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Dear Sir / Madam,

HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Attached please find the Half Year Financial Report to 31 December 2009 on behalf of Nexus Bonds Limited.

Yours faithfully,



IAN S. THOMPSON
Company Secretary

Att

Nexus Bonds Limited

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**Interim financial report for the half-year ended
31 December 2009**

Nexus Bonds Limited
Directors' report

The directors present their report together with the financial report of Nexus Bonds Limited ("the Company") for the half-year ended 31 December 2009 and the auditor's report thereon.

Directors

The directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial period are:

Name and Qualifications	Experience and special responsibilities
Mr Richard J Nettleton LLB	A solicitor with over 40 years legal experience. A director of a number of companies including BNY Trust Australia Limited and Marathon Asset Management (Australia) Limited. Director since 19 August 2002.
Mr Douglas W O'Neill	A corporate finance specialist with 35 years industry experience and has been involved in over 150 stock market takeovers. Director since 19 August 2002. Resigned 23 September 2009.
Mr Stephen J Treanor	A financial consultant who has advised numerous corporations on debt financing alternatives and risk management. He has extensive expertise in the securitisation of financial assets and is a director of several associated special funding corporations. In addition to a lengthy career in commercial banking in the United States he worked for Moody's Investors Service until 1993 where he held various roles including managing director of its Australasian operations. Director since 19 August 2002.
Mr Peter A G Pynes	Peter Pynes has in excess of 18 years experience in capital markets. He has previously worked at Deutsche Bank as a Director, Global Markets where he gained extensive knowledge of structured debt product as well as capital raising and syndication. Peter holds directorships in several private investment companies. Appointed 23 September 2009.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company from its establishment on 19 August 2002 has been the issuance of portfolio linked notes (ie. notes linked to the creditworthiness of a portfolio of companies), the placement of note proceeds on deposit, and entering into portfolio agreements.

There have been no note issuances during the half-year, and no other significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Company since establishment.

Review and result of operations

The profit after income tax amounted to \$3,000 (Half-year 2008: \$8,000). Nexus Portfolio Linked Floating Rate Note Series (NXBHB) matured and was fully repaid on 16 December 2009.

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Portfolio credit events – Nexus Notes 3 (NXBHC)

The ASX has been notified of the following events:

In July 2009, a Reference Entity in the Nexus 3 Notes Portfolio, Lear Corp, filed for bankruptcy. The final recovery amount (Final Price) of 100% was determined on 1 March 2010. Because the Final Price on this Reference Entity is 100%, the loss associated with this credit event is zero, and therefore there is no impact on the Protection Amount or “buffer” beneath the NXBHC Notes.

On 1 November 2009, a Bankruptcy Credit Event occurred in respect of CIT Group Inc, a Reference Entity equal to AUD 9,000,000 (0.600%) of the Nexus 3 Notes Portfolio. The final recovery amount (Final Price) of 68.52% was determined on 28 January 2010. Because the Final Price on this Reference Entity is 68.52%, the loss associated with this credit event is AUD 2,833,200, and therefore there is a reduction in the Protection Amount of the NXBHC Notes from the initial Protection Amount of AUD 59,100,000 to AUD 56,266,800.

On 15 February 2010, a Failure to Pay Credit Event occurred in respect of FGIC Corporation, a Reference Entity equal to AUD 6,436,447 (0.429%) of the Nexus 3 Notes Portfolio. As at 1 March 2010, the estimated recovery amount (Final Price Estimate) in relation to this Reference Entity was 5.00%. Based on this estimated recovery of 5.00%, the estimated loss associated with this credit event is AUD 6,114,625, and therefore the estimated reduction in the Protection Amount is from AUD 56,266,800 to AUD 50,152,175.

Because the Protection Amount of the NXBHC notes is still positive, there is no impact on the Interest or Principal Amount payable under the NXBHC Notes.

Portfolio credit event – Nexus Notes 4 (NXBHD)

The ASX has been notified of the following event:

On 13 August 2009, a Restructuring Credit Event occurred in respect of Thomson SA, a portfolio Company in the Nexus 4 Topaz Notes Portfolio (NXHBD). This credit event triggered a reduction in the future interest payments on those Notes to zero. The income factor used to calculate the interest payable reduced from 6.4396 to zero. No further interest is payable on the Nexus 4 Topaz Notes. The Portfolio remains static and no substitutions are permitted in the Portfolio. The credit event has no impact on the repayment of the full principal amount of the Notes at their maturity date.

Apart from the above, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

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Rounding of Amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial report and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 5 and forms part of the Directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2009.

