trust (ARSN 111 903 747)

Multiplex Funds Management Limited
(ABN 15 105 371 917)

18 August 2005

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

Dear Madam

### **MULTIPLEX GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please find attached the preliminary full year results announcement issued by Multiplex Group this morning.

Further details on Multiplex Group's preliminary results are available under the symbol "MXG".

Yours faithfully

Mark Wilson Company Secretary Multiplex Funds Management Limited



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MULTIPLEX GROUP (MXG) FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

Multiplex Group ("the Group") recorded a \$148.1 million net profit after tax for the year ended 30 June 2005. This result is before stapled eliminations outside equity interest ("OEI"), predominantly Multiplex Step up Income Trust issued Exchangeable Securities (SITES). The result includes a \$165.4 million contribution from Multiplex Property Trust ("the Trust") and an after tax loss from Multiplex Limited ("the Company") of \$17.3 million, both before OEI.

### Key financial summary:

- Aggregated Group net profit after tax, stapled eliminations and OEI was \$83.8 million.
- A strong performance from the Trust with a net profit before OEI contribution of \$165.4 million.
- Revenue increased to \$4.15 billion over the period, mainly attributable to an increase of \$637 million in Trust revenues. This includes divestment proceeds on Trust investments (including 222 Exhibition Street, Melbourne and 50% of Ernst & Young Tower, Sydney).
- Earnings Per Security, fully diluted, after stapled eliminations and OEI was 11.6 cents per security, down from 17.4 cents per security last year.
- The Company loss was largely due to the disappointing result from the construction division, which recorded a loss
  of \$62.0 million.
- An additional general contingency of A\$8.6 million after tax has been provided in relation to the Wembley project.
- All other divisions recorded strong profit, with divisional contributions being: Development \$95.0 million; Property Funds Management \$16.5 million; and Facilities and Infrastructure Management \$4.1 million.
- The sale of a partial share in the Cricklewood project in the UK (one of the development sales referred to on 1July)
  has enabled a profit of \$8.6 million to be recognised in FY2005. This represents the first tranche of consideration for
  this transaction.
- Due to the adoption of a more conservative construction project recognition framework, the full year result does not take into account \$12.2 million in early completion bonuses included in previous forecasts.
- Net tangible assets per stapled security were \$3.55, including SITES.
- Total assets for the Group were \$7.0 billion.
- Multiplex Group distributions totalled \$207.1 million.
- The final distribution to be paid on or before 31 August 2005 is 14.0 cents per security. This distribution comprises
  a final distribution from the Trust and no Company dividend.

Multiplex Group Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Roberts, said: "The result is very disappointing and has been significantly impacted by the substantial losses experienced at Wembley National Stadium. Progress since the introduction of an accelerated works program has been encouraging and we remain on program to hand over at the end of March 2006. However, despite this, the Company has made a further A\$8.6 million after tax provision today as a contingency against residual risks that remain until project completion."

"The sale of half of our 50 per cent interest in the Cricklewood urban regeneration scheme in the United Kingdom is consistent with our stated strategy to rationalise our development pipeline, reduce our exposure to long dated projects and introduce new partners or co-investors."

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This was one of the two possible transactions referred to in the earnings update on 1 July 2005 as potentially impacting the FY2005 result. Income from the other development sale is now expected to occur in FY2006. The Cricklewood transaction was subject to conditions subsequent which have now been fulfilled enabling the Company to realise an \$8.6 million after-tax profit in FY2005. Multiplex retains the preferred contractor role. Additional profits on the sale are expected to be realised in FY2006 upon receipt of the balance of purchase consideration.

"All other operating business units outside of identified construction loss projects performed strongly. It is unfortunate that the Wembley performance undermined the strong contribution from other parts of the Group. This reflects the benefits of the Group's integrated property model, which captures profit at every stage of the property lifecycle," Mr Roberts said.

### **Multiplex Property Trust**

The Trust contributed \$165.4 million before OEI (\$150.2 million after OEI) to the overall Group result. The net profit attributable to OEI in the Trust of \$15.2 million relates to the payment to Multiplex SITES Trust.

Over the year investment sales have contributed \$21.5 million to net profit, including the sale of Exhibition St, James Hardie New Zealand properties and the sale of 50% of the Latitude E&Y Tower, amongst others. Through the Ronin acquisition, the Trust acquired investments in ANZO, Darling Park and Bourke St which, alongside investments made in 2005 in the Multiplex NZ Property Fund and Multiplex Acumen Property Fund, have generated a \$32 million contribution in the form of equity accounted profits.

The largest contribution to the 2005 Trust growth is attributable to the increase in net property income of \$98 million. This arose through the Ronin acquisition, income from completed property investments and a full 12 months of income on the original Trust properties.

At 30 June 2005, occupancy of the completed assets was at 93%. The Trust has enjoyed considerable success having conducted rent reviews over 350,000 square metres of area, securing an average uplift of 4.1%, leased over 125,000 square metres of lettable area and has achieved a tenant retention rate of 87% by income and 88% by area.

# **Property Development**

The Property Development division contributed a profit before tax of \$95.0 million to the overall Group result in 2005 compared to a net profit before tax of \$72.3 million in 2004.

The commercial office and industrial and retail property sectors are continuing to perform well, benefiting from well located projects in diversified geographic areas. Performance of the Master Plan Community/Land sector exceeded expectations. The Multi-residential sector provided returns in spite of reduced sales activity.

Although as yet there has been no positive contribution from the New Zealand operations, these are expected to start contributing to profit during the second half of the 2006 financial year.

Overall there has been a margin improvement in Developments.

#### Construction

The Construction division incurred a loss before tax of \$62.0 million in 2005 compared to a profit before tax of \$73.2 million in 2004.

Two loss projects in the United Kingdom (Wembley and West India Quay) undermined solid contributions from NSW, Victoria, WA and Engineering. The divisions performance in Queensland was however disappointing.

New risk control measures have been introduced in the Construction division. After anticipated completions this month of two projects in Queensland, the division will have only one current loss making project (Wembley).

The overall average gross margin in Construction, excluding Wembley and West India Quay, averaged 5.3%.

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Previously, Multiplex Group's accounting methodology recognised completion bonuses on a proportionate basis from the inception of the project, once the likelihood of earning the bonus was probable and could be reliably estimated. From the financial year 2005 onwards the Company has adopted a more conservative methodology requiring a project to be substantially complete before such bonuses will be recognised. The reduction in net profit after tax of this change in methodology was \$12.2 million.

The problems associated with the construction of the Wembley National Stadium and the unfavourable results on the completed West India Quay project have notably impacted the UK result. Given residual risks remaining on the Wembley project, it was considered prudent to provide for an additional general contingency of \$8.6 million (after tax) for the year.

The division's expected total gross profit backlog on currently contracted work exceeds \$200 million.

### Facilities and Infrastructure Management

The Facilities and Infrastructure Management division contributed a net profit before tax of \$4.1 million to the overall Group result.

