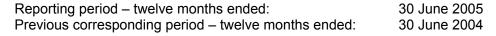
Appendix 4E: Preliminary Final Report 1.

1.1 Company details and reporting period

A.B.C. Learning Centres Ltd ABN 93 079 736 664





1.2 Results for announcement to the market

Revenues from ordinary activities	up	203.6%	to	\$m 292,700
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	up	144.9%	to	52,337
Net profit attributable to members	up	144.9%	to	52,337

Dividends – current year	Amount per security Cents
Final Dividend – 2005, fully franked at 30% Payable 15 September 2005	6.0
Interim Dividend – 2005, fully franked at 30% Paid 1 April 2005	5.0

Dividends – previous year	Amount per security Cents
Final Dividend – 2004, fully franked at 30% Payable 15 October 2004	5.5
Interim Dividend – 2004, fully franked at 30% Paid 2 April 2004	4.5

Record date for determining entitlements for the final dividend	7 September 2005

Net Tangible Assets	2005 Cents	2004 Cents
Net tangible assets per share	(39.1)	(29.4)

1.3 **Compliance Statement**

This report is based on financial accounts that are in the process of being audited by our external auditors.



29th August 2005

COMMENTARY ON RESULTS



A.B.C Learning Centres Ltd (ABC) today announced an operating profit after tax of \$52.3 million for the year ending 30 June 2005. The adjusted operating profit after tax of \$37.8 million (adjusting for a once off \$14.5 million capital gain relating to the sale of 8.2 million shares ABC held in itself following the acquisition of Child Care Centres Australia Ltd (CCA) in December 2004) is an increase of 77% over the previous corresponding period.

ABC has **upgraded** its 2006 forecast for operating profit after tax to \$88.0 million from the forecast of \$77.6 million outlined in the Scheme Booklet in relation to the merger by scheme of arrangement between CCA and ABC (Scheme Booklet). The increase of approximately \$10 million will result from ABC optimising its existing centres and continuing to acquire additional centres following the successful merger.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

12 months ended 30 June	2004	2005				
		Reported	Adjustments	Pro forma	Change	Scheme forecast
Revenue	\$81.5m	\$292.7m	-\$123.5m ¹	\$169.2m	107.6%	
EBITDA	\$34.6m	\$84.7m	-\$14.5m	\$70.2m	102.9%	\$68.2m
Operating profit before tax	\$27.7m	\$68.1m	-\$14.5m	\$53.6m	93.5%	\$51.0m
Operating Profit after tax (pre-goodwill)	\$21.4m	\$57.1m	-\$14.5m	\$42.6m	99.1%	\$40.4m
Operating Profit after tax	\$21.4m	\$52.3m	-\$14.5m	\$37.8m	76.6%	\$34.5m
Diluted earnings per share – adjusted ²	16.2 cents	20.4 cents			25.9%	
Final Dividend - fully franked	5.5 cents	6.0 cents			9.1%	
Full Year Dividend – fully franked	10.0 cents	11.0 cents			10.0%	
No. of childcare centres	327	660			101.8%	

¹ Comprises \$69.0 million of CCA and Peppercorn Investment Fund (PIV) wage costs, \$44.7 million of revenue on sale of ABC shares and \$9.8 million cost of land and licenses sold

² Excludes goodwill amortisation and capital gain on sale of shares

DIVIDEND

The Directors are pleased to declare a final dividend of 6.0 cents per share, fully franked, making a total dividend of 11.0 cents fully franked for the year.

This dividend payment is in line with ABC's historic dividend payments.

ABC's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) will be available for use by shareholders for this dividend payment. Shares issued under the DRP will be issued at a 2.5% discount to the volume weighted average trading price for the five ASX trading days preceding and including the record date of 7 September 2005.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting will be held as follows:

Place: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Date: Wednesday 23rd November, 2005.

Time: 12:00pm



A.B.C. LEARNING CENTRES LIMITED ABN 93 079 736 664 AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2005

	Note	Economi	c Entity	Parent Entity	
		2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Current Assets					
Cash assets	6	45,560	2,313	34,189	696
Receivables Other financial assets	7 8	31,327 3,649	13,555 983	7,454 500	2,506
Inventory	9	4,226	903	-	-
Other assets	10	18,484	22,572	491	803
Total Current Assets		103,246	39,423	42,634	4,005
Non-Current Assets					
Receivables	7	414	267	51,544	-
Other financial assets	8 12	32,696 82,714	1,670 35,762	808,970 702	256,583 751
Property, plant and equipment Childcare licences	13	772,697	235,762	702	751
Intangible assets	14	170,843	1,072	-	-
Deferred tax assets	15	2,849	113	2,811	95
Total Non-Current Assets		1,062,213	274,630	864,027	257,429
Total Assets		1,165,459	314,053	906,661	261,434
Current Liabilities					
Payables	16	52,214	4,605	129	35
Interest bearing liabilities Current tax liabilities	17	4,456 3,061	19,671	2.064	151
Provisions	18 19	6,079	1,954 246	2,964 -	1,642 -
Total Current Liabilities		65,810	26,476	3,093	1,828
Non-Current Liabilities					
Interest bearing liabilities	17	195,665	83,353	160,400	80,500
Non-current tax liabilities	18	57,539	1,664	54,489	1,664
Provisions	19	911	1_		
Total Non-Current Liabilities		254,115	85,018	214,889	82,164
Total Liabilities		319,925	111,494	217,982	83,992
Net Assets		845,534	202,559	688,679	177,442
Equity					
Contributed equity	20	676,935	174,009	676,935	174,009
Reserves	21	114,033	3,871	1,682	79
Retained profits	22	54,566	24,679	10,062	3,354
Total Equity	23	845,534	202,559	688,679	177,442