Dated at Sydney this 9th day of March 2010.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Director



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of Nexus Bonds Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review for the half-year ended 31 December 2009 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

KPMG

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Shaun Kendrigan
Partner

Sydney

9 March 2010

Nexus Bonds Limited
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	Half-year	
		2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Interest income	2	1,692	4,190
Interest expense	2	(1,112)	(3,548)
Net interest income		<u>580</u>	<u>642</u>
Net trading income	2	-	-
Administrative and other expenses		(575)	(631)
Profit before income tax		<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
Income tax expense		(2)	(3)
		<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 10 to 21.

Nexus Bonds Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2009

	Note	31 December 2009 \$'000	30 June 2009 \$'000
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	265	1
Derivative financial instruments	6	326	12,027
Receivables	5	35,073	105,202
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	7	<u>45,820</u>	<u>41,673</u>
Total assets		<u>81,484</u>	<u>158,903</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current tax liabilities	4	3	1
Trade and other payables	8	162	-
Derivative financial instruments	6	326	12,027
Interest-bearing liabilities	9	35,073	105,105
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	10	<u>45,820</u>	<u>41,673</u>
Total liabilities		<u>81,384</u>	<u>158,806</u>
Net assets		<u>100</u>	<u>97</u>
EQUITY			
Share capital	11	-	-
Retained earnings		<u>100</u>	<u>97</u>
Total equity		<u>100</u>	<u>97</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 10 to 21.

Nexus Bonds Limited
Statement of changes in equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2009

		Half-year	
	Note	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year		<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>
Total comprehensive income		<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
Total equity at the end of the half-year		<u>100</u>	<u>105</u>

The above Statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 10 to 21.

Nexus Bonds Limited**Cash flow statement**

For the half-year ended 31 December 2009

		Half-year	
	Note	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash payments in the course of operations		(354)	(673)
Interest received		1,763	4,317
Derivative premium received		2,119	2,255
Interest paid		(3,264)	(5,930)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	13(ii)	<u>264</u>	<u>(31)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from Loans		<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash inflow from investing activities		<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of bond upon maturity		<u>(70,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<u>(70,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		264	(31)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year		<u>1</u>	<u>363</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	13(i)	<u><u>265</u></u>	<u><u>332</u></u>

The above cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes set out on pages 10 to 21.

Nexus Bonds Limited
Notes to the financial statements
For the half-year ended 31 December 2009

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Nexus Bonds Limited (“the Company”) is a company domiciled in Australia. The interim financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 9th March 2010.

(a) Statement of compliance

This general purpose financial report for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2009 has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting (“AASB 134”) and the Corporations Act 2001. The interim financial report of the Company also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards and the interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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 for the year ended 30 June 2009 and any public announcements made by the Company during the half-year.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Basis of preparation of the half-year financial report

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented unless otherwise stated. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical costs except that derivative financial instruments and financial instruments designated at fair value through profit and loss are stated at their fair value.

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial report and Directors' Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The preparation of this financial report in conformity with AASB 134 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumption and estimates are significant to the financial report are the valuation of derivatives measured at fair value (refer to note 6, 7, & 10).

(c) Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognised at the fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest from interest-bearing assets and liabilities, including financial instruments designated at fair value through profit and loss, is recognised on an accrual basis over the life of the asset or liability based on the constant effective yield reflected in the terms of the contract.

Financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss: Net trading income comprises realised and unrealised gains and losses from derivatives and other financial instrument at fair value through profit and loss. Derivative premium is treated as realised gains and losses on derivatives.

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1. **Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

(d) **Income Tax**

Income tax on the profit for the periods presented comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the Statement of Financial Position date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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

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

(e) **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash includes cash on hand and at bank and short-term deposits at call.

(f) **Receivables**

Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less impairment losses.

(g) **Payables**

Payables include amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received and are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Interest-bearing liabilities

Interest-bearing liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities and are recognised initially at fair value, net of the fair value of embedded derivatives. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are stated at amortised cost with interest recognised as interest expense, using the effective interest method.

(i) Financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets and liabilities held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit and loss at inception. Derivatives are categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

The credit linked deposit (the Deposit Account for Nexus 4 Topaz Notes) is designated at fair value through profit and loss and initially recognised at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, it is stated at fair value. The gain or loss on re-measurement to fair value is recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as Net trading income. Fair value is determined by reference to the market price of the related Nexus 4 Topaz Notes, or the value determined by use of a pricing model if a quoted market price is not available, on the basis that it is an offsetting risk position.

