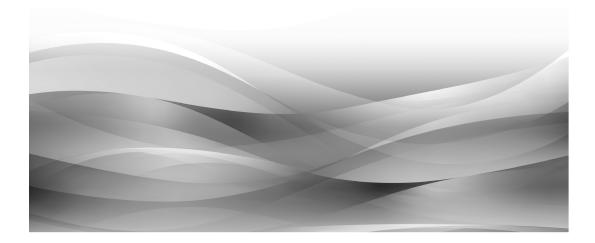




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## **Appendix 4D**

Name of Entity ABN Period Ended Previous Corresponding Reporting Period

3Q Holdings Limited42 089 058 29331 December 20116 months to 31 December 2010

#### 1 Results for announcement to the market

	Half-Year Result		Increase (Decrease)	
-	2011	2010	%	\$
Revenue and other income from ordinary activities	11,486,803	11,881,099	-3%	(394,296)
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	1,178,884	1,233,452	-4%	(54,568)
Net profit for the period attributable to members	1,178,884	1,233,452	-4%	(54,568)

#### Brief explanation of results

The Company achieved an excellent result in the half year in a challenging retail environment, effectively maintaining revenue and profitability, continuing to sign quality customers, reducing debt, and further strengthening its intellectual property portfolio:

- In the more strategic country operations such as the US and UK, revenues increased over the period, a testament to the ongoing success of our products in the market. The small overall decrease in revenue and profitability compared to the previous period was due to the continued strengthening of the Australian dollar, as those currencies were converted back to AUD.
- The ongoing success of the operations and cash generating ability allowed the Company to continue to pay down debt, with the result that gearing is currently at historically low levels of less than 1x EBITDA. This gearing level once again gives the Company scope to consider appropriate acquisitions with debt funding, in addition to the use of other potential sources of capital.
- In the period, some excellent customer wins (including Kitsons in the US, Top Shop in Australia, and Whitcoulls in New Zealand) continued to show that the Company's products and services appeal to leading brand names and companies around the world.
- The Company also took the opportunity to invest further in its core technology, with a number of major development projects now well underway. Notably, the Company's mobile and internet fulfilment products have already been deployed with customers in Australia, Asia, and a 100 site customer in the United Kingdom. Equally satisfying has been the positive response from potential clients at trade shows such as NRF in the US.
- As noted above, to assist with the organic growth opportunities now in front of the Company, and given the favourable debt levels, the Company bolstered its investment in research and development and has been able to invest in new staff and open an office in India. Eventually, cash flow permitting, the Company would like to achieve a spend on research and development of 10% of revenues, which is in line with industry standards.
- The Board continues to review the overall capital structure of the Company, and opportunities to best undertake further expansion and growth of the business. The Board has previously identified that it would pursue a strategy of inorganic expansion in the appropriate circumstances, where targets meet the demanding criteria established by management. With this strategic imperative as background, the ongoing effectiveness of the underlying business and the improving retail sector particularly in the US and UK, the Board anticipates that this calendar year will be an appropriate time to take further action on this front.



No dividends were paid by 3Q Holdings Limited during the reporting period. The directors do not currently intend to declare a dividend in respect of this or the following financial year. The bulk of the free cash in the company is being utilised for debt reduction and investment in future product sets.

#### 2 Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security

	Half - Year Decemb		Half - Year Decemb	
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	(4.56)	cents	(6.22)	cents

#### 3 Joint ventures and associates

3Q Holdings Limited does not have any holdings in either associates or any joint venture entities.

#### 4 3Q Holdings is not a foreign entity

5 The accounts of 3Q Holdings Limited have been reviewed and are not subject to dispute or qualification.

#### 6 Earnings per share

	Half - Year ended 31 December 2011	Half - Year ended 31 December 2010
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	0.711	0.764
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	0.690	0.715

## **Directors' Report**



Your directors submit their report for the half-year ended 31 December 2011.

### **Directors**

The names of the company's directors in office during the half-year and until the date of this report are:

Shaun Rosen (Executive Chairman) Clive Klugman (Executive Director) Alan Treisman (Executive Director) Mark McGeachen (Executive Director) Stephe Wilks (Non-Executive Director)

## **Review and Results of Operation**

I am pleased to present the Half Yearly Report for 3Q Holdings Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2011.

