Countplus Limited ABN 11 126 990 832

ASX Preliminary final report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

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Results for Announcement to the Market

(The accounts are in the process of being audited)

	Movement	% Change from prior year		\$A'000
Revenue from ordinary activities (Appendix 4E item 2.1)	down	0.4%	to	122,014
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (Appendix 4E item 2.2)	down	12.2%	to	9,934
Net profit for the period attributable to members (Appendix 4E item 2.3)	down	14.0%	to	9,930

Comments

The consolidated entity's net profit after tax for the year ended 30 June 2015 was \$9.9 million (2014: \$11.3 million). Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) was \$18.3 million (2014: \$20.9 million).

NTA Backing (Appendix 4E item 9)

	2015	2014
	cents per share	cents per share
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	4.83	4.45

Control gained or lost over entities

Countplus gained control over the following entities during the year:

1. John Dormer & Associates

Control gained at 26 September 2014

2. Harmon Partners

Control gained at 8 January 2015

Dividends / distributions		
(Appendix 4E item 2.4)	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Interim dividend (Fully franked at 30% tax rate)	2.0c per fully paid share (paid 17 November 2014)	3.0c per fully paid share (paid 15 November 2013)
Interim dividend	2.0c per fully paid share	3.0c per fully paid share
(Fully franked at 30% tax rate)	(paid 16 February 2015)	(paid 14 February 2014)
Interim dividend	2.0c per fully paid share	3.0c per fully paid share
(Fully franked at 30% tax rate)	(paid 15 May 2015)	(paid 15 May 2014)
Final dividend	2.0c per fully paid share	3.0c per fully paid share
(Fully franked at 30% tax rate)	(paid 14 August 2015)	(paid 15 August 2014)

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

The record date for determining entitlements to the final dividend was 29 July 2015 and the dividend was paid on 14 August 2015. On 26 August 2015, the Company declared its first quarterly dividend for 2015/16 of 2 cents per share payable on 16 November 2015 (record date: 29 October 2015)

(Appendix 4E item 2.5)

Explanation of figures reported above (Appendix 4E item 2.6) Please refer to Results Announcement dated 27 August 2015

Countplus Limited Consolidated Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

		2015	2014
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from operating activities	1	122,014	122,519
Fees, commissions and related costs	1	(33,609)	(26,689)
Total revenue from continuing operations		88,405	95,830
Other income		178	(017)
Gain/(loss) on deferred consideration adjustment Gain on revaluation of investment property		1,680	(217)
Gain on disposal of subsidiary		1,000	676
Interest income		122	128
Other income		556	266
Total other income		2,536	853
Salaries and employee benefits expense	2	(56,444)	(58,238)
Amortisation expense	2	(2,804)	(3,157)
Depreciation expense	2	(1,175)	(1,125)
Premises expenses		(5,098)	(5,730)
Acquisition related expenses		(271)	(236)
Loss on impairment of software		(138)	-
Share based payment expense		(335)	(214)
Finance costs		(1,281)	(1,224)
Other operating expenses	2	(11,237)	(11,725)
Total expenses Share of net profit of associates accounted for using equity method		(78,783) 893	(81,649) 346
Profit from operations before income tax Income tax expense		13,051 (3,117)	15,380 (4,067)
Net profit from operations after income tax		9,934	11,313
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax			
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss when specific conditions are met			
Net fair value movements for available-for-sale financial assets		-	600
Deferred tax on above		-	(180)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	420
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax Profit attributable to:		9,934	11,733
Owners of Countplus Limited		9,930	11,551
Non-controlling interests		4	182
		9,934	11,733
		Cents	Cents
Earnings per share for profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary owners of the parent entity:			
Basic earnings per share		9.01	10.14

