

Key Information Summary

For the six months ended 31 December 2008 (Unaudited)

Introductory Information

The purpose of this Key Information Summary is to provide customers and potential customers with information about the financial condition of their bank.

ASB Bank Limited has a guarantee under the New Zealand Deposit Guarantee Scheme ("Crown Guarantee"). The Crown Guarantee is provided under a Crown Deed of Guarantee entered into by the Bank and the Crown on 4 November 2008.

Further information about the Crown Guarantee is available on the Treasury website www.treasury.govt.nz, and in the Bank's most recent General Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Disclosure Statement.

The information contained in the Key Information Summary is explained in the Reserve Bank publication "Your Bank's Disclosure Statement - What's In It For You?", which can be obtained from the Reserve Bank.

Corporate Information

Name of Registered Bank: ASB Bank Limited (the "Bank")
 Registered Office: Level 28, ASB Bank Centre,
 135 Albert Street, Auckland
 Ultimate Parent Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Australia

Credit Ratings

Ratings currently assigned to the Bank's long term New Zealand dollar debt are:
 Moody's Investors Service, Inc ("Moody's") Aa2
 Standard & Poor's (Australia) Pty Limited ("S&P") AA
 The Moody's rating was raised from Aa3 to Aa2 on 11 May 2007. The S&P rating was raised from AA- to AA on 21 February 2007.

Profitability

For the six months ended 31 December

	2008	2007
Net Profit after Taxation (\$ millions)	238	267

For the twelve months ended 31 December

	2008	2007
Net Profit after Taxation (\$ millions)	486	549
As a % of Average Total Assets	0.8%	1.0%

Size

As at 31 December

	2008	2007
Total Assets (\$ millions)	65,343	56,175
% Change in Total Assets from previous 31 December	16.3%	15.6%

Capital Adequacy

As at 31 December

	2008	2007
Tier One Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures	8.4%	8.7%
Minimum Tier One Capital (%) per the Bank's Conditions of Registration	4.0%	4.0%
Total Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures	10.5%	11.2%
Minimum Total Capital (%) per the Bank's Conditions of Registration	8.0%	8.0%

Asset Quality

As at 31 December

	2008	2007
Total Individually Impaired Assets (\$ millions)	147	12
Individually Impaired Assets as a % of Total Assets	0.2%	0.0%
Individually Assessed Provisions (\$ millions)	50	8
Total Individually Assessed Provisions as a % of Impaired Assets	34.0%	66.7%
Total Collective Provision (\$ millions)	107	83
Non-financial Assets Acquired through Enforcement of Security	-	-

Peak Credit Exposure Concentrations

Number of counterparties with large credit exposures for the three months ended 31 December

Peak Credit Exposure as a % of Shareholder's Equity	2008		2007	
	Banks	Non-banks	Banks	Non-banks
10 - 19%	3	1	6	2
20 - 29%	1	1	2	-
30 - 39%	3	-	-	-
40 - 49%	3	-	-	-
50 - 59%	-	-	-	-
60 - 69%	-	-	-	-
70 - 79%	-	-	-	-
80 - 89%	-	-	-	-
90 - 100%	-	-	-	-

This information excludes exposures to the central government of any country with a long term credit rating of A- or A3 or above, or its equivalent.

Peak Connected Person Credit Exposures

Aggregate of peak end-of-day credit exposure for the three months ended 31 December

	2008		2007	
	\$ millions	% of Tier One Capital	\$ millions	% of Tier One Capital
All Connected Persons	1,155	37.9%	823	28.2%
Non-bank Connected Persons	315	10.3%	104	3.5%

The aggregate credit exposures (of a non-capital nature and net of individually assessed provisions) to all connected persons does not exceed 75% of Tier One Capital as required by the rating contingent matrix and, within this limit, aggregate credit exposures to non-bank connected persons does not exceed 15% of Tier One Capital.

The rating contingent limits on lending to connected persons as set out in the Bank's Conditions of Registration have been complied with at all times during the quarter.

Availability of Disclosure Statements

Any person may upon request and without charge obtain a copy of ASB Bank Limited's most recent General Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Disclosure Statement within five working days of a request being made to a branch or agency, or immediately if the request is made to Head Office:

Level 28, ASB Bank Centre, 135 Albert Street, Auckland.

Copies of the most recent General Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Disclosure Statement are also available on ASB Bank's website at www.asb.co.nz.

Reviewer's Report

To the shareholder of ASB Bank Limited

We have examined the attached Key Information Summary. The information in the Key Information Summary has been extracted from the General Disclosure Statement of ASB Bank Limited (the "Banking Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2008. We have examined the financial statements and certain supplementary information contained within the General Disclosure Statement for the six months ended 31 December 2008, on which we issued an unqualified review statement dated 20 February 2009.

Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Key Information Summary in accordance with Clauses 20(1) to 20(5) of the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Full and Half-Year – New Zealand Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2008 (the "Order").

Reviewer's Responsibilities

In accordance with Clause 19(1) of the Order, we are responsible for examining the Key Information Summary presented by the Directors for compliance with the Order, and reporting our findings to you.

Basis of Review Statement

We have examined the information contained in the Key Information Summary and compared it to the corresponding information contained in the General Disclosure Statement for the six months ended 31 December 2008.

We carry out other assignments on behalf of the Banking Group in the areas of taxation advice and other assurance services. In addition, certain partners and employees of our firm may deal with the Banking Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the Banking Group. We have no other interests in the Banking Group.

Statement of Findings

Based on our examination of the Key Information Summary, we report that:

- the Key Information Summary has been prepared in accordance with the Order; and
- the information contained in the Key Information Summary has been properly taken from the information contained in the General Disclosure Statement for the six months ended 31 December 2008.

For a better understanding of the scope of our examination of ASB Bank Limited's General Disclosure Statement, and of the Banking Group's financial position, financial performance and cash flows for the six months ended 31 December 2008, this report should be read in conjunction with ASB Bank Limited's General Disclosure Statement for the six months ended 31 December 2008.

Our work was completed on 20 February 2009 and our findings are stated as at that date.