(ii) Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss

The Nexus 4 Topaz Notes are designated at fair value through profit and loss and are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are stated at fair value with the gain or loss on re-measurement to fair value recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as Net trading income. Fair value is calculated based on the mid price quoted on the ASX if an active market exists for the Note. If an active market does not exist, management establishes fair value by use of a valuation technique, such as a pricing model that incorporates market data and discounted cash flow techniques.

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1. **Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

(i) **Financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss (continued)**

(iii) Derivatives

The Company is exposed to credit risk from its activities of issuing portfolio agreements. The Company has not adopted hedge accounting under AIFRS. Therefore, all derivatives held for economic hedging purposes are accounted for as trading instruments.

Derivatives are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivative financial instruments are stated at fair value. The gain or loss on re-measurement to fair value is recognised immediately in the Income Statement as Net trading income. Fair value is the estimated amount that the entity could receive or pay to terminate the swap at the Balance sheet date, using pricing models incorporating market data and discounted cash flow techniques.

(iv) Embedded Derivatives

The interest-bearing liabilities issued by the Company are determined to contain embedded derivatives that must be bifurcated and recognised at fair value if the instrument is not designated as a financial instrument at fair value through profit and loss. These derivatives may have a fair value of zero at the date of initiating the transaction. The change in fair value of bifurcated derivatives will substantially or fully offset the change in fair value of other derivatives transacted by the Company. The portion of any coupon payments made on interest-bearing liabilities that relate to an embedded derivative that has been recognised separately are included in the determination of the fair value of the derivative and therefore not recognised within interest expense.

(j) **Impairment**

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. Significant receivables are individually assessed for impairment. Impairment of receivables is not recognised until objective evidence is available that a loss event has occurred.

(k) **Administrative and other expenses**

Services fees arise under a Services Deed whereby a servicer has been appointed to administer the Company. The Services Deed includes the provision of general administrative support and assistance as well as the payment of various fees and expenses, including audit fees on behalf of the Company. These transactions are on normal commercial terms.

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2. Profit before income tax expense

Profit before income tax expense has been arrived at after crediting/(expensing) the following items:

		Half-year 2009 \$'000	Half-year 2008 \$'000
Interest income			
- Cash		2	11
- Long term receivables – related party	(i)	1,690	4,179
		<u>1,692</u>	<u>4,190</u>
Net trading income / (expense)			
- Derivatives – related party	(ii)	13,820	(6,713)
- Embedded derivatives	(iii)	(13,820)	6,713
- Financial assets at fair value – related party	(iv)	4,147	(19,750)
- Financial liabilities at fair value	(iv)	(4,147)	19,750
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Interest expense			
- Interest-bearing liabilities	(v)	(1,112)	(3,548)

Explanation of significant components of profit before income tax expense:

- (i) Long term receivables: Interest income consists of interest earned on deposits or loans to related parties.
- (ii) Derivatives: Derivative premium of \$2,119,000 (2008: \$2,254,900) and unrealised gains of \$11,701,000 (2008: loss of \$(8,967,600)) on portfolio agreements were recognised during the period as Net trading income.
- (iii) Embedded derivatives: Imputed derivative premium paid of \$(2,119,000) (2008: \$(2,254,900)) and unrealised losses of \$(11,701,000) (2008: gain of \$8,967,600) were recognised during the period. The loss recognised on embedded derivatives that are recognised separately from the related note security fully offsets the gain recognised on derivatives.
- (iv) The credit linked deposit and related Nexus 4 Topaz Notes (NXHBD) are remeasured to their fair value resulting in offsetting trading income and expense of \$4,147,000 (2008: \$19,750,000), respectively. The movement in fair value consists of the unrealised movement attributable to market price movements, net of the increase in accrued interest of \$Nil (2008: increase \$102,681). Interest is recognised separately in interest income or expense, respectively, in accordance with the Company's accounting policy.
- (v) Interest expense recognised on Interest-bearing liabilities is the total amount due to noteholders in relation to the current period of \$(3,231,000) (2008: \$(5,802,628)). This excludes imputed derivative premium of \$(2,119,000) (2008: \$(2,254,900)) on the embedded derivatives, which is recognised separately in trading income (refer iii).

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3. Cash and cash equivalents

	31 December 2009 \$'000	30 June 2009 \$'000
Current account	<u>265</u>	<u>1</u>

All cash assets are interest bearing and are held with large banks which have an investment grade credit rating. The carrying value of cash assets approximates its fair value.

4. Current Tax Liabilities

Provision for current income tax

Movements during the year were as follows:

Balance at beginning of the period	1	10
Income tax paid during the period	-	(9)
Income tax expense	2	-
Balance at end of the year	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

5. Receivables

Short term receivables

Other receivables	-	57
Loans – related party	35,073	70,094
	<u>35,073</u>	<u>70,151</u>

Long term receivables

Loans – related party	-	35,051
	<u>-</u>	<u>35,051</u>

The counterparty credit risk on the loans is Deutsche Bank AG.