Divisional turnover was \$38 million. New contracts have been awarded in the Social Infrastructure and Major Commercial segments including Casey Community Hospital, Luna Park complex and the NSW Police Headquarters in Parramatta.

The Property Services Sector has also grown substantially on the back of the integrated property and facilities management contracts with the Trust on various properties including Ernst and Young Centre, World Square Retail (NSW) and 240 & 324 Queen Street (Queensland).

Overall net margins have remained consistent with the prior year.

### **Property Funds Management**

The Property Funds Management division contributed a net profit before tax of \$16.5 million to the overall Group result against a prior year net profit before tax of \$5.4 million.

The major items contributing to these results are an increase in Funds Management fees of \$5.7 million, transaction fees of \$0.85 million from the sales of 186 St Georges Terrace and ADPT Reed Street and syndication fees net of commissions and capital raising costs of \$10 million.

The increased fees were partially offset by additional staff and operating costs necessary to administer the new Funds including the Ronin portfolio acquired during the year by the Trust.

#### Outlook

After taking into account the adverse timing effect of the AIFRS treatment of development profits (settlements basis) and the more conservative methodology of recognising completion bonuses, the Board has provided a revised forecast of \$215.0 million before stapling eliminations and OEI.

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# MULTIPLEX GROUP (MXG) COMPRISING:

- MULTIPLEX LIMITED (ACN 008 687 063) ("the Company") AND
- MULTIPLEX PROPERTY TRUST (ARSN 106 643 387) ("the Trust").

# RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

|  | %<br>change    | Aggregated<br>2005<br>\$'000  | Aggregated<br>2004<br>\$'000                        |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Revenue from ordinary activities   | 24.4%          | 4,153,997                     | 3,340,045   |
| Profit from ordinary activities (including loss from discontinuing operations and sale of non-core assets) after tax attributable to stapled securityholders | 71.6%          | 83,819                        | <b>48,850</b>                                       |
| Net profit attributable to stapled securityholders   | 71.6%          | 83,819                        | 48,850  |
| Net tangible asset backing per stapled security (incl SITES) Net tangible asset backing per stapled security (excl SITES)                                    | 30.5%<br>11.4% | \$3.55<br>\$3.03              | •   |
| Dividends / distributions  |                | Amount per security           | Franked amount per security                         |
| Current Period Interim dividend Interim distribution Final dividend Final distribution   |                | 8.22c<br>7.59c<br>-<br>14.00c | 100% (@30%) Tax deferred to 40.0% - Tax deferred to |
| Previous corresponding period Interim dividend   |                | 2.00c                         | 22.5%<br>100% (@30%)                                |
| Interim distribution Final dividend Final distribution   |                | 6.79c<br>5.84c                | 100% (@30%)-<br>Tax deferred to<br>31.7%            |
| Record date for determining entitlements to the final distribution   |                | 5.00pm AEST                   | , 30 June 2005                                      |



# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Set out below is a reconciliation of the 2005 statutory profit and earnings per security for Multiplex Group.

| A\$million   | 2005                    | 2004   |
|--|-------------------------|--------|
| Trust net profit *   | 165.4                   | 31.4   |
| Company net (loss) profit after tax **   | (17.3)                  | 88.4   |
| Aggregated profit **   | 148.1                   | 119.8  |
| Less stapling eliminations   | (48.9)                  | (31.4) |
| Less outside equity interest (predominantly SITES)   | (15.4)                  | -      |
| Less loss from discontinuing operations and the sale of non-core assets                                  | -                       | (39.5) |
| Statutory Group net profit after stapling eliminations and discontinuing operations                      | 83.8                    | 48.9   |
| * The comparative period for the Trust is from 5 Decembers* Calculated on a continuing operations basis. | er 2003 to 30 June 2004 | 4.     |

| Cents per security  | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|------|------|
| Continuing operations Earnings per security – basic/diluted | 11.6 | 17.4 |
| Including discontinuing operations Earnings per security    | 11.6 | 9.6  |



Multiplex Group recorded an aggregated net profit after tax of \$148.1 million before stapling eliminations and outside equity interests ("OEI") (predominantly SITES) and \$83.8 million net profit after tax, stapling eliminations and OEI for the year ended 30 June 2005. The result represents a \$150.2 million contribution from the Multiplex Property Trust ("the Trust") after OEI, and an after tax and OEI loss in Multiplex Limited ("the Company") of \$17.5 million.

Key financial information for Multiplex Group's operations for 2005 is as follows:

- a) An overall increase in revenue of 24.4% over prior year to \$4.15 billion is mainly attributable to an increase of \$637m in revenues in the Trust. This includes proceeds on the disposal of various investment properties.
- b) The Trust recorded a net profit before OEI of \$165.4 million, an increase of \$134.0 million over prior year.
- c) The Company recorded a poor performance due predominantly to the results of two Construction projects in the United Kingdom (Wembley and West India Quay). The remaining divisions in the Company continue to perform above expectations.
- d) Aggregated net profit after tax before stapling eliminations and OEI for Multiplex Group was \$148.1 million, against an aggregated result of \$119.8 million for the prior year.
  - Aggregated net profit after tax, before stapling eliminations and OEI per security (EPS) was 18.4 cents.
  - Multiplex Group distributions totalled \$207.1 million, against the prior year distributions of \$81.8 million.
  - The Multiplex Group's earnings per security after tax, stapling eliminations and OEI were 11.6 cents per security for the 2005 financial year. The final distribution to be paid in August 2005 is 14.0 cents per security.

The total income tax benefit for Multiplex Group is \$13.3 million for the full year, against income tax expense in the prior year on continuing operations of \$45.4 million.

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Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2005

| _   | Notes | Aggregated<br>2005<br>\$'000 | Aggregated<br>2004<br>\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Revenue from ordinary activities                                |       | +                            | +                            |
| Revenue from sale of development properties                     |       | 339,702                      | 360,688                      |
| Revenue from other operating activities                         |       | 2,807,918                    | 2,888,552                    |
| Other revenue from ordinary activities                          |       | 1,006,377                    | 90,805                       |
| Total revenue from ordinary activities                          |       | 4,153,997                    | 3,340,045                    |
|   |       |                              |                              |
| Change in inventories   |       | 48,280                       | (519,495)                    |
| Sub-contractor and consumable costs                             |       | 3,054,368                    | 3,399,339                    |
| Employee expenses   |       | 207,130                      | 161,691                      |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense                           |       | 25,261                       | 9,596                        |
| Borrowing cost expense  |       | 75,429                       | 21,653                       |
| Cost related to the disposal of non-core assets                 |       | -                            | 51,591                       |
| Carrying amount of non-current asset sold                       |       | 509,319                      | 25,663                       |
| Other expenses  |       | 172,665                      | 96,801                       |
| Share of net (profits) of associates and joint venture entities |       |                              |                              |
| accounted for using the equity method                           |       | (27,460)                     | (11,928)                     |
| Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense       |       | 89,005                       | 105,134                      |
| Income tax (benefit)/expense relating to ordinary activities    | 7     | (13,267)                     | 56,284                       |
| Net profit from ordinary activities after related income tax    |       | 1                            | ·                            |
| expense   |       | 102,272                      | 48,850                       |
| Net profit attributable to outside equity interests             |       | 18,453                       | -                            |
| Net profit attributable to stapled securityholders of Multiplex |       |                              |                              |
| Group   | 2, 4  | 83,819                       | 48,850                       |
| Net increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation reserve            |       | 60,903                       | (19,919)                     |
| Net exchange differences on translation of financial reports of |       | ,                            | , , , , ,                    |
| foreign controlled entities                                     |       | (9,164)                      | 4,053                        |
| Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments              |       | ,                            |                              |
| attributable to stapled securityholders of Multiplex Group      |       |                              |                              |
| recognised directly in equity                                   |       | 51,739                       | (15,866)                     |
| Total changes in equity attributable to stapled securityholders |       |                              | , , ,                        |
| of Multiplex Group other than those resulting from              |       |                              |                              |
| transactions with owners as owners                              |       | 135,558                      | 32,984                       |
| Earnings per stapled security – basic/diluted                   |       | 11.6 cents                   | 9.6 cents                    |
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The above aggregated Statement of Financial Performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



### Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2005

|   | Notes | Aggregated 2005 | Aggregated 2004 |
|---|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current assets                                    |       | \$'000          | \$'000          |
| Cash assets                                       |       | 308,404         | 415,932         |
| Receivables                                       |       | 1,328,409       | 977,342         |
| Inventories                                       |       | 598,265         | 443,510         |
| Investments accounted for using the equity method |       | 11,144          | 23,096          |
| Other   |       | 43,722          | 29,839          |
| Total current assets                              |       | 2,289,944       | 1,889,719       |
| Non-current assets                                |       |                 |                 |
| Receivables                                       |       | 228,353         | 190,681         |
| Inventories                                       |       | 428,106         | 455,724         |
| Investments accounted for using the equity method |       | 1,254,907       | 61,495          |
| Other financial assets                            |       | 48,573          | 105,748         |
| Property, plant and equipment                     |       | 54,744          | 40,534          |
| Investment properties                             |       | 2,138,428       | 1,242,070       |
| Deferred tax assets                               |       | 105,624         | 45,889          |
| Intangible assets                                 |       | 320,297         | 3,761           |
| Other   |       | 117,664         | 55,357          |
| Total non-current assets                          |       | 4,696,696       | 2,201,259       |
| Total assets                                      |       | 6,986,640       | 4,090,978       |
| Current liabilities                               |       | , ,             | , ,             |
| Payables  |       | 835,746         | 708,418         |
| Interest bearing liabilities                      |       | 661,284         | 425,717         |
| Non-interest bearing liabilities                  |       | 36,105          | 324,793         |
| Current tax liabilities                           |       | 43,492          | 51,515          |
| Provisions  |       | 224,170         | 126,579         |
| Contract work in progress                         |       | 151,293         | 158,451         |
| Total current liabilities                         |       | 1,952,090       | 1,795,473       |
| Non-current liabilities                           |       | , ,             | <u> </u>        |
| Interest bearing liabilities                      |       | 1,615,968       | 630,139         |
| Non-interest bearing liabilities                  |       | 29,658          | 33,879          |
| Deferred tax liabilities                          |       | 74,616          | 70,283          |
| Provisions  |       | 15,326          | 9,015           |
| Total non-current liabilities                     |       | 1,735,568       | 743,316         |
| Total liabilities                                 |       | 3,687,658       | 2,538,789       |
| Net assets  |       | 3,298,982       | 1,552,189       |
| Equity  |       | •               |                 |
| Contributed equity                                |       | 2,734,563       | 1,351,629       |
| Reserves  |       | 75,084          | 23,343          |
| Retained profits                                  | 4     | 45,387          | 160,559         |
| Total entity interest                             | тт    | 2,855,034       | 1,535,531       |
| Outside equity interests in controlled entities   |       | 443,948         | 16,658          |
| Total equity                                      |       | 3,298,982       | 1,552,189       |

The above aggregated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2005

|   | Aggregated<br>2005<br>\$'000 | Aggregated<br>2004<br>\$'000 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities                            |                              |                              |
| Receipts in the course of operations                            | 3,247,728                    | 3,721,510                    |
| Payments in the course of operations                            | (3,407,608)                  | (3,686,155)                  |
| Payments for purchase of land for property development          | (98,855)                     | (78,121)                     |
| Dividends and distributions received                            | 36,025                       | 1,616                        |
| Interest received   | 31,532                       | 14,619                       |
| Borrowing costs   | (83,169)                     | (21,652)                     |
| Income taxes  | (51,106)                     | (5,627)                      |
| Net cash (outflow) from operating activities*                   | (325,453)                    | (53,810)                     |
| Cash flows from investing activities                            |                              |                              |
| Payments for purchase of controlled entities, net of cash       | (273,132)                    | (19,811)                     |
| acquired  | (2,0,,02)                    | (10,011)                     |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                      | (18,846)                     | (7,474)                      |
| Payments for investments  | (440,559)                    | (96,038)                     |
| Payments for investment properties                              | (259,197)                    | (1,002,197)                  |
| Loans to associates   | (317,307)                    | (138,582)                    |
| Proceeds from sale of controlled entities, net of cash disposed | (973)                        | 8,000                        |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment             | 335                          | 18,325                       |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                               | 121,041                      | 22,780                       |
| Proceeds from sale of investment properties                     | 51,600                       | 22,100                       |
| Net cash (outflow) from investing activities                    | (1,137,038)                  | (1,214,997)                  |
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| Cash flows from financing activities                            | 000 004                      | 055.000                      |
| Proceeds from issues of equity                                  | 209,801                      | 855,682                      |
| Proceeds from issue of SITES                                    | 450,000                      | (EE 400)                     |
| Issue costs paid  | (19,691)                     | (55,499)                     |
| Proceeds from borrowings  | 4,283,984                    | 1,085,716                    |
| Proceeds from borrowings from related entities                  | 185,144                      | -                            |
| Proceeds from final equity instalment                           | 548,259                      |                              |
| Establishment costs   | (18,843)                     | (11,685)                     |
| Repayment of borrowings   | (3,829,609)                  | (388,212)                    |
| Repayment of borrowings to related entities                     | (201,323)                    | (45,837)                     |
| Payment for redemption of shares                                |                              | (38)                         |
| Dividends and distributions paid                                | (206,647)                    | (10,000)                     |
| Net cash inflow from financing activities                       | 1,401,075                    | 1,430,127                    |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash held                            | (61,416)                     | 161,320                      |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year                     | 363,166                      | 201,630                      |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash                        | 6,654                        | 216                          |
| Cash at the end of the financial year                           | 308,404                      | 363,166                      |

The above aggregated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. \*Includes capital expenditure on development projects of \$461,586,440.