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Revenues from ordinary activities	1	292,700	96,421	37,121	19,023
Changes in inventory of finished goods		(1,622)	-	-	-
Employee benefits expense		(76,890)	(7,067)	(592)	(171)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(10,114)	(1,927)	(48)	(44)
Borrowing costs expense		(6,478)	(5,032)	(4,662)	(4,717)
Rental and other property expenses		(56,633)	(23,961)	-	-
Children's catering and other expenses		(8,357)	(4,577)	-	-
Advertising and promotional expenses		(1,350)	(1,056)	-	-
Hire of plant and equipment		(1,019)	(578)	-	-
Insurances		(2,918)	(1,169)	(74)	-
Communication expenses		(2,451)	(1,024)	-	-
Travel		(2,175)	(828)	(4)	(5)
Carrying amount of properties/licenses sold		(9,768)	(14,870)	-	-
Carrying amount of investments sold		(30,255)	-	(909)	-
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(14,543)	(6,605)	(513)	(560)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	2	68,127	27,727	30,319	13,526
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	3	(15,790)	(6,359)	(1,161)	(683)
Profit from ordinary activities after related income tax expense	22	52,337	21,368	29,158	12,843
Net profit		52,337	21,368	29,158	12,843
Increase in reserves recognised directly in equity	21	110,162	387	1,603	
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners	23	162,499	21,755	30,761	12,843
		Cents	Cents		
Basic earnings per share	5	25.7	17.5		
Diluted earnings per share	5	25.5	16.2		

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NI - 4 -	Econom	ic Entity	Parent	Entity
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Cash Flows From Operating Activities Receipts from customers		236,933	94,298	(162)	277
Payments to suppliers and employees Distributions received		(165,061) -	(63,670)	(683) -	(1,548) -
Interest received Borrowing costs paid		2,354 (6,478)	1,120 (5,032)	1,910 (4,662)	994 (4,717)
Income tax paid		(21,030)	(6,856)	(6,151)	(190)
Net operating cash flows	26(a)	46,718	19,860	(9,748)	(5,184)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities Proceeds from sale of property, plant					
and equipment Purchase of property, plant and		13,546	6,913	-	-
equipment		(66,034)	(52,028)	-	-
Purchase of childcare licences		(193,066)	(105,478)	-	-
Purchase of investments Payment for subsidiary, net of cash		(3,020)	(1,757)	(2,737)	(957)
acquired		(243,888)	-	(247,994)	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		44,485	265	862	-
Loans made to related parties		9	(37)	(155,810)	(114,244)
Loans made to other parties Repayment of loans from related		(6,183)	(537)	(3,185)	-
parties		(13)	581	-	-
Other		199	(80)		
Net investing cash flows		(453,965)	(152,158)	(408,864)	(115,201)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities					
Proceeds from issue of shares		408,742	104,668	408,742	105,653
Share issue costs		(15,091)	(3,163)	(15,091)	(3,163)
Proceeds from borrowings		114,490	44,492	79,900	33,000
Repayment of borrowings		(33,873)	(7,650)	-	(6,803)
Dividends paid by parent entity		(21,296)	(11,043)	(21,295)	(11,043)
Net financing cash flows		452,972	127,304	452,256	117,644
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		45,725	(4,994)	33,644	(2,741)
Cash at beginning of the year		(1,588)	3,368	545	3,286
Currency adjustments		(6)	38		
Cash at end of the year	6	44,131	(1,588)	34,189	545

		Economi	ic Entity	Parent l	Entity
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 1: Revenue					
Operating activities:					
Services revenue		230,621	77,936	- 45	- 45
Rental revenue Proceeds on sale of properties	1(c)	431 14,494	17,365	45 -	45 -
r recode on date of properties	1(0)	245,546	95,301	45	45
Non-operating activities:			<u> </u>		
Dividends received	1(a)	4	-	22,958	11,200
Interest received	1(b)	2,354	1,120	13,166	7,725
Other revenue Proceeds on sale of investments	1(c)	- 44,796	-	2 950	53
1 1000000 off ballo of investments	1(0)	47,154	1,120	37,076	18,978
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities		292,700	96,421	37,121	19,023
Total Neverlue IIOIII Ordinary Activities			90,421		19,023
(a) Dividends revenue from: Controlled entities				22,958	11,200
Other		4	-	22,956	11,200
		4		22,958	11,200
(b) Interest revenue from:					
Controlled entities		-	-	11,256	6,728
Other persons		2,354	1,120	1,910	997
Total Interest Revenue		2,354	1,120	13,166	7,725
(c) Net proceeds from sale of properties	and				
childcare licenses: Consideration on disposal of propertie	ac and				
childcare licenses	s anu	14,494	17,365	_	_
Carrying amount of properties and ch	nildcare				
licenses sold		(9,768)	(14,870)		
Net Proceeds on Sale of Properties		4,726	2,495		
Net proceeds from sale of Investment		44.700		050	_
Consideration on disposal of investme Carrying amount of investments sold	ent	44,796 (30,255)	-	950 (909)	-
Net Proceeds on Sale of Investments		14,541		41	
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	Nata	Economi	c Entity	Parent Entity		
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	
Note 2: Profit From Ordinary Activities		4000	4000	*****	4000	
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after						
(a) Expenses						
Borrowing costs: Other persons		6,478	5,032	4,662	4,717	
Total Borrowing Costs		6,478	5,032	4,662	4,717	
Depreciation of non-current assets: Buildings Plant and equipment Leased plant and equipment Total Depreciation		48 5,234 5,282	47 1,874 1,921	48 48	44	
Amortisation of non-current assets: Intangibles		4,832	6			
Total Amortisation		4,832	6			
(b) Revenue and Net Gains						
Net gain on disposal of non-current assets: Property, plant and equipment		4,726	2,495			
Note 3: Income Tax Expense						
(a) The prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities before tax is reconciled to the income tax as follows: Prima facie tax payable on profit from ordinary activities before tax at 30% Add/(Deduct):		20,438	8,318	9,096	4,058	
Tax effect of: Other non-allowable (deductible) items Income tax losses		1,202	(165) (937)	73	198	
Gross up dividend Non assessable Capital Gains Depreciation and amortisation Capital Raising Costs Adjustment to prior year tax		(4,952) 568 (1,156) (310)	(360)	(6,887) - - (1,156) 35	(3,360) - - (360)	
Income tax expense adjusted for permanent differences Net adjustment to opening balances of		15,790	6,856	1,161	536	
future income tax benefit and deferred income tax			(497)		147	
Income tax expense attributable to profit from ordinary activities before income tax		15,790	6,359	1,161	683	