6. Derivative financial instruments

Portfolio credit default swaps – related party	<u>(326)</u>	<u>(12,027)</u>
Portfolio credit default swaps – embedded derivatives separated from notes issued (refer note 9)	326	12,027

The Company has entered into a number of portfolio agreements, also referred to as portfolio credit default swaps, with Deutsche Bank AG which expose the Company to the creditworthiness of a portfolio of companies ('reference entities'). The Company may be obligated to make payments to the Counterparty in the event of one of the reference entities under the portfolio credit default swap defaulting. Due to lack of observable market data, the fair value of the portfolio agreement is determined by reference to an appropriate benchmark. This involves using pricing models incorporating market data and discounted cash flow techniques.

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7. Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	31 December	30 June
	2009	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Credit linked deposit – related party	<u>45,820</u>	<u>41,673</u>

The Company has entered into a credit linked deposit with Deutsche Bank AG which has exposed the Company to the creditworthiness of a portfolio of companies ('reference entities'). Interest is receivable based on a floating interest rate which reflects changes in the credit market's view of the reference entities and changes in market interest rates.

8. Trade and other payables		
Accrued management fees – related party	<u>162</u>	<u>-</u>

9. Interest-bearing liabilities		
Notes issued	<u>35,073</u>	<u>105,105</u>

Notes issued

The Company has on issue 2 series of notes. Nexus 3 notes are classified as interest bearing liabilities. The notes issued amounts to \$35,000,000 that are 6 year, interest-bearing securities paying interest at a floating rate of 2.75% over the 90 day Bank Bill Rate quarterly over their term and maturing on 14 December 2010.

Nexus Topaz 4 Notes with principal value of \$79,000,000 are classified as a financial liability at fair value through profit and loss (refer Note 10).

The Company's ability to pay these enhanced returns are a result of Note-holders being exposed to the creditworthiness of a portfolio of companies. Interest amounts and principal outstanding may be reduced if one or more of the above companies experiences a severe weakening in its financial position to the extent that its senior unsecured debt may not be repaid in full when due.

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9. Interest-bearing liabilities (continued)

For accounting purposes, the notes issued are deemed to contain an embedded derivative which is split out and accounted for separately, if the note is not designated at fair value through profit and loss (refer Notes 2 and 10). An embedded derivative is a feature that can modify the cash flows of that contract in a similar way to a derivative contract. The nature of the derivative that is split from the note issued is a credit derivative with the same terms as the corresponding portfolio agreement. Interest payments will generally be sourced from interest received from Deutsche Bank by the Company under Deposit Agreements and derivative premium receipts from Portfolio Agreements.

Each series of notes is legally segregated. Note-holders of one series have no claim to any assets of the Company in respect of any other series, including in the event of liquidation. Under the Master Trust Deed executed by the Company, Permanent Nominees (Aust) Ltd and Deutsche Bank AG, Permanent is appointed Security Trustee to hold the benefit of the Master Trust Deed for the secured creditors of the Company, including note holders of each series. A single fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Company is granted to Permanent as security for specified payments to be made the Company, including amounts owing under each series of notes, amounts owing to Deutsche Bank, Permanent and others. Some assets of the Company are excluded from the charge, such as goodwill, money of the Company not related to issues of securities and some future-acquired real property.

10. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss

	31 December 2009 \$'000	30 June 2009 \$'000
Credit linked note – Nexus4 Topaz Notes	45,820	41,673

Nexus Topaz 4 Notes: Notes issued amounting to \$79,000,000 that are 10 year, interest-bearing securities paying interest at a floating rate of 2.60% over the 180 day Bank Bill Rate for the first half year interest period. Thereafter interest is payable based on a floating interest rate which reflects changes in the credit market's view of companies in the portfolio as well as changes in the market interest rates.

As a result of credit events in the prior period, the Income Factor used to calculate interest payable on Nexus 4 Notes has reduced to zero. As such, no further interest is payable. The notes mature on 23 June 2015. These notes have been designated as financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss. The notes and related credit linked deposit are managed and their performance monitored on a fair value basis (refer Note 7).

11. Share capital

Issued and paid-up share capital	\$	\$
1 ordinary share, fully paid	1	1

There have been no movements in share capital since incorporation.

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12. Segment Information

Geographical segment

The Company's operations are conducted solely in Australia.

Business segment

The Company operates solely in the financial services sector.