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# 1. INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

|  | Aggregated<br>2005<br>\$'000 | Aggregated<br>2004<br>\$'000 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Individually significant items included in profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense include:  |                              |                              |
| Significant project management fees, project success fees, finance and structuring fees and capital raising fees earned in the ordinary course of operations | 84,313                       | *                            |
| Realisation of construction and development profit on sale of 50% of Trust Investment Property to external parties   | 26,542                       | *                            |
| Profit impact of Duelguide   | (18,039)                     | -                            |
| Sale of Cricklewood  | 8,648                        |                              |
| Writeback of profit on two construction projects in UK   | (155,680)                    | -                            |
| Change in methodology in recognition on Construction completion bonuses  | (17,297)                     | -                            |
| Capitalisation of borrowing costs incorrectly expensed on stapling in prior period   | 6,949                        | *                            |
| Recognition of Roberts Family Indemnity  | 50,000                       |                              |
| Discontinuing operations   |                              |                              |
| Proceeds on sale of non-core assets<br>less carrying value of non-core assets  | -                            | 22,999<br>(39,784)           |
| Net (loss) on sale of non-core assets (a)  Operating loss from discontinuing operations of non-core assets   | -                            | (16,785)<br>(11,807)         |
| Loss on discontinuing operations before related tax expense  | <u>-</u>                     | (28,592)                     |
| Tax expense in respect of discontinuing operations   |                              | (10,993)                     |
| Loss on discontinuing operations after related tax expense   | -                            | (39,585)                     |
| Costs relating to the disposal of non-core assets  |                              | 00 =04                       |
| Carrying value of non-core assets Operating loss from discontinuing operations of non-core assets  | -                            | 39,784<br>11,807             |
| Costs related to the disposal of non-core assets   |                              | 11,807<br>51,591             |

<sup>\*</sup> Not separately reported

(a) Net loss on sale of non-core assets is made up of a loss of \$nil (2004 \$685,000) in relation to property, plant and equipment and a loss of \$nil (2004 \$16,100,000) in relation to investments.

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### 2. RECONCILIATION OF AFTER TAX PROFIT

|   | 2005<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>\$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Net (loss)/profit of Multiplex Limited  | (17,484)       | 48,829         |
| Net (loss)/profit of Multiplex Property Trust   | 150,228        | 31,359         |
|   | 132,744        | 80,188         |
| Less stapling eliminations (net of tax) :   |                |                |
| Elimination of financing charges from the Trust to the Company                                | (13,670)       | (18,036)       |
| Elimination of Construction profits recognised in the Company on properties sold to the Trust | (22,724)       | -              |
| Elimination of profits recognised in the Company on properties sold to the Trust              | (1,848)        | (11,296)       |
| Realisation of company profits previously deferred on properties now sold by the Trust        | 18,580         | -              |
| Elimination of profits earned by the Trust from the Company                                   | (3,965)        | -              |
| Deferral of 25% of fees receivable from MNZPF   | (3,406)        | -              |
| Consolidation of Acumen Diversified Property Trust  | (1,504)        | -              |
| Amortisation of deferred lease incentives   | (1,266)        | (480)          |
| Reversal of rental guarantee provision  | (14,152)       | (1,526)        |
| Elimination of property management revenue earned on Trust properties                         | (4,970)        | -              |
|   | (48,925)       | (31,338)       |
| _   |                |                |
| Stapled Group net profit after tax for the period   | 83,819         | 48,850         |

The Stapling Deed between Multiplex Funds Management Limited, as the Responsible Entity of the Trust, and the Company is dated 8 October 2003. It sets out the terms of the relationship between the Responsible Entity and the Company in respect of the Units in the Trust and the Shares in the Company that comprise the Securities.

The stapled security structure will cease to operate on the first to occur of:

- either of the Company or the Trust resolving by special resolution in general meeting and in accordance with its Constitution to terminate the Stapling provisions; or
- the winding up of either of the Company or the Trust.

The Australian Stock Exchange reserves the right (but without limiting its absolute discretion) to remove one or more entities with stapled securities from the official list if any of their securities cease to be 'stapled' together, or any equity securities of the same class are issued by one entity which are not stapled to equivalent securities in the other entity or entities.



# 3. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Dividends and distributions recognised in the current year by the Company and Trust are:

| 2005                       | Cents per<br>Share/Unit | Total<br>Amount<br>\$'000 | Date of Payment  | Tax Rate for<br>Franking Credit<br>% | Percentage<br>Franked<br>% |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ordinary shares            |                         |                           |                  |                                      |                            |
| Interim dividend           | 8.22                    | 46,705                    | 28 February 2005 | 30                                   | 100                        |
| Final dividend             | -                       | -                         | _                |                                      |                            |
| Total dividend             | 8.22                    | 46,705                    | -                |                                      |                            |
| Units                      |                         |                           |                  | Tax Deferred %                       |                            |
| Interim distribution       | 7.59                    | 43,125                    | 28 February 2005 | 40.0                                 |                            |
| Final distribution         | 14.00                   | 117,236                   | 31 August 2005   | 22.5                                 |                            |
| Total distribution         | 21.59                   | 160,361                   | -                | 27.2                                 |                            |
| Total distributions        | 29.81                   | 207,066                   | -<br>-           |                                      |                            |
| Total per Stapled Security |                         |                           |                  |                                      |                            |
| Interim distribution       | 15.81                   | 89,830                    |                  |                                      |                            |
| Final distribution         | 14.00                   | 117,236                   |                  |                                      |                            |
| Total distribution         | 29.81                   | 207,066                   | -                |                                      |                            |

| 2004                       | Cents per<br>Share/Unit | Total<br>Amount<br>\$'000 | Date of Payment | Tax Rate for<br>Franking Credit<br>% | Percentage<br>Franked<br>% |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ordinary shares            |                         | ·                         |                 |                                      |                            |
| Interim dividend           | 2.00                    | 10,000                    | 25 March 2004   | 30                                   | 100                        |
| Final dividend             | 6.79                    | 38,579                    | 27 August 2004  | 30                                   | 100                        |
| Total dividend             | 8.79                    | 48,579                    | -               |                                      |                            |
| Units                      |                         |                           |                 | Tax Deferred %                       |                            |
| Interim distribution       | -                       | -                         |                 |                                      |                            |
| Final distribution         | 5.84                    | 33,194                    | 27 August 2004  | 31.7                                 |                            |
| Total distribution         | 5.84                    | 33,194                    | -<br>-          |                                      |                            |
| Total distributions        | 14.63                   | 81,773                    |                 |                                      |                            |
| Total per Stapled Security |                         |                           |                 |                                      |                            |
| Interim distribution       | 2.00                    | 10,000                    |                 |                                      |                            |
| Final distribution         | 12.63                   | 71,773                    | _               |                                      |                            |
| Total distribution         | 14.63                   | 81,773                    | -               |                                      |                            |

The total distribution per stapled security paid or declared during the year of 29.81 cents represents an increase of 103.8% over the prior period.

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# 3. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS (continued)

Multiplex Group Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("**DRP**") operated for the 2005 interim dividend and distribution, but is not in operation for the final 2005 distribution. The Record Date to determine entitlements to the final 2005 distribution was 5.00pm AEST, 30 June 2005. The final 2005 distribution of 14.00 cents per stapled security is payable on or around 31 August 2005.