Note	Econom	nic Entity	Paren	t Entity
Note	2005 ©	2004 ©	2005 \$	2004
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Note 3: Income Tax Expense (continued)

During the year ended 30 June 2004, ABC Learning Centres Limited elected to consolidate its Australian subsidiaries under the Australian tax consolidation regime. As a consequence of the acquisition of Peppercorn Management Group Ltd and Child Care Centres Australia Ltd in December 2004, the group has reset the tax cost base of certain capital assets as required by the tax consolidation regime. This has resulted in a tax benefit of \$4,952,484 in the year ended 30 June 2005. Further benefits will be realised in future years should further capital assets be sold.

Note 4: Dividends

Note 4: Dividends				
Final fully franked ordinary dividend of 5.5 (2004: 4) cents per share for the 2004 year franked at the rate of 30%	6,427	4,065	6,427	4,065
Interim fully franked ordinary dividend of 5 (2004: 4.5) cents per share franked at the rate of 30%	12,479	5,200	12,479	5,200
Interim fully franked redeemable converting preference share ("RCPS") dividend of 16.9212 cents per share franked at the rate of 30%	2,031	2,031	2,031	2,031
RCPS dividend treated as debt	(254)	(253)	(254)	(253)
Final fully franked redeemable converting preference share ("RCPS") dividend of 16.8288 cents per share franked at the rate of 30%	2,019		2,019	
Tale of 30 %	2,019	-	2,019	-
RCPS dividend treated as debt	(252)	-	(252)	-
	22,450	11,043	22,450	11,043
(a) Proposed final fully franked ordinary dividend of 6 (2004: 5.5) cents per share franked at the rate of 30%	15,020	6,427	15,020	6,415
(b) Balance of franking account at year end adjusted for franking credits arising from payment of provision for income tax and dividends recognised as receivables, franking debits arising from payment of proposed dividends and franking credits that may be prevented from distribution in subsequent financial years	10,453	7,108	10,453	929
Subsequent inianicial years				

Nata	Economi	c Entity
Note	2005 \$	2004
Note 5: Earnings Per Share	Ą	\$
(a) Reconciliation of earnings to net profit:		
Net profit	52,337	21,368
RCPS dividend	(4,050)	(1,778)
After tax	48,287	19,590
- RCPS interest on debt component	354	177
- Notional earnings	-	100
Earnings used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	48,641	19,867
(b) Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in the calculation of basic EPS	189,436,141	111,954,777
Weighted average number of options outstanding	1,025,017	3,434,845
Weighted average number of RCPS on issue	-	6,950,820
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in the calculation of dilutive EPS	190,461,158	122,340,442
(c) Classification of securities The following securities have been classified as potential ordinary shares and are included in determination of dilutive EPS:		
- Options outstanding (Note 20(c))		
- RCPS (Note 20(b))		
(d) Reconciliation of adjusted earnings to net profit:		
Net profit	52,337	
RCPS dividend	(4,050)	
After tax	48,287	
- RCPS interest on debt component	354	
- Notional earnings	-	
- Amortisation	4,832	
 Capital gain on disposal of A.B.C. Leaning Centres Ltd shares acquired upon Peppercorn Management Group acquisition Earnings used in the calculation of basic earnings per share 	(14,541) 38,932	
Adjusted Basic Earnings Per Share Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share	Cents 20.6 20.4	

Note	Econom	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
Note 6: Cash Assets	2005 \$	2004 \$	2005 \$	2004 \$	
Cash at bank Deposits at call Reconciliation of Cash	45,458 102 45,560	2,219 94 2,313	34,087 102 34,189	602 94 696	
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:	3				
Cash on hand and at bank Deposits at call Bank overdrafts	45,458 102 (1,429) 44,131	2,219 94 (3,901) (1,588)	34,087 102 - 34,189	602 94 (151) 545	
Note 7: Receivables					
Current					
Trade debtors Other debtors Other debtors – property settlements Deposits Tax related receivable	14,368 9,117 7,410 432 	167 1,130 12,157 101 13,555	- 43 - - - 7,411 7,454	(27) - - 2,533 2,506	
Non-Current			7,404		
Rental bonds Tax Related Receivable	414	267 	51,544		
	414	267	51,544		