Diluted earnings per share

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Countplus Limited Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		6,087	8,174
Trade and other receivables		18,820	20,427
Loans and advances		502	183
Work in progress		5,129	5,550
Current tax receivable		274	-
		20.040	24.224
Asset classified as held for sale		30,812 2,954	34,334
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
		33,766	34,334
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Loans and other receivables		2,069	1,865
Investments in associates		10,907	5,662
Investment property		-	1,250
Other investments		3,638	2,977
Property, plant and equipment		4,978	4,443
Intangible assets		50,080	49,230
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		71,672	65,427
TOTAL ASSETS		105,438	99,761
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		10,665	9,942
Interest bearing loans and borrowings		6	17
Current tax liabilities		-	752
Provisions		3,876	3,698
Other current liabilities		4,345	6,604
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		18,892	21,013
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		1,109	1,003
Interest bearing loans and borrowings		26,370	20,849
Deferred tax liabilities		2,327	3,023
Provisions		1,755	1,821
Other non-current liabilities		1,735	888
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		33,296	27,584
TOTAL LIABILITIES		52,188	48,597
NET ASSETS		53,250	51,164
FOUTY			
EQUITY Contributed equity		121,554	121,111
Reserves	3	(67,070)	(67,413)
(Accumulated losses) / retained earnings	4	(87,070) (1,899)	(07,413) (2,824)
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Capital and reserves attributable to owners of Countplus Limited Non-controlling interest	<u> </u>	52,585 665	50,874 290
TOTAL EQUITY		53,250	51,164

The above consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Countplus Limited Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

			At	tributable to o	wners of Cou	ntplus Limited				
	Note	Issued capital \$'000	Treasury Shares* \$'000	Retained Earnings \$'000	Share Based Payment Reserve \$'000	AFS Reserve \$'000	Acquisition Reserves \$'000	Total \$'000	Non- controlling Interests (NCI) \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2014		123,384	(2,273)	(2,824)	294	420	(68,127)	50,874	290	51,164
Profits for the period	4	-	-	9,930	-	-	-	9,930	4	9,934
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	9,930	-	-	-	9,930	4	9,934
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners										
Issue of shares***		2,698	(2,255)	-	-	-	-	443	530	973
Share based payments for loan funded share plan		-	-	-	228	-	-	228	-	228
Application of dividends to loan funded share plan		-	-	-	115	-	-	115	-	115
Dividends provided for or paid		-	-	(9,005)	-	-	-	(9,005)	(159)	(9,164)
Balance at 30 June 2015		126,082	(4,528)	(1,899)	637	420	(68,127)	52,585	665	53,250
Balance at 1 July 2013		121,186	(730)	(637)	70	-	(68,127)	51,762	223	51,985
Profits for the period	4	-	-	11,131	-	-	-	11,131	182	11,313
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	420	-	420	-	420
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	11,131	-	420	-	11,551	182	11,733
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners										
Issue of shares***		2,198	(1,543)	-	-	-	-	655	-	655
Share based payments for loan funded share plan		-	-	-	142	-	-	142	-	142
Application of dividends to loan funded share plan		-	-	-	82	-	-	82	-	82
Dividends provided for or paid		-	-	(13,318)	-	-	-	(13,318)	(115)	(13,433)
Balance at 30 June 2014		123,384	(2,273)	(2,824)	294	420	(68,127)	50,874	290	51,164

*The Company has formed a trust to administer a Loan Funded Share Plan. Shares held by the trust are disclosed as Treasury Shares and deducted from contributed equity.

**This amount includes the dividends applied to the loan funded share plan.

***Issue of shares includes shares issued to employees of \$107,285 (2014: \$70,854).

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

		2015	2014
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of goods and service tax)		137,819	131,302
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of goods and service tax)		(120,372)	(112,889)
		17,447	18,413
Dividends received		279	-
Interest received		122	128
Interest paid		(1,281)	(1,224)
Income taxes paid		(4,981)	(6,419)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		11,586	10,898
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		54	6
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiary		-	7,289
Purchase of equipment and other non-current assets		(2,117)	(1,970)
Payments for purchase of CRH shares		(1,157)	-
Proceeds from sale of CRH shares		1,329	-
Purchase of other non-current assets (Class Pty Ltd)		(661)	(2,377)
Payments to acquire subsidiaries / business assets		(1,983)	(2,273)
Dividends received from associate entities		841	400
Payments for investments in associates		(3,501)	(492)
Payment for deferred consideration on acquisition of controlled entities and associates		(1,874)	(1,637)
Loans to related parties - proceeds from repayments	_	(7)	-
Net cash outflow from investing activities	-	(9,076)	(1,054)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from borrowings		39,482	11,528
Repayment of borrowings		(33,961)	(8,236)
Repayment of borrowings / hire purchase and lease liabilities		(3)	(307)
Proceeds from repayment of loan in respect of dividends received on loan funded shares		115	82
Payment of dividends on ordinary shares		(10,071)	(13,282)
Payment of dividends by controlled subsidiaries to non-controlling interests		(159)	(115)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	-	(4,597)	(10,330)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(2,087)	(486)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		8,174	8,660
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	-	6,087	8,174