### 4. RETAINED PROFITS

|   | Aggregated<br>2005<br>\$'000 | Aggregated<br>2004<br>\$'000 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Retained profits at the beginning of the year           | 160,559                      | 193,482                      |
| Net profit attributable to the stapled security holders | 83,819                       | 48,850                       |
| Transfer from Asset Revaluation Reserve                 | 8,075                        | -                            |
| Dividends / distributions recognised during the year    | (207,066)                    | (81,773)                     |
| Retained profits at the end of the year                 | 45,387                       | 160,559                      |

# 5. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF CONTROLLED ENTITIES

(a) During the financial year Multiplex Group acquired control of the following entities:

| Name  | Date acquired | 2005            |  |
|---|---------------|-----------------|--|
|   | •             | Contribution to |  |
|   |               | Group profit *  |  |
|   |               | \$'000          |  |
| Darling Island Project Pty Limited          | 20 Dec 2004   | 3,236           |  |
| Darling Island Project Development Trust    | 20 Dec 2004   | -               |  |
| Multiplex Property Funds Management Limited | 12 Nov 2004   | 1,733           |  |
| Multiplex Altona Investment Trust           | 31 May 2005   | 1,415           |  |
| Multiplex APF Investment Trust              | 18 Feb 2005   | -               |  |
| Multiplex Bulli Pty Limited                 | 17 Nov 2004   | 17,743          |  |
| Mulltiplex CI Pty Limited                   | 24 Sept 2004  | 15,081          |  |
| Multiplex Finance Trust                     | 14 Sept 2004  | 64              |  |
| Multiplex Hybrid Holdings Trust             | 24 Nov 2004   | -               |  |
| Multiplex Hybrid Investment Trust           | 24 Nov 2004   | 15,181          |  |
| Multiplex Labrador Pty Limited              | 6 July 2004   | -               |  |
| Ronin New Zealand Property Trust            | 12 Nov 2004   | -               |  |
| Onyx Property Holdings Limited              | 12 Nov 2004   | (319)           |  |
| Onyx Property Trust                         | 12 Nov 2004   | 80,094          |  |
| Onyx Property NZ Limited                    | 12 Nov 2004   | -               |  |
| Stannifer Corovest Fund Management Limited  | 23 Nov 2004   | 341             |  |
| Stannifer Corovest Jersey Limited           | 23 Nov 2004   | (62)            |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Contribution to Group profit or loss from ordinary activities after related income tax expense where material.

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# 5. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF CONTROLLED ENTITIES(continued)

(b) During the financial year Multiplex Group disposed of the following entities:

| Name                                       | Date of disposal | 2005<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 |
|--|------------------|---|---|
| Latitude Landowning Trust                  | 30 June 2005     | 13,902  | -   |
| Multiplex Albert Street Investment Trust   | 30 Aug 2004      | 268   | -   |
| Multiplex Albert Street Landowning Trust   | 30 Aug 2004      | (484)   | -   |
| Multiplex Portside B1 Holding Pty Limited  | 31 Dec 2004      | -   | -   |
| Multiplex Portside B1 Pty Limited          | 31 Dec 2004      | -   | -   |
| Multiplex Portside B8 Holdings Pty Limited | 31 Dec 2004      | -   | -   |
| Multiplex Portside B8 Pty Limited          | 31 Dec 2004      | -   | -   |

<sup>\*</sup> Contribution to Group profit or loss from ordinary activities after related income tax expense where material.

# 6. ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

(a) Details of interests in associated companies are as follows:

| Name                                | Ownership<br>Interest<br>% | 2005<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 163 Castlereagh Partnership Pty Ltd | 50                         | ` <u>-</u>  | · <u>-</u>  |
| 341 George Street Pty Ltd           | 50                         | -   | -   |
| AMP Multiplex Management Limited    | 50                         | 1,214   | -   |
| AMP NZ Office Trust                 | 27.8                       | 5,646   | -   |
| Arncliffe Development Pty Limited   | 33.3                       | -   | -   |
| Australian Ethanol Limited          | 28.3                       | -   | -   |
| Avon Road Pymble Pty Ltd            | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Bourke Place Trust                  | 42.96                      | 5,743   |   |
| Britomart Building No. 1 Limited    | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 10 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 11 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 12 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 13 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 14 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 15 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 16 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 17 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 18 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 19 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 2 Limited    | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 20 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 21 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 22 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 23 Limited   | 40                         | -   | -   |

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| Name   | Ownership<br>Interest<br>% | 2005<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| Britomart Building No. 24 Limited                                    | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 25 Limited                                    | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 26 Limited                                    | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 27 Limited                                    | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 3 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 4 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 5 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 6 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 7 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 8 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Building No. 9 Limited                                     | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Group Limited  | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Britomart Joint Venture  | 40                         | -   | -   |
| Campus Living Mam Pty Ltd  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Castle House Developments Limited                                    | 50                         | -   | -   |
| CBRE Multiplex Pty Ltd   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Chelsea Apartments Pty Limited                                       | 40                         | -   | _   |
| City Square Lot 1 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | -   | _   |
| City Square Lot 2 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | -   | _   |
| City Square Lot 3 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | -   | _   |
| City Square Lot 4 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | -   | _   |
| City Square Lot 5 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | -   | _   |
| City Square Lot 6 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | _   | <u>-</u>  |
| City Square Lot 7 Nominees Pty Ltd                                   | 50                         | _   | _   |
| Cottesloe Living Pty Ltd   | 50                         | -   | <u>-</u>  |
| Cricklewood Regeneration Limited                                     | 50                         | -   | _   |
| Darling Park Trust   | 50                         | 14,478  | _   |
| Defence Maintenance Management Pty Ltd                               | 50                         | 20  | _   |
| Edgewater Marina Company Pty Ltd                                     | 50                         | -   | _   |
| Edgewater Marina Development Co Pty Ltd                              | 50                         | _   | _   |
| Glen Street Investments Pty Limited                                  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| GMF (Qld) Pty Ltd  | 20                         | _   | _   |
| Jones Bay Wharf Constructions Pty Limited                            | 50                         | _   | _   |
| Jones Bay Wharf Finance Pty Limited                                  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| Jones Bay Wharf Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| Latitude Landowner Pty Ltd   | 50                         | •   | -   |
| Latitude Landowning Trust  | 50                         | •   | -   |
| Latitude Retail Developer Pty Ltd                                    | 50                         | •   | -   |
| Latitude Retail Developer Pty Ltd  Latitude Site C Developer Pty Ltd | 50<br>50                   | -   | -   |
| Leighton Shores Pty Ltd  | 50<br>50                   | -   | -   |
| · ,  | 33.3                       | •   | -   |
| Liverpool St. Developments Pty Limited                               |                            | -   | -   |
| Luna Park Sydney Pty Limited   | 50<br>50                   | -   | -   |
| Manhatten Sydney Pty Limited   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Mayet Pty Ltd<br>MCB (Gibraltar) Limited                             | 50<br>51                   | -   | -   |