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I am happy to report a solid operating profit for the period.



## **Operating Report and Financial Highlights**

	Dec-11	Dec-10		ercentage ase/(Decrease)
Revenue*	\$11,486,803	\$11,881,099	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-3%
Gross Profit Percentage	89%	86%	1	3%
Underlying EBITDA**	\$2,859,503	\$2,754,928	1	4%
Net Profit After Tax	\$1,178,884	\$1,233,452	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-4%
Earnings per Share	\$0.71	\$0.76	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-7%
Number of Employees	124	109	<b>↑</b>	14%

\*Revenue includes US and UK revenues which represent 61% of the total Group revenue. The average exchange rates used in converting these US and UK revenues into Australian dollars were Aud\$1=US\$0.93 and Aud\$1=£0.60 for the 2010 half-year and Aud\$1=US\$1.04 and Aud\$1=£0.65 for the 2011 half-year.

\*\*Underlying EBITDA excludes foreign exchange gains/losses on foreign denominated bank loan accounts and intercompany trade accounts, and share based expenses.

## **Non-IFRS Information**

#### Underlying EBITDA

Underlying EBITDA is a more realistic and accurate method of determining the operating performance of the group than Net Profit after Tax. In particular, items such as interest, depreciation, foreign exchange gains or losses and options expense, have nothing to do with the operating performance of the group. Most of these items are non-cash items. The effects of movements in exchange rates are significant as can be seen by the \$1.07 million movement in the foreign exchange adjustment between 2010 and 2011, which had a material negative impact on reported earnings (reducing net profit before tax by \$1.07 million). In addition, each country has a different tax regime and tax rates, some countries are in tax loss position while others are not, and hence including tax figures will not show a consistent performance measurement of results of each segment or country.

Reconciliation of underlying EBITDA to Net Profit after Tax

	Dec-11	Dec-10
Underlying EBITDA	2,859,503	2,754,928
Interest received	12,410	741
Depreciation & Amortisation	(920,790)	(947,922)
Foreign exchange adjustment	(261,288)	809,453
Finance costs	(288,515)	(540,807)
Fair value movement on SWAP (loss)/gain	(5,098)	193,288
Share options expenses	(27,309)	(73,191)
Tax expenses	(190,029)	(963,038)
Net Profit after tax	1,178,884	1,233,452

I look forward to 3Q continuing to deliver quality software and services to our existing and future customers, and to deliver ongoing growth in the profitability of the Company, to the benefit of all shareholders.



Auditor's Independence Declaration
The lead auditor's independence declaration under sections 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on
The half-Year
Financial Report
The half-year ended 31 December 2011.

#### Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors

Shaun Rosen, Director Sydney, 28 February 2012





& Business Advisers

### Lead auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of 3Q Holdings Limited and the entities it controlled during the year

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review for the financial half-year ended 31 December 2011 there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit, and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

PKF

Paul Bull Partner

Sydney

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012

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## **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income** For the half-year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	Half-year ended 31 Dec 2011	Half-year ended 31 Dec 2010
		\$1 Dec 2011	\$1 Dec 2010
Revenue	2(a)	11,486,803	11,881,099
Cost of sales		(1,210,015)	(1,634,210)
Gross profit		10,276,788	10,246,889
Other income	2(b)	30,501	1,030,266
Operating expenses		(1,498,755)	(1,801,424)
Employee benefit expenses		(5,936,621)	(5,717,321)
Earnings before tax, finance costs, depreciation, amortization, share based payments and foreign exchange losses		2,871,913	3,758,410
Depreciation		(95,975)	(97,124)
Amortisation of intangibles		(824,815)	(850,798)
Finance costs		(293,613)	(540,807)
Foreign exchange loss on foreign currency denominated loan, intercompany trade accounts &		(264.288)	
other trading accounts Share based payments/expenses		(261,288) (27,309)	- (73,191)
Profit before income tax		1,368,913	2,196,490
		1,000,010	2,100,100
Income tax expense		(190,029)	(963,038)
Profit after income tax for the half-year		1,178,884	1,233,452
Other comprehensive income:		_	
Exchange difference on translating foreign operations (net of tax)		428,564	(1,879,338)
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		1,607,448	(645,886)
Profit attributoble to			
Profit attributable to:		1 170 001	1 222 452
Owners of the parent		1,178,884	1,233,452
Total comprehensive income for the half-year is			
attributable to: Owners of the parent		1,607,448	(645,886)
·			
Earnings per share			
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)		0.711	0.764
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)		0.690	0.715



## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position** As at 31 December 2011

	Note	As at 31 Dec 11 \$	As at 30 June 11 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,790,274	2,456,811
Trade and other receivables		3,348,056	3,954,100
Other assets		533,273	635,001
Inventories		202,258	193,521
Total Current Assets		6,873,861	7,239,433
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment		637,730	486,118
Trade and other receivables		78,200	129,987
Intangible assets		25,049,744	24,248,248
Deferred tax assets		3,220,480	2,937,361
Total Non-current Assets		28,986,154	27,801,715
TOTAL ASSETS	-	35,860,015	35,041,148
LIABILITIES		-	
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	4,829,815	5,385,593
Financial liabilities		2,106,131	2,363,698
Employee benefits		1,243,574	1,072,249
Current tax liabilities		209,566	428,386
Total Current Liabilities		8,389,086	9,249,926
Non-current Liabilities			
Financial liabilities		6,943,772	7,249,770
Trade and other payables	7	-	32,570
Employee benefits		38,428	51,811
Deferred tax liabilities		3,004,402	2,607,501
Total Non-current Liabilities		9,986,602	9,941,651
TOTAL LIABILITIES	İ	18,375,688	19,191,577
NET ASSETS		17,484,327	15,849,570
EQUITY			
Issued capital	4	7,586,837	7,586,837
Reserves	·	(2,318,308)	(2,774,181)
Retained Earnings		12,215,798	11,036,914
TOTAL EQUITY		17,484,327	15,849,570
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# **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows** For the half-year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	Half-year ended 31 Dec 2011	Half-year ended 31 Dec 2010 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		\$	Ψ
Receipts from customers		12,465,024	12,314,031
Payments to suppliers and employees		(9,429,066)	(10,123,803)
Interest received		12,401	745
Interest Paid		(283,279)	(577,834)
Taxation paid		(295,543)	(207,384)
Other income		26,380	35,074
Net cash inflows from operating activities		2,495,917	1,440,830
Cash flows from investing activities			(50,077)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(49,930)	(50,277)
Loans from/to other entities		-	(43,661)
Payment of development costs		(1,102,492)	(644,775)
Payment for other non-current asset		(8,295)	-
Net cash outflows from investing activities		(1,160,717)	(738,714)
Cook flows from financing activities			
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of borrowings		(1,065,991)	(810,602)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities		(1,065,991)	(810,602)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		269,209	(108,486)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the half-year		2,456,811	1,380,369
Exchange rate/translation adjustments		64,254	(159,007)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		2,790,274	1,112,876



## **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity** For the half-year ended 31 December 2011

	Issued Capital	Reserves	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2010	7,335,437	(292,136)	7,786,425	14,829,726
Option expenses	-	62,847	-	62,847
Expiry of options	-	-	-	-
Share issued	11,400	-	-	11,400
Total comprehensive income(loss) for the half year	-	(1,879,338)	1,233,452	(645,886)
Balance at 31 December 2010	7,346,837	(2,108,627)	9,019,877	14,258,087
Balance at 1 July 2011	7,586,837	(2,774,181)	11,036,914	15,849,570
Option expenses	-	27,309		27,309
Expiry of options	-	-	-	-
Share issued	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income(loss) for the year	-	428,564	1,178,884	1,607,448
Balance at 31 December 2011	7,586,837	(2,318,308)	12,215,798	17,484,327



## **1** Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Statement of Compliance**

This general purpose financial report for the interim half-year reporting period Ended 31 December 2011 has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting, and the Corporations Act 2001. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS34.

#### Interim Financial Reporting

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report of 3Q Holdings Limited for the year ended 30 June 2011, and any other public announcements made by the company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the accounting entities in the consolidated group and are consistent with those in the 30 June 2011 financial report.

These accounting policies are consistent with the Australian Accounting standards and with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

This interim financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical cost. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise stated.

