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Half Year Report Of  
Wridgways Australia Limited  
for the Period Ended 31 December 2004

ABN 82 079 887 728

*This Half Year Report is provided to the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX)  
under ASX Listing Rule 4.2A.3*

Current Reporting Period: Half Year Ended 31 December 2004

Previous Corresponding Period: Half Year Ended 31 December 2003

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**Section A: Results For Announcement to the Market**

Revenue and Net Profit

		<b>Percentage Change %</b>		<b>Amount \$'000</b>
Revenue from ordinary activities	Up	14.3%	To	43,450
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	Up	18.6%	To	1,500
Net profit attributable to members	Up	18.6%	To	1,500

Dividends (Distributions)

	<b>Amount per security</b>	<b>Franked amount per security</b>
Final dividend in respect of 30 June 2004 financial year - Paid 1 October 2004	3.0¢	3.0¢ (at 30% tax)
Interim dividend in respect of 30 June 2005 financial year	2.0¢	2.0¢ (at 30% tax)

Record date for determining entitlements to the interim dividend is

11 March 2005
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**Section B: Commentary on Results**

**Brief Explanation of Revenue, Net Profit and Dividends**

A high pre-Christmas demand for Wridgways diversified products and services ensured the group achieved an outstanding result for the December 2004 half-year.

Revenue to end of December 2004 increased by a healthy 14.3% against the same period in the previous year. Precise cost controls and yield management strategies delivered a 18.6% profit increase from ordinary activities.

**Dividend**

The directors have declared a fully franked interim dividend of 2.0 cents per share (2003:2.0 cents) to be paid on March 18, 2005 to shareholders registered as such on 11 March, 2005.

# **Wridgways Australia Limited**

ABN 82 079 887 728

Financial Report for the Half-Year Ended  
31 December 2004

# Wridgways Australia Limited

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## Financial Report

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## Directors' Report

The directors of Wridgways Australia Limited ("Wridgways") submit herewith the financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2004. In order to comply with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001, the directors report as follows:

The names of the directors of the company during or since the end of the half year are:

Anthony W Whatmore  
Bryan D Weir  
James A Brown  
Desmond F Stickland  
Brian C Clarke

The above named directors held office during and since the end of the half-year.

### Review of Operations

The consolidated net profit for the half year was \$1,500,000 (2003: \$1,265,000).

### Auditor's Independence Declaration


Our auditors have provided the Board Of Directors with a signed Independence Declaration in accordance with s307C of the Corporations Act 2001. This declaration is included in Section D of this Half Year Report.

### Rounding Off Of Amounts

The company is a company of the kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/0100, dated 10 July 1998, and in accordance with that Class Order amounts in the directors' report and the financial report are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors.

On behalf of the Directors



Mr A W Whatmore  
Chairman



Mr D F Stickland  
Managing Director

Sydney, 10 February 2005

## Independent Review Report to the Members of Wridgways Australia Limited

### Scope

We have reviewed the financial report of Wridgways Australia Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2004 as set out on pages 3 to 10. The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the disclosing entity and the entities it controlled at the end of the half-year or from time to time during the half-year. The disclosing entity's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have performed an independent review of the financial report in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is not presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the consolidated entity's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, and in order for the disclosing entity to lodge the financial report with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Our review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the entity's personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance provided is less than given in an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### Statement

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Wridgways Australia Limited is not in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2004 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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Partner  
Chartered Accountants

Sydney, 10 February 2005

# Wridgways Australia Limited

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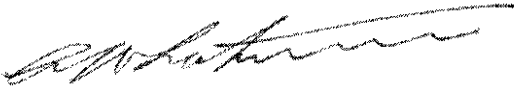
## Directors' Declaration

The directors declare that:

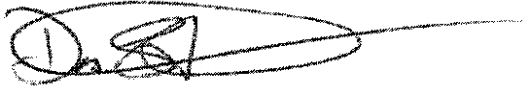
- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with Accounting Standards;
- (b) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity;
- (c) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001; and
- (d) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors



Mr A W Whatmore  
Chairman



Mr D F Stickland  
Managing Director

Sydney, 10 February 2005

# Wridgways Australia Limited

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance for the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

