

Key Information Summary

For the six months ended 31 December 2009 (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. 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 to Aa2 from Aa3 on 11 May 2007. The S&P rating was raised to AA from AA- on 21 February 2007. The outlook from both agencies is stable.

Government Guarantees

The Bank is guaranteed under the New Zealand Deposit Guarantee Scheme ("Crown Guarantee") and the New Zealand Wholesale Funding Guarantee Facility ("Crown Wholesale Funding Guarantee"). The Crown Guarantee is provided under Crown Deeds of Guarantee entered into by the Bank and the Crown on 4 November 2008 and 16 December 2009. The Crown Wholesale Funding Guarantee is provided under a Crown Wholesale Funding Guarantee Deed entered into by the Bank and the Crown on 19 June 2009.

Further information about the Crown Guarantee and the Crown Wholesale Funding 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.

Profitability

For the six months ended 31 December

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|
| Net Profit after Taxation (\$ millions) | 284 | 324 |
| Net (Loss) / Profit after Taxation (\$ millions)* | (10) | 238 |

* 2009 includes a one off tax provision of \$209 million.

For the twelve months ended 31 December

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|
| Net Profit after Taxation (\$ millions) | 177 | 486 |
| As a % of Average Total Assets | 0.3% | 0.8% |

Size

As at 31 December

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Total Assets (\$ millions) | 64,650 | 65,343 |
| % Change in Total Assets from previous 31 December | -1.1% | 16.3% |

Capital Adequacy

As at 31 December

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Tier One Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures | 10.0% | 8.4% |
| Minimum Tier One Capital (%) per the Bank's Conditions of Registration | 4.0% | 4.0% |
| Total Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures | 12.4% | 10.5% |
| Minimum Total Capital (%) per the Bank's Conditions of Registration | 8.0% | 8.0% |

Asset Quality

As at 31 December

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-------|-------|
| Individually Impaired Assets (\$ millions) | 322 | 147 |
| Restructured Assets (\$ millions) | 200 | - |
| Total Impaired Assets (\$ millions) | 522 | 147 |
| Individually Impaired Assets as a % of Total Assets | 0.5% | 0.2% |
| Total Impaired Assets as a % of Total Assets | 0.8% | 0.2% |
| Individually Assessed Provisions (\$ millions) | 99 | 50 |
| Total Individually Assessed Provisions as a % of Individually Impaired Assets | 30.7% | 34.0% |
| Total Collective Provision (\$ millions) | 241 | 107 |
| 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 Shareholders' Equity | 2009 | | 2008 | |
|---|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| | Banks | Non-banks | Banks | Non-banks |
| 10 - 19% | 3 | - | 3 | 1 |
| 20 - 29% | 4 | - | 2 | - |
| 30 - 39% | - | - | 3 | - |
| 40 - 49% | - | - | 3 | - |
| 50 - 59% | 2 | - | - | - |
| 60 - 69% | 1 | - | - | - |
| 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

| | 2009 | | 2008 | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ millions | % of Tier One Capital | \$ millions | % of Tier One Capital |
| All Connected Persons | 798 | 23.7% | 1,155 | 37.9% |
| Non-bank Connected Persons | 102 | 3.0% | 315 | 10.3% |

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 2009. We have examined the financial statements and certain supplementary information contained within the General Disclosure Statement for the six months ended 31 December 2009, on which we issued an unqualified review statement dated 23 February 2010.

Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors of ASB Bank Limited (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. This report is made solely to the Banking Group's shareholder, as a body, in accordance with Section 205(1) of the Companies Act 1993 and Clause 19 of the Order. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the Banking Group's shareholder those matters we are required to state to them in a reviewer's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Banking Group and the Banking Group's shareholder, as a body, for our review procedures, for this report or for the statements we have made.

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 2009.

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 2009. 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 2009, this report should be read in conjunction with ASB Bank Limited's General Disclosure Statement for the six months ended 31 December 2009.

Our work was completed on 23 February 2010 and our findings are stated as at that date.



Chartered Accountants

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