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| Name  | Ownership<br>Interest<br>% | 2005<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| Milton Courts Development Pty. Ltd.   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| MTM Funds Management Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Multiplex Latitude Retail Developer Holdings Pty Ltd                        | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Multiplex Latitude Retail Developer Pty Ltd                                 | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Multiplex MBS Limited   | 50                         | -   | (364)   |
| Multiplex Medgulf W.L.L.  | 49                         | -   | · -   |
| Multiplex Morton Pty Ltd  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Multiplex New Zealand Property Fund   | 25.3                       | 1,345   | -   |
| Multiplex Tasman Holding Trust  | 50                         | · •   | -   |
| Newport Quays Marina Stage 1 Pty Ltd  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Newport Quays Pty Ltd   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Newport Quays Stage 1 Pty Ltd   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Norkem Pty Ltd  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Pier 8/9 Development Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| PPP Solutions (Showgrounds) Nominee Pty                                     | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Ltd   |                            |   |   |
| PPP Solutions (Showgrounds) Trust   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| PPPS Showgrounds Pty Ltd  | 50                         | -   | _   |
| Proximity Development Pty Ltd   | 33.3                       | _   | -   |
| R&M Investments (BVI) Limited   | 50                         | (3,611)   | -   |
| Renewing Homebush Bay Pty. Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Finance Pty Limited   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Stage 1 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Stage 1 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Stage 2 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Stage 2 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Stage 3 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | _   |
| RHB Stage 3 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| RHB Stage 4 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| RHB Stage 4 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| RHB Stage 5 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| RHB Stage 5 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| RHB Stage 6 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | <u>-</u>  |
| RHB Stage 6 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | <u>-</u>  |
| RHB Stage 7 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| RHB Stage 7 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -   | <u>-</u>  |
| RHB Stage 8 Contractor Pty Limited  | 50                         | -<br>-  | <u>-</u>  |
| RHB Stage 8 Lessor Pty Limited  | 50                         | _   | _   |
| Sapphire (Burnley) (No.2) Nominee Limited                                   | 50<br>50                   | -<br>-  | <u>-</u>  |
| Sapphire (Burnley) Nominee Limited  | 50<br>50                   | <u>•</u>  | <u>.</u>  |
| Sapphire (Cardiff) (No.2) Limited   | 50<br>50                   | _   | <u>-</u>  |
| Sapphire (Cardiff) (No.2) Limited Sapphire (Cardiff) Nominee Limited        | 50<br>50                   | -   | -   |
| Sapphire (Cardin) Northlee Limited Sapphire (Harlow) (No.2) Nominee Limited | 50<br>50                   | -   | -   |
| Sapphire (Harlow) Nominee Limited Sapphire (Harlow) Nominee Limited         | 50<br>50                   | -   | -   |



| Name  | Ownership<br>Interest<br>% | 2005<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| Sapphire (High Wycombe) (No.2) Nominee<br>Limited | 50                         | · -   | · -   |
| Sapphire (High Wycombe) Nominee Limited           | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Sapphire Retail Fund Limited                      | 50                         | (3,337)   | -   |
| Site 3 Development Co. Pty Ltd                    | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Soncal Pty. Limited                               | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Spiritpoint Limited                               | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Spiritview Limited                                | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Sur-Mer (Cronulla) Pty Limited                    | 25                         | -   | -   |
| TA (No. 1) Limited                                | 50                         | -   | -   |
| The Wharf At Woolloomooloo Pty Limited            | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9& 10 Construction Stage 3B Pty Limited          | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9& 10 Construction Stage 3C Pty Limited          | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9& 10 Stage 3A Financing Pty Limited             | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 1 Pty Limited            | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 2 Pty Limited            | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 3A Pty Ltd               | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 4 Pty Limited            | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 4B Pty Ltd               | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Stage 2 Pty Limited                         | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Stage 3A Pty Limited                        | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Stage 4B Pty Ltd                            | 50                         | -   | -   |
| West Central Pty Ltd                              | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Wharf Developments Pty. Limited                   | 50                         | -   | -   |

<sup>\*</sup> Contribution to Group profit or loss from ordinary activities where material. Aggregate contribution to Group profit from ordinary activities from associate entities and joint ventures for the period was a profit of \$22.6 million.



# 6. ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES (continued)

(b) Details of interest in joint venture entities are as follows:

| Name                                     | Ownership<br>Interest<br>% | 2005<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 | 2004<br>Contribution to<br>Group profit *<br>\$'000 |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| Arncliffe Development Partnership        | 33.33                      | (1,206)   | 2,658   |
| Jones Bay Wharf Construction Partnership | 50                         | •   | -   |
| Jones Bay Wharf Partnership              | 50                         | 1,696   | 2,994   |
| Liverpool St. Partnership                | 33.3                       | -   | -   |
| Manhatten Sydney Partnership             | 50                         | (1,209)   |   |
| Multiplex Bulli Partnership              | 50                         | · -   | -   |
| Multiplex Mona Vale Partnership          | 75                         | -   | -   |
| Site 3 Sydney Olympic Park Partnership   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| Sur-Mer (Cronulla) Partnership           | 25                         | -   | -   |
| The Global Switch Limited Partnership    | 50                         | -   | -   |
| The St Catherine's House Limited         | 49.5                       | -   | -   |
| Partnership                              |                            |   |   |
| The Wharf At Woolloomooloo Partnership   | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Stage 2 Partnership                | 50                         | 359   | 1,492   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 3b Partnership  | 50                         | 1,005   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 3c Partnership  | 50                         | -   | -   |
| W9&10 Construction Stage 4b Partnership  | 50                         | -   | -   |

<sup>\*</sup> Contribution to Group profit or loss from ordinary activities where material. Aggregate contribution to Group profit from ordinary activities from joint venture entities for the period was \$4.9 million.



# 7. RECONCILIATION OF INCOME TAX EXPENSE

|  | Aggregated<br>2005<br>\$'000 | Aggregated<br>2004<br>\$'000 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| The income tax expense for the financial year differs from the amount calculated on the profit. The differences are reconciled as follows: |                              |                              |
| Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense  | 89,005                       | 105,134                      |
| Income tax calculated at 30% Increase in income tax expense on continuing operations due to:   | 26,702                       | 31,540                       |
| Capital gain on sale of buildings into the Multiplex Property Trust  | -                            | 7,053                        |
| Under provision in previous year   | (1,703)                      | 1,297                        |
| Other  | 11,410                       | 6,231                        |
| Increase in income tax expense on discontinuing operations* due to:  |                              |                              |
| Write off of deferred tax balances   | -                            | 9,276                        |
| Loss on sale of non-core assets  | -                            | 5,212                        |
| Loss on discontinuing operations   | -                            | 5,083                        |
| Decrease in income tax expense due to:   |                              |                              |
| Non-taxable Trust profit   | (49,676)                     | (9,408)                      |
| Income tax expense/(benefit) attributable to profit from ordinary activities   | (13,267)                     | 56,284                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Total represents difference between prima facie tax benefit on loss from discontinuing operations of \$8.6 million (30% of \$28.6 million pre-tax loss) and actual tax expense on discontinuing operations of \$11.0 million.