	<b>Half-Year Ended 31/12/04 \$'000</b>	<b>Half-Year Ended 31/12/03 \$'000</b>
Revenue from ordinary activities	43,450	38,027
Freight and direct costs	(29,166)	(24,944)
Occupancy expenses	(2,325)	(2,133)
Sales and administration expenses	(9,636)	(8,977)
Borrowing costs	(145)	(141)
<b>Profit From Ordinary Activities Before Income Tax Expense</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>1,832</b>
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	(678)	(567)
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,265</b>
<b>Total Changes in Equity Other Than Those Resulting From Transactions With Owners as Owners</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,265</b>
<b>Earnings per Share:</b>	<b>¢</b>	<b>¢</b>
Basic (cents per share)	4.69	3.95
Diluted (cents per share)	4.69	3.95

**Wridgways Australia Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 31 December 2004**

	<b>Half-Year Ended 31/12/04 \$'000</b>	<b>Year Ended 30/06/04 \$'000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash assets	1,398	2,141
Receivables	10,795	6,740
Inventories	314	260
Other	1,534	1,191
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>14,041</u>	<u>10,332</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Plant and equipment	2,784	2,416
Intangibles	9,473	9,529
Deferred tax assets	840	799
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u>13,097</u>	<u>12,744</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>27,138</u>	<u>23,076</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables	11,443	9,084
Current tax liabilities	341	276
Provisions	1,389	1,317
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>13,173</u>	<u>10,677</u>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Interest-bearing liabilities	4,000	3,000
Deferred tax liabilities	175	177
Provisions	1,020	992
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<u>5,195</u>	<u>4,169</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>18,368</u>	<u>14,846</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>8,770</u>	<u>8,230</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Contributed equity	1,500	1,500
Retained profits	7,270	6,730
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>8,770</u>	<u>8,230</u>

**Wridgways Australia Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004**

	<b>Inflows/(Outflows)</b>	
	<b>Half-Year Ended 31/12/04 \$'000</b>	<b>Half-Year Ended 31/12/03 \$'000</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	43,309	35,312
Payments to suppliers and employees	(42,587)	(34,602)
Interest received	-	8
Interest and other costs of finance paid	(145)	(141)
Income tax paid	(656)	(695)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(118)</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Payment for plant and equipment	(784)	(247)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	80	8
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(704)</b>	<b>(239)</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from borrowings	1,000	1,000
Dividends paid	(960)	(960)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) In Cash Held</b>	<b>(743)</b>	<b>(317)</b>
<b>Cash At The Beginning Of The Half-Year</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>1,396</b>
<b>Cash At The End Of The Half-Year</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,079</b>

**Wridgways Australia Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004**

**1. Basis of Preparation**

The half-year financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting". The half-year financial report does not include notes of the type normally included in an Annual Financial Report and should be read in conjunction with the 2004 Annual Financial Report.

***Significant Accounting Policies***

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Half-year Financial Report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the 2004 Annual Financial Report.

**2. Segment Information**

The consolidated entity operates in the transport industry (through the provision of removal and storage services) and operates only in Australia.

**3. Seasonality**

The removals industry typically experiences peak demand for services in December and January. Accordingly receivables and payables are generally higher as at 31 December compared to 30 June, with the majority of revenues and profits being earned during this period.

**4. Dividends**

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares

Recognised amounts:

Final dividend paid in respect of prior financial year – franked to 30%

	31/12/04		31/12/03	
	Cents per Share	Total \$'000	Cents per Share	Total \$'000
Final dividend paid in respect of prior financial year – franked to 30%	3.0	960	3.0	960

Unrecognised Amounts:

Interim Dividend in respect of current financial year – franked to 30%(i)

Interim Dividend in respect of current financial year – franked to 30%(i)	2.0	640	2.0	640
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(i) The interim dividends for the half years ended 31 December 2003 and 31 December 2004 are not recognised in their respective half year reports, because they were declared, determined or publicly recommended subsequent to 31 December.

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	<u>31/12/04</u>	<u>31/12/03</u>
	\$	\$
<b>5. Net Tangible Assets Per Share</b>		
Consolidated net tangible assets per share	(\$0.02)	(\$0.06)

Net Tangible Assets at 31 December 2004 of (\$703,000) consists of Net Assets of \$8,770,000 less Intangible Assets of \$9,473,000.

**6. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to IFRS**

In accordance with the Financial Reporting Council's strategic directive, Wridgways will be required to prepare financial statements that comply with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("A-IFRS") for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. Accordingly, Wridgways first half-year report prepared under A-IFRS will be for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2005, and its first annual financial report prepared under A-IFRS will be for the year ended 30 June 2006.