	Nata	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 8: Other Financial Assets					
Current					
Unsecured loans: Controlled entities Associated entities Director related entities Secured loans: Other persons		- - 165 3,484	324 174 485	- - - 500	- - -
		3,649	983	500	
Non-Current					
Unsecured loans: Controlled entities Other entities Shares in controlled entities		2,760 -	- - -	415,398 - 386,547	225,329 - 30,434
Listed investments		6,242	957	4,340	957
Provision for diminution in market value of listed investments Total Listed Investments Unlisted investments, at cost:		(1,602) 4,640	(137) 820	4,340	(137) 820
Units in property trust Other investments Centre Development Costs		600 2,119 22,577	600 250 	2,685 	- - -
		32,696	1,670	808,970	256,583
Note 9: Inventory					
Current					
Finished Goods – Held for resale (refer note11(b)(f))		4,226	-	-	-
(Telel Hote FT(D)(I))		4,226	-	-	-
Note 10: Other Assets					
Current					
Prepayments Land and buildings held for on-sale Deposits on land and buildings held for		12,124 6,360 -	2,851 17,121 2,600	491 - -	803 - -
resale		18,484	22,572	491	803

Note 11: Controlled Entities

(a) Controlled entities

(a) Controlled entities	Country of Incorporation	Percentaç (%	ge Owned %)
	_	2005	2004
Parent Entity:			
A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited	Australia	-	-
Controlled Entities:			
A.B.C. Developmental Learning Centres Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
A.B.C. Early Childhood Training College Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Corporate Care Australia Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Premier Learning Centres Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
ACN 097 028 923 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
ABC Developmental Learning Centres (NZ) Limited	New Zealand	100	100
A.B.C. Education Services Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
A.B.C. Land Holdings Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
A.B.C. New Ideas Pty Ltd (a)	Australia	100	-
A.B.C. Land Holdings (NZ) Ltd (b)	New Zealand	100	_
		100	-
DPPA Pty Ltd (c)	Australia	100	-
FutureOne Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
- ACN 089 836 180 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
- Brighter Future Family Services Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
- Interlink Education Systems Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
- ACN 084 147 446 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
- ACN 084 147 393 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Child Care Centres Australia Ltd (d)	Australia	100	_
- Highland Park Child Care Centre Pty Ltd	Australia	100	_
- Kiddies Place Childcare Pty Ltd	Australia	100	_
- Australian Montessori Education Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
Peppercorn Management Group Ltd (e)	Australia	100	_
- PMG Corporate Pty Ltd	Australia	100	_
- Peppercorn Holdings No 1 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	_
- Peppercorn Holdings No 2 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	
	Australia		-
- Peppercorn Holdings No 3 Pty Ltd		100	-
- Peppercorn Holdings No 4 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
- Peppercorn Holdings No 5 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
- Peppercorn Holdings No 6 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
- Peppercorn Holdings No 7 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
- Peppercorn Holdings No 8 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
- PMG Corporate NZ Ltd	New Zealand	100	-
Judius Pty Ltd (f)	Australia	100	_
- Chosen Products Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
- Judius NZ Ltd	New Zealand	100	_

Note 11: Controlled Entities (Continued)

(b) Acquisitions of Controlled Entities

- (a) On 16 December 2004, the parent entity arranged for the incorporation of a wholly owned subsidiary, A.B.C New Ideas Pty Ltd. One ordinary share was issued for a total consideration of \$1. The company commenced operations during the period ended 30 June 2005.
- (b) On 17 August 2004, the parent entity arranged for the incorporation of a wholly owned subsidiary, A.B.C Land Holdings (NZ) Ltd. One ordinary share was issued for a total consideration of \$1. The company commenced operations during the period ended 30 June 2005.
- (c) On 14 June 2005, the parent entity arranged for the incorporation of a wholly owned subsidiary, DPPA Pty Ltd. One ordinary share was issued for a total consideration of \$1. The company commenced operations during the period ended 30 June 2005.
- (d) On the 9th of December 2004 ABC Learning Centres Limited acquired 100% of Childcare Centres Australia Limited and its controlled entities for \$108,119,984. The operating results of this newly controlled economic entity have been included in the consolidated statement of financial performance since the date of acquisition

Details of the acquisition are as follows:

Fair Value of identifiable net assets of controlled entity acquired	\$'000
Cash	5,417
Debtors	2,964
Deposits	427
Prepayments	5,753
Investments	1,903
Childcare Licences	126,529
Property Plant & Equipment	4,362
Other assets	120
Future Income Tax Benefits	1,769
Unearned Income	(2,038)
Accruals & Creditors	(4,091)
Provisions (Operating)	(4,727)
Bank Debt Facilities	(23,965)
Provision for restructuring	(435)
Cash & Share Consideration	113,988

Note 11: Controlled Entities (Continued)

(a) Acquisitions of Controlled Entities (continued)

(e) On the 9th of December 2004 ABC Learning Centres Limited acquired 100% of Peppercorn Management Group Limited and its controlled entities for \$235,617,998. The operating results of this newly controlled economic entity have been included in the consolidated statement of financial performance since the date of acquisition.

Details of the acquisition are as follows:
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Fair Value of identifiable net assets of controlled entity acquired	\$'000
Cash	3,844
Debtors	2,176
Accrued Income & Deposits	3,163
Investments	80,353
Prepayments	551
Property Plant & Equipment	1,934
Future Income Tax Benefit	2,637
Other Assets	1,019
Unearned Income	(2,949)
Accruals & Creditors	(4,662)
Provisions (Operating)	(5,361)
Bank Debt Facilities	(10,445)
Provision for restructuring	(2,143)
	70,117
Goodwill on Consolidation	172,009
Cash Consideration	242,126

Note 11: Controlled Entities (Continued)

(b) Acquisitions of Controlled Entities (continued)

(f) On the 4th March 2005 ABC Developmental Learning Centres Pty Ltd acquired 100% of the issued capital of Judius Pty Ltd and its controlled entities for \$5,003,399. The operating results of this newly controlled economic entity have been included in the consolidated statement of financial performance since the date of acquisition.