13. Notes to the Cash flow statement

(i) Reconciliation of cash

For the purposes of the Cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and at bank and short-term deposits at call, net of outstanding bank overdrafts repayable on demand. Cash as at the end of the financial period as shown in the Cash flow statement is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Half-year	
	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash assets	265	332

(ii) Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

Profit after tax	3	8
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>		
Decrease in interest receivable	71	127
Decrease in derivative premium receivable	126	1,086
Decrease in other receivables	46	4
Decrease in interest payable	(159)	(1,215)
Increase/(Decrease) in other payables	175	(35)
Increase/(Decrease) in current tax liabilities	2	(6)
Net cash provided by /(used in) operating activities	264	(31)

14. Taxation

Income tax expense for the half-year presented is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the half-year, calculated as the estimated average annual effective income tax rate applied to the profit before income tax for the half-year. Current tax for the current and prior periods is classified as a current liability to the extent that it is unpaid. Income tax instalments paid that exceed amounts due at the period end are recognised as a current tax asset.

The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, using the estimated average annual effective income tax rate for the half-year. The primary component of the entity's recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities include temporary differences related to the remeasurement of derivatives at fair value. The change in deferred tax asset was \$nil during the half-year.

Nexus Bonds Limited **Directors' Declaration**

15. Related parties

Key management personnel

The directors are the key management personnel of the Company. The names of each person holding the position of director of the Company during the financial period are Messrs RJ Nettleton, DW O'Neill, SJ Treanor and PAG Pynes. No director has entered into a material contract with the Company during the financial period.

Transactions

The Company has significant transactions and a management agreement with Deutsche Bank AG (Sydney). Balances with related parties are detailed in Notes 5, 6, 7 and 8.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2009 the Company received from Deutsche Bank AG (Sydney) interest of \$1,689,796 (2008: \$4,179,443) and premiums under the portfolio agreements of \$2,119,000 (2008: \$2,254,900). For the half-year ended 31 December 2009 the Company incurred expenses of \$574,640 (2008: \$631,100) in relation to a management fee for services provided to it by Deutsche Bank AG (Sydney). Of this amount, \$162,000 remains unpaid at period end (2008: \$285,000) (Refer Note 8).

16. Events subsequent to balance date

In July 2009, a Reference Entity in the Nexus 3 Notes Portfolio, Lear Corp, filed for bankruptcy. The final recovery amount (Final Price) of 100% was determined on 1 March 2010. Because the Final Price on this Reference Entity is 100%, the loss associated with this credit event is zero, and therefore there is no impact on the Protection Amount or "buffer" beneath the NXBHC Notes.

On 1 November 2009, a Bankruptcy Credit Event occurred in respect of CIT Group Inc, a Reference Entity equal to AUD 9,000,000 (0.600%) of the Nexus 3 Notes Portfolio. The final recovery amount (Final Price) of 68.52% was determined on 28 January 2010. Because the Final Price on this Reference Entity is 68.52%, the loss associated with this credit event is AUD 2,833,200, and therefore there is a reduction in the Protection Amount of the NXBHC Notes from the initial Protection Amount of AUD 59,100,000 to AUD 56,266,800.

On 15 February 2010, a Failure to Pay Credit Event occurred in respect of FGIC Corporation, a Reference Entity equal to AUD 6,436,447 (0.429%) of the Nexus 3 Notes Portfolio. As at 1 March 2010, the estimated recovery amount (Final Price Estimate) in relation to this Reference Entity was 5.00%. Based on this estimated recovery of 5.00%, the estimated loss associated with this credit event is AUD 6,114,625, and therefore the estimated reduction in the Protection Amount is from AUD 56,266,800 to AUD 50,152,175.

Because the Protection Amount of the NXBHC notes is still positive, there is no impact on the Interest or Principal Amount payable under the NXBHC Notes.

Apart from the above, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any other item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial periods.

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17. Additional Information

Nexus Bonds Limited, is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The registered office:

Level 16
Deutsche Bank Place
126 Phillip Street
Sydney NSW 2000

The number of employees at year end was Nil.

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In the opinion of the directors of Nexus Bonds Limited (the Company):

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 21 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2009, and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Sydney this 9th day of March 2010

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Director



Independent auditor's review report to the members of Nexus Bonds Limited

Report on the financial report

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial report of Nexus Bonds Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2009, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a statement of accounting policies and other explanatory notes 1 to 17 and the directors' declaration set out on page 22 of the Company at the half-year end.

Directors' responsibility for the interim financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of Interim and Other Financial Reports 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 interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As auditor of Nexus Bonds Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a interim 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*.



Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report of Nexus Bonds Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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Shaun Kendrigan
Partner

Sydney

9 March 2010