Countplus Limited Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

1 Revenue

(a) Revenue from operating activities

2015	2014
\$'000	\$'000
58,243	62,737
48,533	45,124
9,686	9,147
873	817
4,679	4,694
122,014	122,519
(28,446)	(21,265)
(5,163)	(5,424)
(33,609)	(26,689)
88,405	95,830
	\$'000 58,243 48,533 9,686 873 4,679 122,014 (28,446) (5,163) (33,609)

(b) Fees, commissions and related costs

Fees, commissions and related costs are made primarily up of two components; those payable by subsidiary, Total Financial Solutions Australia Ltd to financial advisers in accordance with their Authorised Representative Agreements and referral fees payable by the Pacific East Coast group ("PEC group") subsidiaries to its affiliated members.

2 Expenses

(a) Salaries and employee benefits expense

	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Salaries and employee benefit expense		
Wages, salaries and other on-costs	50,733	52,008
Other employee benefit expenses	5,711	6,230
Total salaries and employee benefit expenses	56,444	58,238

Countplus Limited Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

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Expenses continued (b) Depreciation and amortisation expenses

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Depreciation		
, Office equipment	550	622
Leasehold improvements	70	46
Furniture & fixtures	301	281
Motor vehicles	22	24
Make good	156	48
Other	76	104
Total depreciation	1,175	1,125
Amortisation		
Acquired client relationships / adviser networks	2,558	2,860
Software	186	243
Other	60	54
Total amortisation	2,804	3,157
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	3,979	4,282
Other operating expenses		
Professional, service and consulting fees		
Audit fees	305	463
Legal fees	596	602
Service fees - Count Financial	83	200
Accounting and other professional fees	576	570
Total professional, service and consulting fees	1,560	1,835
Other expenses Bad and doubtful debts - trade receivables	668	1,039
Sales and marketing expenses	1,074	1,003
Administration expenses	3,486	3,688
Insurance expense	948	928
Technology expense	3,000	2,692
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	44	42
Other	457	400
Total other expenses	9,677	9,890

Countplus Limited Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

3 Reserves

(b)

(a) Reserves

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Acquisition reserves	(68,127)	(68,127)
Share based payment reserve	637	294
Available for sale (AFS) reserve	420	420
	(67,070)	(67,413)
Movements in reserves		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Acquisition reserves		
At 1 July	(68,127)	(68,127)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	
At 30 June	(68,127)	(68,127)
Share based payment reserve		
At 1 July	294	70
Share based payment for loan funded share plan	228	142
Application of dividends to loan funded share plan	115	82
At 30 June	637	294
Available for sale (AFS) reserve		
At 1 July	420	-
Fair value gain on revaluation of AFS asset	-	600
Deferred tax on above	-	(180)
At 30 June	420	420
Total reserves	(67,070)	(67,413)

(c) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) Acquisition reserves

The acquisition reserve arises on the acquisition of the non-controlling interests of subsidiaries. On 1 July 2010, the Company's interests in 15 associates were consolidated with the non-controlling interest being measured as the present ownership's proportionate share of identifiable net assets. The acquisition of these non-controlling interests as part of the public listing was not a business combination but was an equity transaction between owners. Accordingly in 2011, the difference between the consideration paid and fair value of the identifiable net assets of the non-controlling interests has been accounted for in the Acquisition Reserves.

(ii) Share based payment reserve

The share-based payments reserve records the value of shares issued to employee share trust on behalf of employees under the loan funded share plan and the value of dividends on those shares applied to the balance of employee loans under the plan.

(iii) Available for sale (AFS) reserve

Changes in the fair value arising on translation of investments that are classified as available-for-sale financial assets (eg equities), are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate reserve within equity. Amounts are reclassified to profit or loss when the associated assets are sold or impaired.