This company is an importer and wholesaler of early childhood educational toys. Its market sector ranges from childcare centres to primary schools and retail outlets.

Details of the acquisition are as follows:
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Fair Value of identifiable net assets of controlled entity acquired	\$'000
Cash	1
Bank Overdraft	(153)
Debtors	1,342
Inventory	4,025
Prepayments	437
Property Plant & Equipment	271
Future Income Tax Benefit	211
Accruals & Creditors	(2,147)
Bank Debt Facilities	(1,018)
Provisions (Operating)	(673)
Provision for restructuring	(295)
	2,001
Goodwill on Consolidation	3,002
Cash Consideration	5,003

	Economic Entity		Parent Entity		
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 12: Property, Plant and Equipment	:				
Freehold land at: - Cost		96	94		
Total Land		96	94		<u>-</u>
Buildings at:					
- Directors' valuation - Cost		965 214	965 273	965	965
Less accumulated depreciation		(271)	(223)	(263)	(214)
Total Buildings		908	1,015	702	751
Total Land and Buildings		1,004	1,109	702	751
Leasehold improvements at:					
- Cost Less accumulated amortisation		1,981 (157)	389 (45)	-	-
2000 doddffidiated differ to diterior		1,824	344		
Property improvements at:					
- Cost		52,876	19,215	-	-
Less accumulated amortisation		(3,276)	(1,097)		
		49,600	18,118		
Plant and equipment at:		00.400	40.040		
- Cost Less accumulated depreciation		38,129 (7,843)	19,019 (2,828)	-	-
		30,286	16,191		
Leased plant and equipment:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Capitalised leased assets		-	-	-	-
Less accumulated depreciation					
Total Plant and Equipment		81,710	34,653		
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		82,714	35,762	702	751
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		Econom	ic Entity	Parent	Entity
Note 13: Childcare Licences	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Childcare licences at directors' valuation					
Balance at beginning of year		235,746	119,819	-	-
Additions		371,100	115,427	-	-
Revaluation increments		165,851	500	-	-
Carrying amount at end of year		772,697	235,746	-	

The Discounted Future Cash Flow (DFC) method has been applied to value the company's childcare licenses. This method calculates the value of each childcare licence by adding all its future net cash flows discounted to their present value at an appropriate discount rate.

In assessing the appropriate discount rate for the childcare licences the directors' have taken into account the following:-

- (a) the company's weighted average cost of capital;
- (b) the entity's incremental borrowing rate; and
- (c) other market borrowing rates.

The directors' valuation of childcare licences has previously been based on each licences' future maintainable earnings.

Note 14: Intangibles

Childcare and education systems, at cost Accumulated amortisation	671 (21) 650	1,079 (7) 1,072	- - -	- - -
Goodwill on consolidation Accumulated amortisation	175,011 (4,818) 170,193			- - -
Balance at 30 June 2005	170,843	1,072		-
Note 15: Deferred Tax Assets				
Future income tax benefit The future income tax benefit is made up of the following estimated tax benefits:	2,849	113	2,811	95
tax lossestiming differences	2,849	113	- 2,811	95
Ç	2,849	113	2,811	95
Note 16: Payables				
Current Unsecured liabilities: Trade creditors Sundry creditors and accrued expenses	5,431 46,783	1,981 2,611	27 102	10 25
Director related entities		13		
	52,214	4,605	129	35

	Note	Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 17: Interest Bearing Liabilities		•	·	·	·
Current Secured Liabilities:					
Bank overdraft Bank loan Hire purchase loans		1,429 1,000 2,027	3,901 15,000 770	- - -	151 - -
Time parenase leans		4,456	19,671		151
Non-Current Unsecured Liabilities:					
RCPS – Debt Component		7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
		7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Secured Liabilities: Bank loans Hire purchase loans		184,020 4,145	73,000 2,853	152,900	73,000
		188,165	75,853	152,900	73,000
		195,665	83,353	160,400	80,500
Note 18: Tax Liabilities					
Comment					
Current Income tax Withholding tax		3,061	1,967 (13)	2,964	1,652 (10)
		3,061	1,954	2,964	1,642
Non-Current Deferred income tax		57,539	1,664	54,489	1,664
Note 19: Provisions					
Current Employee entitlements Restructuring Costs		4,907 1,172	246	<u>-</u>	- -
		6,079	246	-	
Non-Current Employee entitlements		911	1		