In 2004, the directors conducted a high-level scoping exercise to obtain an idea of the effect and effort involved in adopting A-IFRS on the consolidated entity. Part of the scoping exercise involved identifying key areas of impact that will arise on adoption of A-IFRS including financial impact, effort required, and options available to the consolidated entity on first-time adoption of A-IFRS. Now that the consolidated entity has this information, it intends to determine the approximate impact and best options for the consolidated entity for future reporting periods.

The directors believe Wridgways will be able to achieve its plan for A-IFRS implementation such that financial statements which are fully compliant with A-IFRS will be able to be prepared.

Wridgways has identified the following as being the significant areas of differences affecting the consolidated entity on adoption of A-IFRS. This does not represent an exhaustive list of the differences that will arise, and further analysis may change the consolidated entity's assessment of the importance or otherwise of the various differences.

**i) First-time adoption of A-IFRS**

On first-time adoption of A-IFRS, the consolidated entity will be required to restate its comparative balance sheet such that the comparative balances presented comply with the requirements specified in the A-IFRS. That is, the balances that will be presented in the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2005 may not be the balances that will be presented as comparative numbers in the financial report for the following year, as a result of the requirement to retrospectively apply A-IFRS. In addition, certain assets and liabilities may not qualify for recognition under A-IFRS, and will need to be derecognised. As any adjustments on first-time adoption are to be made against opening retained earnings, the amount of retained earnings at 30 June 2004 presented in the 2005 financial report and the 2006 financial report available to be paid out as dividends may differ.

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**6. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to IFRS (continued)**

Various voluntary and mandatory exemptions are available to the consolidated entity on first-time adoption, which will not be available on an ongoing basis. The exemptions provide relief from retrospectively accounting for certain balances, instruments and transactions in accordance with A-IFRS, and includes relief from having to restate past business combinations and the identification of a 'deemed cost' for property, plant and equipment.

The impact on Wridgways of the changes in accounting policies on first-time adoption of A-IFRS will be affected by the choices made. The consolidated entity is evaluating the effect of the options available on first-time adoption in order to determine the best possible outcome for the consolidated entity.

**ii) Impairment of assets**

Non-current assets are written down to recoverable amount when the asset's carrying amount exceeds recoverable amount. Under A-IFRS, both current and non-current assets are tested for impairment. In addition, A-IFRS has a more prescriptive impairment test, and requires discounted cash flows to be used where value in use is used to assess recoverable amount. Consequently, on adoption of A-IFRS, an impairment of certain assets may need to be recognised, thereby decreasing opening retained earnings and the carrying amount of assets.

The directors are of the view that impairment losses are unlikely between the date of this report and the date of adoption of A-IFRS.

**iii) Business Combinations**

Where consolidated financial statements are prepared, the assets and liabilities purchased are initially recognised at their fair values in the consolidated financial statements. There are a number of recognition and measurement differences that may result in changes to the value of assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination, particularly in relation to deferred tax balances, intangible assets and contingent liabilities.

The impact of these changes in accounting policy on first-time adoption will depend on whether the consolidated entity elects to adopt the exemption available to it to not reopen past acquisitions and retrospectively account for them in accordance with the new requirements. On an ongoing basis, this change in policy may affect the profit and loss and balance sheet.

**iv) Goodwill**

Goodwill is currently amortised over a 20 year period. A-IFRS does not permit goodwill to be amortised, but instead requires the carrying amount to be tested for impairment at least annually. Goodwill currently recognised in the balance sheet, adjusted if necessary on the optional restatement of business combinations, must be allocated to individual cash-generating units (or groups of cash-generating units) and tested for impairment at the allocated level. This change in policy may impact the profit and loss to the extent that impairment losses are likely to occur.

The directors are of the view that impairment losses are unlikely between the date of this report and the date of adoption of A-IFRS.

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**6. Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to IFRS (continued)**

**v) Brandnames**

Identifiable intangibles with indefinite useful lives such as brandnames must be tested for impairment each year. The intangible must be allocated to individual cash generating units (or groups of cash generating units) and tested for impairment at that level. If the intangible has an indefinite useful life then it must not be amortised. The change in policy will impact the profit and loss to the extent that impairment losses are likely to occur.

The directors are of the view that impairment losses are unlikely between the date of this report and the date of adoption of A-IFRS.

Board of Directors  
Wridgways Australia Limited  
93 Heatherdale Road  
RINGWOOD VIC 3134

10 February 2005

Dear Board Members

### **Wridgways Australia Limited**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Wridgways Australia Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial statements of Wridgways Australia Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2004, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours sincerely



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Chartered Accountants