#### Current assets and current liabilities

Whilst the current liabilities exceed the current assets by \$1,515,225, a major component of the current liabilities is prepaid maintenance, deferred revenue and staff leave entitlements of \$4,569,938 which is not expected to be paid in cash. Removing this amount would yield a positive net current asset position of \$3,054,713.

### 2 Revenues

	Half-year ended 31 Dec 2011 \$	Half-year ended 31 Dec 2010 \$
(a) Revenues	-	
Sales of goods/hardware	533,696	942,058
Rendering of services	4,342,141	4,107,842
Maintenance fees	4,573,998	4,908,613
Licence fees	1,905,245	1,752,127
Other revenue	131,723	170,458
	11,486,803	11,881,099
(b) Other income		
Interest income	12,410	741
Other income	18,091	26,783
Foreign exchange gain on foreign currency denominated loan, intercompany trade accounts and other		
trading accounts SWAP valuation	-	809,453 193,288
	30,501	1,030,266

## **Financial Report** 31 December 2011

#### 3 **Dividends Paid and Proposed**

There are no dividends payable or receivable at reporting date.

#### **Issued Capital** 4

	Consolidated Group		
June 2011	Number	Ŷ	
(a) Ordinary shares			
Fully paid	165,826,542	7,586,837	
Partially paid	-		
	165,826,542	7,586,837	
(b) Movements in ordinary share on issue			
Balance at the beginning of the year	161,076,542	7,335,437	
Shares issued as part of a share purchase plan	4,000,000	240,000	
Shares issued to senior managers	750,000	11,400	
Balance at the end of the year	165,826,542	7,586,837	
December 2011			
(a) Ordinary shares			
Fully paid	165,826,542	7,586,837	
Partially paid	-		
	165,826,542	7,586,837	
(b) Movements in ordinary share on issue	405 000 540	7 600 007	
Balance at the beginning of the year	165,826,542	7,586,837	
Shares issued to directors and senior managers	-	-	
Balance at the end of the year	165,826,542	7,586,837	

## 5 Contingent Assets and Liabilities There are no contingent assets or liabilities at the reporting date.

## 6 Events subsequent to the reporting date There have been no material events after the reporting date.

#### Trade and other payables 7

Current	As At 31 Dec 2011 \$	As At 30 June 2011 \$
Trade payables	988,332	1,262,051
Deferred revenue	3,326,364	3,524,656
Other payables	336,353	406,997
Payable to related party	178,766	191,889
	4,829,815	5,385,593



Trade and other payables continued

	As At	As At
	31 Dec 2011	30 June 2011
	\$	\$
Non-current		
Other payable	-	32,570
	-	32,570
Total	4,829,815	5,418,163

## 8 Segment Information

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Board of Directors that are used to make strategic decisions. The Board of Directors considers the business from a product perspective and has identified 4 reportable segments. The operating segments identified comprise of individual businesses acquired by 3Q. All segments operate in the Retail technology industry providing IT software and services. The 3Q business is not considered to be a reportable segment.

	IPA	US	IPST (formerl		IP (UK, U	S & India)	Advanc	eRetail	То	tal
	Half-year ended 31 Dec									
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue	2,150,119 80.877	2,575,589 20.321	697,023	673,114	6,346,702 262.733	5,960,291 384,035	2,292,959 399.723	2,672,106 465.292	11,486,803	11,881,099 869.648
Interest revenue	370	122	_	-	80	4	537	500	987	626
Total segment revenue	2,231,366	2,596,031	697,023	673,114	6,609,515	6,344,330	2,693,219	3,137,898	12,231,123	12,751,373
Adjusted EBITDA	306,658	382,136	276,407	140,769	1,278,090	1,236,008	503,434	578,879	2,364,589	2,337,792
Depreciation & amortisation Income tax	47,537	60,741	3,811	6,938	458,350	467,085	141,942	144,045	651,640	678,809
expenses	11,503	54,996	-	-	199,990	50,207	110,782	419,649	322,276	524,852
Interest expenses	2,474	2,654	-	-	18,221	38,661	1,779	17	22,473	41,332
Total segment assets Segment non- current assets, other than financial assets & deferred	6,063,857	5,359,720	1,370,374	864,763	19,729,100	18,965,734	6,915,117	7,155,012	34,078,448	32,345,229
tax	1,848,709	991,418	2,135	1,112	12,803,623	12,156,671	5,413,591	5,490,155	20,068,058	18,639,357
Total segment liabilities	1,422,182	1,160,148	187,544	151,572	16,784,624	17,208,847	4,803,040	4,570,117	23,197,390	23,090,684

#### Reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to reported group EBITDA

The Board of Directors assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of adjusted EBITDA. This measurement basis excludes the effects of non-recurring expenditure from the operating segments such as goodwill impairment when the impairment is the result of an isolated nonrecurring event. Furthermore, the measure excludes the effects of equity-settled share-based payments and unrealised gains/losses on financial instruments as well as gains and losses on Intercompany trading accounts.



	Consolidation		
	31 Dec         31 Dec           2011         2010		
	\$	\$	
Adjusted EBITDA	2,364,589	2,337,792	
3Q's operating expenses	(633,779)	(583,609)	
Intersegment elimination	1,128,693	1,000,745	
Total Group Adjusted EBITDA	2,859,503	2,754,928	

Reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to operating profit before income tax

	Consolidation		
	31 Dec 2011	31 Dec 2010	
	\$	\$	
Adjusted EBITDA	2,364,589	2,337,792	
Depreciation	(920,790)	(947,922)	
Interest received, foreign exchange gains /(loss) & Swap valuation	(248,878)	1,003,482	
Finance costs	(293,613)	(540,807)	
Share based payments/expenses	(27,309)	(73,191)	
3Q's operation expenses	(633,779)	(583,609)	
Intersegment elimination	1,128,693	1,000,745	
Profit before income tax	1,368,913	2,196,490	

#### Reconciliation of Revenue from external customer to reported group revenue

Sales between segments are carried out at arms-length. The revenue from external parties reported to the Board of Directors is measured in a manner consistent with that in the income statement.

Revenues from external customers are derived from the sale of services, software, maintenance and hardware.

	Consolidation		
	31 Dec         31 De           2011         2010		
	\$	\$	
Revenue from external customers	11,486,803	11,881,099	
3Q's revenue from external customers	-	-	
Total group revenue	11,486,803	11,881,099	

#### Reconciliation of segment assets to reported group assets

The amounts provided to the Board of Directors with respect to the total assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial statements. These assets are allocated based on the operations of the segment and the physical location of the asset.

	Consolidation		
	31 Dec         31 Dec           2011         2010		
	\$	\$	
Segment assets	34,078,448	32,345,229	
3Q's assets	39,277,516	39,057,696	
Intersegment elimination	(37,495,949)	(37,417,577)	
Total group assets	35,860,015	33,985,348	



#### Reconciliation of segment non-current assets to reported group non-current assets

	Consolidation		
	31 Dec 2011	31 Dec 2010	
	\$	\$	
Segment non-current assets, other than financial assets & deferred tax	20,068,058	18,639,357	
3Q's non-current assets	2,577,955	3,116,256	
Intersegment elimination	3,119,661	3,119,661	
Unallocated:			
- Deferred tax assets	3,220,480	2,446,691	
Total group non-current assets	28,986,154	27,321,965	

Reconciliation of segment liabilities to reported group liabilities

	Consolidation		
	31 Dec 2011	31 Dec 2010	
	\$	\$	
Segment liabilities	23,197,390	23,090,684	
3Q's liabilities	12,153,747	13,357,024	
Intersegment elimination	(16,975,449)	(16,720,446)	
Total group liabilities	18,375,688	19,727,262	

## 9 Company Details

**Registered Office** 

Level 14, Tower 2, 500 Oxford Street Bondi Junction NSW 2022 Australia

## **Directors' Declaration**



In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting', the Corporate Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 303(5) of the *Corporations Act* 2001.

On behalf of the directors,

Shaun Rosen Director

Sydney, 28 February 2012

**Auditor's Independent Review Report** 





Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF 3Q HOLDINGS LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

#### **Report on the Half-Year Financial Report**

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated half-year financial report of 3Q Holdings Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity comprises 3Q Holdings Limited and the entities it controlled at 31 December 2011 or from time to time during the half-year ended on that date.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of 3Q Holdings Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001.* 

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#### Conclusion

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 the consolidated entity is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and Corporations Regulations 2001.

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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012