Note	Econom	nic Entity	Parent	Entity
Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 20: Contributed Equity				
250,344,916 (2004:116,428,216) fully	626,328	123,402	626,328	123,402
paid ordinary shares 12,000,000 (2004: 12,000,000) redeemable converting preference shares	50,607	50,607	50,607	50,607
	676,935	174,009	676,935	174,009
(a) Ordinary Shares				
At the beginning of the reporting period	123,402	71,310	123,402	71,310
Shares issued during the year (refer to (1) to (10) below):				
- Share placements	400,031	40,200	400,031	40,200
- Scheme of Arrangement	108,120	, -	108,120	, -
- On exercise of options	8,211	4,325	8,211	4,325
- Option premium on issue of directors' options	-	592	-	592
- On settlements with vendors	500	8,242	500	8,242
- Issue of shares to staff	-	3	-	3
- Dividend reinvestment	1,154	(4.070)	1,154	(4.070)
Transaction costs relating to share issues	(15,090)	(1,270)	(15,090)	(1,270)
At reporting date	626,328	123,402	626,328	123,402
At the beginning of the reporting period Shares issued during year (refer to (1) to (10) below):	No. 116,428,216	No. 97,521,146	No. 116,428,216	No. 97,521,146
- Share placements	100,007,840	13,400,000	100,007,840	13,400,000
- Scheme of arrangements	30,033,329	4 005 000	30,033,329	4 005 000
On exercise of optionsDividend reinvestment	2,550,000 270,915	1,825,000	2,550,000 270,915	1,825,000
- On settlements with vendors	231,481	1,859,335	231,481	1,859,335
- On settlements with vendors of FutureOne Limited shares	30,000	1,598,955	30,000	1,598,955
 To carers in the centres by way of staff incentives To staff of the economic entity 	503,095 290,040	108,780 115,000	503,095 290,040	108,780 115,000
At reporting date	250,344,916	116,428,216	250,344,916	116,428,216
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Note 20: Contributed Equity (Continued)

- 1) On 18 August 2004, the company issued a further 30,000 shares as part of its takeover of Future One Ltd.
- On 17 September 2004, the company issued 231,481 shares on exercise of options under share option deed to a vendor in part consideration of the sale of their child care centre.
- 3) On 15 October 2004, the company issued 270,915 shares as part of a dividend reinvestment plan.
- 4) On 18 November 2004, the company issued 6,254,735 ordinary shares at \$4.00 as share placements to raise funds for working capital to be used in the expansion process.
- 5) On 9 December 2004, the company issued 93,750,000 ordinary shares at \$4.00 as share placements to raise funds for working capital to be used in the expansion process including the acquisition of PMG Ltd shares and PIV centres.
- 6) On 23 December 2004, the company issued 3,105 ordinary shares at \$4.00 as share placements to raise funds for working capital to be used in the expansion process.
- 7) On 23 December 2004, the company issued 30,033,329 shares in exchange for 77,570,547 shares in CDC as part of its acquisition of Child Care Centres Australia Ltd.
- 8) During the 2005 financial year the company issued 290,040 shares to employees under the ABC Employee Share Plan.
- 9) During the 2005 financial year the company issued 503,095 ordinary shares at \$nil value to carers working in ABC centres by way of incentive to have the carers to enter into a workplace agreement with their employer.
- 10) During the 2005 financial year the directors exercised their remuneration options converting 2,550,000 ordinary shares at 3.22 per share (see note 5 for further details).

At shareholders meetings, each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands

Ni	Econo ote	mic Entity	Paren	arent Entity	
INC	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	
(b) Redeemable Converting Preference Sha	ires				
At the beginning of the reporting period	50,607	-	50,607	-	
Shares issued during the year: - RCPS issued by prospectus - RCPS treated as debt Transaction costs relating to share issues	- - -	60,000 (7,500) (1,893)	- - -	60,000 (7,500) (1,893)	
At reporting date	50,607	50,607	50,607	50,607	
At the beginning of the reporting period Shares issued during year: - RCPS issued by prospectus At reporting date	No. 12,000,000	No. - 12,000,000 12,000,000	No. 12,000,000 - 12,000,000	No 12,000,000 12,000,000	

(c) Options

No options have been granted in the 2005 financial year.

	Note	Economi	c Entity	Parent	Entity
	Note	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 21: Reserves					
Assets revaluation reserve (a) Currency fluctuation reserve (b)		114,002 31	3,834 <u>37</u>	1,682 	79
		114,033	3,871	1,682	79
(a) Movements during the year in the asset revaluation reserve:	:				
Opening balance Revaluation increment on childcare licence	9	3,834 165,851	3,484 500	79 1,603	79 -
Revaluation of investments		1	-	-	-
Income tax provided on net revaluation incl	rement	(55,684)	(150)		
Closing balance		114,002	3,834	1,682	79
The asset revaluation reserve records revaluation of non-current assets	luations				
(b) Movements during the year in the curre fluctuation reserve:	ncy				
Opening balance Currency fluctuations		37 (6)	- 37	-	-
Closing balance		31	37	-	
Note 22: Retained Profits					
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year		24,679	14,354	3,354	1,554
Net profit attributable to the members of the parent entity Dividends paid	4	52,337 (22,450)	21,368 (11,043)	29,158 (22,450)	12,843 (11,043)
Retained profits at the end of the financial year		54,566	24,679	10,062	3,354

	Note	Economi	Economic Entity		Entity
	11010	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 23: Total Equity					
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year Total changes in equity recognised in the		202,559	89,148	177,442	72,943
Statement of Financial Performance Transactions with owners as owners:		162,499	21,755	30,761	12,843
Share PlacementIssue of ordinary sharesTransaction costs on the issue of		400,031 109,774	40,200 8,245	400,031 109,774	40,200 8,245
ordinary shares - Premium on issue of directors' options - Issue of Ordinary shares on exercise		(15,090) -	(1,270) 592	(15,090) -	(1,270) 592
of options - Issue of RCPS - Dividends paid		8,211 - (22,450)	4,325 50,607 (11,043)	8,211 - (22,450)	4,325 50,607 (11,043)
Total equity at the end of the financial year		845,534	202,559	688,679	177,442

Note 24: Statement of Operations by Segments

The economic entity only operates in one business segment, the childcare industry and operates in two geographical segment, Australia and New Zealand.