### 8. INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("IFRS")

For reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 Multiplex Group must comply with the Australian equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRS") as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Multiplex Group will report for the first time in compliance with AIFRS when the results for the half-year ending 31 December 2005 are released.

AIFRS requires that entities complying with AIFRS for the first time also restate their comparative financial statements using all AIFRS except for AASB 132: "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation", AASB 139: "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" and AASB 4: "Insurance Contracts", which Multiplex Group has elected to adopt as effective from 1 July 2005.

The opening AIFRS balance sheet for Multiplex Group is a restated balance sheet dated 1 July 2004. Most adjustments required on transition to AIFRS are made, retrospectively, against opening retained earnings on 1 July 2004. Transitional adjustments relating to the financial instruments standards noted above, where comparatives are not required, will only be made at 1 July 2005. Comparatives restated under AIFRS will not be reported in financial statements until December 2005, being the first half-year reported in compliance with AIFRS.

As emerging accepted practice in the interpretation and application of AIFRS and UIG interpretations continues, producing some uncertainty about their treatment as currently adopted, the disclosures detailed in this note should not be considered to provide complete guidance as to the changes in accounting policies that will result from the transition from Australian GAAP ("AGAAP") to AIFRS from 1 July 2005.

Multiplex Group Board has established a formal implementation project, including the establishment of a project team ("the Team") to manage the transition to AIFRS. The Team reports quarterly to the Audit and Risk Committee, and is led by senior finance personnel who, working with specialist external consultants and monitored by a Steering Committee, have identified changes to accounting policies, quantified likely key impacts and are currently finalising detailed design, implementation and system amendments.

### Impact of Transition to AIFRS

The impact of the transition to AIFRS, including the transitional adjustments disclosed, is based on AIFRS standards that management expect to be in place, when preparing the first complete AIFRS financial report for the half-year ending 31 December 2005.

The differences between current AGAAP and AIFRS identified to date as potentially having a significant effect on the financial position and financial performance of Multiplex Group are summarised below, being management's best estimates of the quantitative impact of the changes as at the date of preparing the 30 June 2005 financial report.

Where the application or interpretation of an accounting standard is currently being debated, the accounting policy adopted reflects the current assessment of management of the likely outcome of those deliberations. As accepted accounting practices continue to develop the final reconciliations presented in the first financial report prepared in accordance with AIFRS may vary materially from the reconciliations provided in this note.



For a true and fair view to be presented under AIFRS a complete set of financial statements and notes, together with comparative balances is required. As this note provides only a summary, further disclosure and explanations will be required in the first complete AIFRS financial report.

The following table displays the anticipated quantified impact on the 2005 net profit result and the 30 June 2005 net assets balance of the material differences between the existing AGAAP accounting policies and the AIFRS accounting policies to be adopted based on the work in progress findings of the team, and may be subject to change as further impacts of transition to AIFRS may be identified. Accordingly, the impacts disclosed should not be regarded as a complete list of changes in accounting policies that will result from the transition. There can be no assurances that all significant impacts of the transition have been identified. The transition has not been finalised due to the short period of time between the finalisation of the AGAAP results and the release date of this report. This is expected to be finalised by the time of the release of the 2005 Annual Report.

|        |   | Cons                         | Consolidated                 |  |
|--------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Year   | ended 30 June 2005 – Unaudited*               | Net Profit<br>2005<br>\$'000 | Net Assets<br>2005<br>\$'000 |  |
| Net P  | rofit under AGAAP                             | 83,819                       |                              |  |
| (a)    | Revenue recognition                           | (39,471)                     | (39,471)                     |  |
| (b)    | Investment property                           | 49,173                       | -                            |  |
| (c)    | Intangible assets                             | 10,950                       | 10,950                       |  |
| (d)    | Indemnity                                     | (50,000)                     | -                            |  |
| (e)    | Deferred taxation                             | (19,769)                     | (19,535)                     |  |
| (f)    | Other   |                              |                              |  |
| Indica | ative Net Profit and Net Assets under AIFRS** | 34,702                       |                              |  |
|        | •   |                              |                              |  |

No significant differences between AGAAP and AIFRS have been identified in the Cash Flow Statement.

Under AIFRS the financial report comprises the following:

- Balance Sheet (AGAAP: Statement of Financial Position);
- Income Statement (AGAAP: Statement of Financial Performance);
- Statement of Changes in Equity (not previously required under AGAAP);
- Cash Flow Statement (previously required under AGAAP); and
- Notes (previously required under AGAAP).

When describing the AIFRS impacts on financial reporting, the AIFRS terminology is used.

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<sup>\*</sup>This item is subject to audit clearance and is unable to be reported at this time. The audited number will be disclosed in the annual report when released on or around the 7th of September 2005.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on the work in progress and may be subject to change



# Quantified Impacts of AIFRS

Further details of the adjustments arising as a result of the material changes in accounting policies expected to be adopted with the transition to AIFRS are detailed below.

# (a) Revenue Recognition

### Developments

Under AGAAP revenue and profits on the development of apartments and residential property are currently recognised on the percentage of completion basis, in accordance with UIG 53 "Pre-completion Contracts for the Sale of Residential Development Properties".

UIG 53 has been withdrawn under AIFRS, and with no AIFRS equivalent which specifically addresses the issue of revenue and profit recognition for the development and sale of apartments and residential properties, development properties will instead be considered as inventory and be subject to the revenue recognition rules of AASB 118 "Revenue".

AASB 118 requires that revenue and profit instead be recognised when Multiplex Group has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of the ownership of the property. As a result, under AIFRS, recognition will be deferred until the later of exchange and practical completion.

### (b) Investment Property

In accordance with AASB 140 "Investment Property" Multiplex Group has the option to measure the value of investment property using either depreciated historical cost or fair value (after initial recognition at cost).

Multiplex Group has elected to adopt the fair value model, requiring investment property to be measured at fair value, which is defined as "the price at which the property could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction", reflecting market conditions at the reporting date. Under AIFRS any gains and losses that arise from the change in fair value are recognised in the Income Statement in the period in which they arise. This election reflects a change to the current accounting policy, under which changes in the fair value of investment property are recognised in the asset revaluation reserve, and has the potential to increase the volatility of reported earnings in the future.

### (c) Intangible Assets

#### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between the cost of a business combination over the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired.

Under AFRS goodwill will be stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Any goodwill amortised under AGAAP will be reversed and goodwill will be allocated to cash generating units, where they will be tested for impairment on an annual basis in accordance with the requirements of AASB 136 "Impairment of Assets".

### Other Intangible Assets

Under AIFRS other intangible assets will be stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.



On transition other intangible assets have been reviewed to ensure that they are capable of recognition under AASB 138 "Intangible Assets" and tested for impairment accordingly.