4 Retained Earnings/(accumulated losses)

	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 July	(2,824)	(637)
Net profit for the year	9,930	11,131
Dividends paid and / or proposed	(9,005)	(13,318)
At 30 June	(1,899)	(2,824)

5 Additional information to appendix 4E

Additional dividend/distribution information (*Appendix 4E item 7*) Details of dividends/distributions declared or paid during or subsequent to the year ended 30 June 2015 are as follows:

Record date	Payment date	Туре	Amount per security (Cents)	Total dividend \$A'000	Franked amount per security (Cents)
29 October 2014	17 November 2014	Interim	2.0	2,227	2.0
23 January 2015	16 February 2015	Interim	2.0	2,232	2.0
29 April 2015	15 May 2015	Interim	2.0	2,272	2.0
29 July 2015	14 August 2015	Final	2.0	2,274	2.0

Divdend/distribution reinvestment plans (Appendix 4E item 8)

The company does not operate a dividend reinvestment plan.

Details of entities over which control gained or lost during the year (Appendix 4E item 10)

John Dormer & Associates	Harmon Partners
26 September 2014	
272	163
•	Associates 26 September

5 Additional information to appendix 4E continued

Associates (Appendix 4E item 11)	2015	2014
One Hood Sweeney Pty Ltd		
Ownership interest	26%	23%
Profit from ordinary activities during the year (\$A'000)	3,422	2,215
Contributions towards Group's net profit (\$A'000)	511	321
My Accounts Pty Ltd		
Ownership interest	30%	30%
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities during the year (\$A'000)	21	88
Contributions towards Group's net profit (\$A'000)	7	25
Financial Momentum		
Ownership interest	40%	NA
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities during the year (\$A'000)	324	NA
Contributions towards Group's net profit (\$A'000)	86	NA
McQueen Wealth Management		
Ownership interest	49%	NA
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities during the year (\$A'000)	669	NA
Contributions towards Group's net profit (\$A'000)	273	NA
Nixon FS Pty Limited		
Ownership interest	30%	NA
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities during the year (\$A'000)	73	NA
Contributions towards Group's net profit (\$A'000)	17	NA

Other significant information (Appendix 4E item 12)

On 29 May 2015, Countplus Limited secured a new banking facility of \$30 million with Macquarie Bank Limited replacing the existing facility of \$25 million previously held with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This increased line of credit of \$5 million, provides the additional funding for Principals and senior employees to participate in the partial buy back of existing Countplus businesses by Member Firm Principals and approved employees, as well as funding for "Tuck-ins" or full acquisitions by Countplus.

For other significant information, please refer to Results Announcement dated 27 August 2015.

Commentary on results (*Appendix 4E item 14*) Please refer to Results Announcement dated 27 August 2015.

5 Additional information to appendix 4E continued After balance date transactions

On 21 July 2015, the Company sold 40% (1,347,382 shares) in its Gold Coast subsidiary, the MBA Partnership to senior employees under the Group's Direct Equity Plan. Consideration was \$1,967,178 received in cash on settlement.

On 5 August 2015, Victorian based subsidiary, Property Investment Management Ltd (part of the Pacific East Coast group) sold its commercial property asset in Flinders Street, Melbourne for \$3.05 million. Settlement is due on 5 October 2015. The sale price net of associated costs has been used to estimate the fair value of the asset at year end.

On 7 August 2015, the Company sold 30% (694,002 shares) in its Melbourne subsidiary, Kidmans Partners to senior employees and principals under the Group's Direct Equity Plan. Consideration was \$1,117,343 received in cash on settlement.

On 7 August 2015, Countplus subsidiary Advice389 acquired 40% share in NSW based firm, Hunter Financial Planning. Consideration for purchase was \$2.75m paid in cash on settlement.

On 26 August 2015, Countplus Limited declared an interim dividend for 2015/16 of 2 cents per share payable on 16 November 2015 (record date: 29 October 2015).

Foreign Accounting Standards (Appendix 4E item 13) Not applicable

Audit Alert (Appendix 4E items 15-17)

This report is based on accounts which are in the process of being audited.