	Economic E	intity
	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Primary Reporting – Business Segment	\$000	\$000
Total segment revenue	292,700	96,421
Segment result before income tax expense	68,127	27,727
Income tax expense	(15,790)	(6,359)
Net Profit	52,337	21,368
Segment Assets	1,165,459	314,053
Segment Liabilities	319,925	111,494
Secondary Reporting – Geographical Segment		
During the financial year, the economic entity operated in both Australia and New Zealand.		
Segment revenues from external customers Australia New Zealand	283,495 9,205	91,463 4,958
	292,700	96,421
Carrying amount of segment assets Australia New Zealand	1,147,985 17,474	307,740 6,313
	1,165,459	314,053

Note 25: Impact of adopting Australian equivalents to IFRS

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) is adopting International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for application to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. The AASB has issued Australian equivalents to IFRS, and the Urgent Issues Group has issued interpretations corresponding to IASB interpretations originated by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee or the former Standing Interpretations Committee. These Australian equivalents to IFRS are referred to hereafter as AIFRS. The adoption of AIFRS will be first reflected in the consolidated entity's financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2005 and the year ended 30 June 2006.

Entities complying with AIFRS for the first time will be required to restate their comparative information to amounts reflecting the application of AIFRS to that comparative period. Most adjustments required on transition to AIFRS will be made, retrospectively, against opening retained profits as at 1 July 2004.

A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited has established a project team to manage the transition to AIFRS, including training of staff and system and internal control changes necessary to gather the required financial information. The project team has prepared a detailed timetable for managing the transition to AIFRS and is currently on schedule. Priority has been given to the preparation of an opening balance sheet in accordance with AIFRS as a 1 July 2004, A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited's transition date to AIFRS. This will form the basis of accounting for AIFRS in the future, and is required when A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited prepares its first fully AIFRS compliant financial report for the year ended 30 June 2006.

Set out below are the key areas where accounting policies are expected to change on adoption of AIFRS and management's best estimate of the quantitative impact of the changes on total equity as at the date of transition and 30 June 2005 and on net profit for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The figures disclosed are management's best estimates of the quantitative impact of the changes as at the date of preparing the 30 June 2005 financial report. The actual effects of transition to AIFRS may differ from the estimates disclosed due to (a) ongoing work being undertaken by the AIFRS project teams; (b) potential amendments to AIFRSs and Interpretations thereof being issued by the standard-setters and IFRIC; and (c) emerging accepted practice in the interpretation and application of AIFRS and UIG Interpretations.

	Note	Economic Entity 2005** \$000	Parent Entity 2005** \$000
Note 25: Impact of adopting Australian equivalents to IFRS (Co	ntinued)		
(a) Reconciliation of equity as presented under AGAAP to that	under AIFRS		
Total equity under AGAAP		845,534	688,679
Adjustments to retained earnings (net of tax)			
Impairment of assets including goodwill	(i)	-	-
Income Tax Expense	(v)	2,107	4,216
Write down of listed shares	(i)	(1,602)	-
Write-back of goodwill amortisation	(ii)	4,832	-
Recognition of share-based payment expense	(iii)	(7,216)	(7,216)
Reclassification of redeemable preference shares from equity to debt	(iv)	(50,607)	(50,607)
		793,048	635,072
Adjustments to share capital	(iii)	7,216	7,216
Total equity under AIFRS		800,264	642,288

^{*} This column represents the adjustments as at the date of transition to AIFRS.

^{**} This column represents the cumulative adjustments as at the date of transition to AIFRS and those for the year ended 30 June 2005.

i. Under AASB 136 Impairment of Assets, the recoverable amount of an asset is determined as the higher of its net selling price and value in use. The group's current accounting policy is to determine the recoverable amount of an asset on the basis of discounted cash flows. The group's assets including goodwill were tested for impairment on transition and each subsequent reporting date as part of the cash generating unit to which they belong. As at the date of transition, all assets have been tested for impairment based on recoverable amount using discounted cash flows. Any impairment losses have been booked to the Statement of Financial Performance. The group's current policy on impairment of assets is consistent with the requirements of AASB 136 except for a write down of and investment in listed shares. Hence, if the policy required by AASB 136 had been applied during the year ended 30 June 2005, there would have been no impact on assets or net profit except for a decrease to net profits as a result of a write down of an investment of \$1,602,776.

22.614

(b)

Write down of listed shares

Net profit under AIFRS

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Note 25: Impact of adopting Australian equivalents to IFRS (Continued)