### (d) Indemnity

The Roberts family have granted an indemnity of up to \$50 million to the Company in respect of losses expected to be incurred by the Company on the Wembley Stadium construction project. Under AGAAP the amount of the indemnity is classified as revenue in the year ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with AASB 1004 "Revenue".

Under AIFRS there is no specific guidance on the treatment of such transactions. By applying the definitions of financial liabilities and equity, management has concluded that the amount receivable shall be treated as additional contributed equity in the Company, with no additional shares being issued.

# (e) Deferred Taxation

On transition to AIFRS the balance sheet method of tax effect accounting will be adopted, rather than the profit and loss method currently applied in accordance with existing accounting policy under AGAAP.

Under the balance sheet approach of AASB 112 "Income Taxes" income tax on the Income Statement for the year consists of current and deferred taxes. Income tax will be recognised in the Income Statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it will be recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date, and any adjustments to tax payable in previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The amount of deferred tax provided will be based on the expected manner of realisation of the asset or settlement of the liability, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date.

A deferred tax asset will be recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets will be reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

### (f) Other

In addition to the above changes to existing accounting policy that will impact the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005, a number of additional changes may impact the financial statements of future periods.

These changes are detailed as follows:

Operating Lease Revenue ("Straight Lining")

Under AIFRS, AASB 117 "Leases" requires a lessor to recognise the lease revenue of an operating lease "on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which use benefit derived from the leased asset is diminished". The straight-line basis for recording operating lease revenues will result in an amount which has the potential to differ substantially from the actual cash flows resulting from the lease contract.



In accordance with AASB 140 "Investment Property" Multiplex Group has adopted the fair value model in accounting for investment properties, which defines fair value as "the price at which the property could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction". When calculating the fair value of investment property it is important to avoid the double-counting of assets and liabilities and the standard describes a number of specific situations where this might otherwise occur, including prepaid or accrued operating lease income.

Practically, the fair value calculation for investment properties will reflect discounted cash flow projections based on the estimated future cash flows, which are dependent upon existing leases and current market rents for similar properties in the same location and condition. As a result the timing and amounts of the future cash flows are included within the valuation of the investment property, and the recognition of the deferred income asset created as a result of operating lease straight lining would consequently represent a double-counting of assets, as it would also be determined based on the timing and amounts of the future cash flows.

As a result it is necessary to adjust to avoid the double counting of assets on the Income Statement. The result of this adjustment is that it exactly negates the straight lining adjustment taken to account in the Income Statement, with the overall effect of the adjustments being that there is no impact on overall profit or loss, or net assets, but it does result in an Income Statement reclassification between revenue and the fair value adjustment to investment property.

The effect of the straight lining of lease revenues has not been quantified as there continues to be a number of substantial interpretation issues surrounding the appropriate basis of calculation for a range of lease types and terms.

### Internally Constructed Investment Properties

Under AIFRS, properties that are developed internally are carried at cost during their development, and are remeasured to fair value (market value) through the Income Statement at practical completion.

### Property, Plant & Equipment

In accordance with AASB 116 "Property, Plant & Equipment" Multiplex Group has the option to measure the value of property, plant and equipment using either cost, deemed cost (recent depreciated fair value) or fair value.

Multiplex Group has elected to adopt the deemed cost model, and will continue to carry balances forward, to meet AIFRS component depreciation and asset impairment requirements. This election reflects the continuation of current accounting policy.

Under AIFRS there will be no change in existing accounting policy for the capitalisation of costs.

The existing depreciation and amortisation rates, methods and estimated useful lives used for each class of asset in accordance with AGAAP, which are disclosed in the summary of significant accounting policies, have been reviewed and are broadly consistent with the requirements of AIFRS.

These depreciation and amortisation rates, methods and estimated useful lives are reviewed on an annual basis for appropriateness and are changed if required.



### Financial Instruments

Under AIFRS, Multiplex Group has elected to adopt the exemption provided in AASB 1 "First-time Adoption" which permits entities to not apply the requirements of AASB 132 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation", and AASB 139 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" for the financial year ended 30 June 2005.

As a result there are no expected adjustments in relation to these standards for the opening balance sheet as at 1 July 2004, or for the financial year ended 30 June 2005, as current AGAAP accounting policies are expected to continue to apply.

Upon the transition to AIFRS from 1 July 2005 financial instruments will generally be recognised in the Balance Sheet at fair value.

Derivatives will need to meet stricter criteria for treatment as hedges; otherwise they will be marked to market through the Income Statement. Multiplex Group has reviewed its interest rate and foreign exchange hedge strategy to ensure, where possible, that such hedges are treated as hedges under AIFRS. Multiplex Group has taken the exemption in AASB 1 "First-time Adoption" and will not be restating comparatives for any impact of restating hedges at fair value.

Multiplex Group is in the process of determining the impact that adopting the standards will have on its financial statements.

### Stapled Securities

The Urgent Issues Group has issued Interpretation 1013 "The Presentation of the Financial Report of Entities Whose Securities are "Stapled", which specifies the basis for the preparation of consolidated general purpose financial reports for Multiplex Group, and applies to stapling arrangements that were affected prior to the date of transition to AIFRS, being 1 July 2005.

Multiplex Group has elected under AASB 1 "First-Time Adoption" not to apply AASB 3 "Business Combinations" respectively to restate business combinations (including the stapling) that occurred prior to 1 July 2004.

As a result the effect of the interpretation is that the entities combining under the stapling arrangement, being the Company and the Trust, are required to identify a parent for the purpose of preparing consolidated financial reports by combining the financial reports of the stapled entities.

Multiplex Group is assessing the impact of the release of this interpretation.

# Reclassification of Unitholder Funds

The classification of unitholder funds is prescribed by AASB 132 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation", which determines the classification of financial instruments.

Under AIFRS there is a view that unitholder funds in trusts which have a limited fixed life should be classified as debt rather than equity on the basis that if, after the specified period of the trust, liquidation is not discretionary then the instrument has a finite life.

To avoid the contributed equity in Trust and wholly-owned trusts ("the trusts") being reclassified as a liability, and the associated impact of this reclassification on the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the trusts, amendments are being made to the trust constitutions, removing the relevant termination



clause and making associated changes, so that unitholder funds can continue to be classified as equity under AIFRS.

#### 9. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There have been no significant events or transactions that have arisen since the end of the financial year, which in the opinion of the Directors, would affect significantly the operations of the aggregated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the aggregated entity.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place: The Wesley Conference Centre

220 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000

Date: Wednesday 2 November 2005

Time: 2.00pm

Approximate date the annual report will be available: 7th September 2005

### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

- This report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Corporations Act 2001 and other standards acceptable to the Australian Stock Exchange.
- 2. This report and the financial statements upon which the report is based use the same accounting policies.
- 3. This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.
- 4. This report is based on financial statements that are in the process of being audited, and therefore, no audit report has been attached.
- 5. Multiplex Group has a formally constituted audit committee.

Dated at Sydney this 18th day of August 2005

Andrew Roberts Chief Executive