(a) Reconciliation of equity as presented under AGAAP to that under AIFRS

- Under AASB 3 Business Combinations purchased goodwill is not permitted to be amortised but instead is subject to impairment testing on an annual basis or upon the occurrence of triggers which may indicate a potential impairment. Currently, the group amortises purchased goodwill over its useful life but not exceeding 20 years. The Group has not elected to apply AASB 3 retrospectively and hence, prior year amortisation would not be written-back as at the date of transition. If the policy required by AASB 3 had been applied during the year ended 30 June 2005, the consolidated goodwill would have been \$4,832,150 higher and consolidated amortisation expense for the year ended 30 June 2005 would have been \$4,832,150 lower. This would have resulted in an increase in assets and net profit of \$4,832,150. There was no impact on the parent entity's financial statements.
- iii. Under AASB 2 Share-Based Payments, the group would recognise the fair value of share-based payments granted to employees as remuneration as an expense on a pro-rata basis over the vesting period in the income statement with a corresponding adjustment to equity. During the 2005 year, the company allotted a total of 793,135 ordinary shares and 588,724 Phantom Shares in A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited to employees and carers under the ABC Employee Share Plan and the Carers Share Plan. These shares are provided to selected employees and carers and issued at a cost of \$Nil. Executives are excluded under this program. Share-based payment costs are not recognised under AGAAP. If the policy required by AASB 2 had been applied during the year ended 30 June 2005, the net profit of the company would have been \$7,216,173 lower, with a corresponding increase in share capital.
- Under AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation and AASB 139 Financial Instruments: iv Recognition and Measurement, the company will be required to reclassify the debt component of redeemable convertible preference shares from equity to debt. The group currently adopts the policy of apportioning the components of these redeemable convertible preference shares between debt and equity. If the policy required by AASB 3 had been applied during the year ended 30 June 2005, a decrease in share capital of \$50,607,200 would have resulted. The company would also be required to recognise interest expense of \$3,453,740 in the income statement being the equity component of the dividend no previously recognised as interest expense.
- Under AASB 112 Income Taxes requires the Group would be required to use a balance sheet liability method, rather the current income statement method which recognises deferred tax balances where there is a difference between the carrying value of an asset or liability and its tax base. In revaluing assets to fair value, the group currently adopts the policy of recognising a deferred tax liability in respect of the revaluation. This is consistent with the requirements of AASB 112. Hence, if the policy required by AASB 112 had been applied during the year ended 30 June 2005, there would have been no impact on equity.
- Management has decided to apply the exemption provided in AASB 1 First-time Adoption of Australian νi. Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards which permits entities not to apply the requirements of AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and Disclosures and AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement for the financial year ended 30 June 2005. The standards will be applied from 1 July 2005. The Financial Instruments project team is in the process of determining the impact that adopting the standards would have on the financial statements of the Group.

Year Ended 30 June 2005	Note	Economic Entity	Parent Entity	
		\$000	\$000	
Net profit as reported under AGAAP		52,337	29,158	
Amortisation of goodwill	(i)	4,832	-	
Share-based payment expense	(ÌiÍ)	(7,216)	(7,216)	
Impairment losses recognised	(iv)	-	-	
Interest component of redeemable preference shares	(v)	(3,544)	(3,544)	
Adjustment to income tax expense	(vi)	2,107	4,216	

Reconciliation of net profit under AGAAP to that under AIFRS

(iv)

(1.602)

46,914

Note 25: Impact of adopting Australian equivalents to IFRS (Continued)

(b) Reconciliation of net profit under AGAAP to that under AIFRS

- i. Under AASB 3 Business Combinations purchased goodwill is not permitted to be amortised but instead is subject to impairment testing on an annual basis or upon the occurrence of triggers which may indicate a potential impairment. Currently, the group amortises purchased goodwill over its useful life but not exceeding 20 years. Under the new policy, amortisation would no longer be charged, but goodwill would be written down to the extent it is impaired.
- ii. The defined benefit pension asset for the Group and the parent which would be recognised under AASB 119 as at 30 June 2005 has increased from 1 July 2004, resulting in an increase in AIFRS profit for the year. Refer also to Note 25(a)(i) above.
- iii. Under AASB 2 Share-Based Payments, the group would recognise the fair value of share-based payments granted to employees as remuneration as an expense on a pro-rata basis over the vesting period in the income statement with a corresponding adjustment to equity.
- iv. Under AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets*, the Group's assets including goodwill would be tested for impairment as part of the cash generating unit to which they belong, and any impairment losses recognised in the income statement. As at the date of transition, all assets have been tested for impairment based on recoverable amount using discounted cash flows. Any impairment losses have been booked to the Statement of Financial Performance. The group's current policy on impairment of assets is consistent with the requirements of AASB 136 except for a write down of shares in a listed company. This write down resulted in a decrease to net profit of \$1.602.776.
- v. Under AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation and AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, the company will be required to reclassify the debt component of redeemable convertible preference shares from equity to debt. If the policy required by AASB 3 had been applied during the year ended 30 June 2005, the company would be required to recognise interest expense of \$3,453,740 in the income statement.
- vi. The adjustment to income tax expense relates to the above AIFRS adjustments resulting from differences in tax and accounting depreciation in respect of depreciating assets of \$2,109,359 (deferred tax liability) as well as a deferred tax asset of \$4,216,270 relating to blackhole expenditure relating to capital raising by the company over the past four years. This amount has not been booked as a future income tax benefit in accordance with AASB 1020 Tax-Effect Accounting, but represents future deductions to the company in accordance with AASB 112.

(c) Restated AIFRS Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2005

No material impacts are expected to the cash flows presented under AGAAP on adoption of AIFRS.

	Econom	ic Entity	Parent Entity	
	2005 \$000	2004 \$000	2005 \$000	2004 \$000
Note 26: Cash flow Information				
(a) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities after income tax				
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities	52,337	21,368	29,158	12,990
Amortisation	4,832	6	-	_
Depreciation	5,282	1,921	48	44
Provision for write down of investments	-	137	-	137
Future One	-	_	-	(453)
Net gain on disposal of properties/investments	(19,274)	(2,482)	(41)	_
Dividends from subsidiaries	-	-	(22,958)	(11,200)
Interest from subsidiaries	-	-	(11,256)	(6,732)
Rental from subsidiaries	-	-	(45)	(45)
Directors fees	-	-	-	-
Premium on issue of options to directors Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	27
(Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	5,884	1,432	(164)	88
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors and	(2,532)	(1,197)	`313	-
accruals	9,924	(516)	188	(388)
Movement in income taxes payable	(425)	(478)	1,321	348
Movement in deferred tax benefits	(4,815)	(20)	(6,312)	_
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(4,495)	(311)		
Cash Flows from operations	46,718	19,860	(9,748)	(5,184)