



# CVC PRIVATE EQUITY LIMITED

Annual Report 2008

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Company Particulars

### **REGISTERED OFFICE:**

Level 42  
259 George Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

### **DIRECTORS:**

Vanda R Gould  
Alexander D H Beard  
Elliott G Kaplan  
Geoffrey P Leaver  
John D Read

### **SECRETARIES:**

Alexander D H Beard  
John A H Hunter

### **BANKERS:**

Suncorp-Metway Limited  
Westpac Banking Corporation Limited

### **AUDITORS:**

Ernst & Young  
Ernst & Young Centre  
680 George Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

### **SHARE REGISTRY:**

Gould Ralph Pty Limited  
Level 42  
259 George Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

### **DOMICILE:**

Australia



Dear Shareholder

On behalf of the Board, I present the annual report for CVC Private Equity Limited. Performance for the 2008 financial year was materially impacted by the demise of Northern Crest Investments (formerly Blue Chip Financial Ltd) in which CVC Private Equity had an interest of approximately 4%. Realised losses and impairment losses on this investment, which has been written down to zero value, totalled approximately \$3.9 million.

This was the major contributor to the company's overall trading loss of \$3.4 million for the 2008 financial year.

The performance of the company's remaining portfolio equity investments are set out below.

Despite all of the headwinds facing the transport industry, including fuel prices and driver shortages, Ron Finemore Transport has continued to grow strongly. For the 2008 financial year, revenue was up by 47% with a resultant significant improvement in bottom line contribution.

Pro-Pac Packaging Limited completed a number of acquisitions during the year which has increased revenue by 175% over the previous period to \$71.7 million and profit before tax growing by 45% to \$2.6 million. Notwithstanding tightening economic conditions, the company is continuing to assess acquisitive growth opportunities and remains cautiously optimistic for the 2009 financial year.

Under new management and with the active involvement of CVC Private Equity, Battery Energy Solutions Pty Limited reported a vastly improved result for the 2008 financial year. The company has continued to record a strong performance for the first two months of the new financial year and management anticipates that the company will report better results again for the 2009 financial year.

During the financial year, the company advanced \$5 million to Raptis Group Limited (RPG). The company holds fixed and floating charges over a number of RPG's property owning subsidiaries and second ranking mortgages over a number of properties within RPG. Given the turmoil in financial markets and the impact which the current credit squeeze could have on property developers such as RPG, it was considered prudent to make a \$1 million provision against this loan as at 30 June 2008.

The company has endeavoured to adopt a cautious and conservative approach over the past couple of years. A conscious decision was made not to invest at the extremely high valuations being asked by vendors during the bull market and, unlike a number of other funds, not to enter into highly leveraged transactions. With the current credit crunch and financial market turmoil, this will undoubtedly prove to have been a wise policy.

In light of the above, I was interested to hear Mr Donald McDonald, Chair of the United Nations-backed Principles for Responsible Investment initiative, which has attracted over 400 global investment institutions, managing over US\$15 trillion of assets, recently comment that:

*"...investors in general have taken a long hard look at the credit crunch and some of the practices that caused it and decided they can benefit from more comprehensive analysis of investment risk, one which incorporates environmental, social and governance issues into decision-making and ownership practices."*

In summary, we are experiencing unprecedented turmoil in all world markets with investor confidence at the lowest levels for decades. Although investing in these times is difficult, the Directors are cautiously optimistic that several opportunities will present themselves at realistic valuations. We will remain patient and conserve cash and work towards an improved financial performance for the company in 2009.

Vanda Gould  
Chairman

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Directors' Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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The Directors present their report together with the financial report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2008 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

### Directors

The Directors in office at the date of this report and at all times during the year are:

**Vanda Russell Gould B. Com. (UNSW) M. Com. (UNSW) FCA FCPA FAIM (Chairman)**

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Chairman of Vita Life Sciences Limited, Cyclopharm Limited and CVC Limited and a Director of numerous private and public companies including educational establishments. Mr Gould is a member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

**Elliott Grant Kaplan B. Acc. CA**

Mr Kaplan is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in senior financial and chief executive officer roles in both private and public listed companies. His experience, from both an investor and investee perspective, spans a diverse range of industries including manufacturing, environmental, distribution and services. He is also a Director of Pro-Pac Packaging Limited and Environmental Group Limited.

**Alexander Damien Harry Beard B.Com. (UNSW) FCA AIDC**

Mr Beard is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in private equity investing. He is the Chief Executive Officer of CVC Limited and he is also Chairman of Cellnet Limited and a Director of Mercury Mobility Limited, Blue Energy Limited, CVC Trinity Property Fund as well as numerous private and public companies. Mr Beard is a member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

**John Douglas Read B.Sc. (Hons.) (Cant.), MBA (AGSM) FAICD**

Mr Read is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is the Chairperson of Environmental Group Limited, Pro-Pac Packaging Limited and Patrys Limited, and is a Director of CVC Limited and was a director of the Australian Institute for Commercialisation Limited.

**Geoffrey Pattison Leaver B. Econ. (Syd) SEP (Stanford)**

Mr Leaver is chairman of CVC Trinity Property Fund and has been involved in funds management and financial planning for over 20 years in a variety of senior management roles with such companies as Prudential Australia Pty Ltd, Tower Australia Limited and Bridges Personal Investment Services.

### Company Secretaries:

**John Andrew Hunter B.Com. (ANU), MBA (MGSM) CA**

Mr Hunter has experience in senior finance roles in the Financial Services industry in retail and wholesale funds management entities as well as holding senior finance roles in various other public and private companies.

In addition to being a director of the Company, **Alexander Damien Harry Beard** is also a Company Secretary.

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## Directors' Report

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### Directors' meetings

The number of directors' meetings attended, and the number of directors' meetings eligible to attend during their period in office by each of the Directors of the Company during the financial year were as follows:

	Number of meetings attended	Number of meetings held
A D H Beard	4	5
J D Read	5	5
G P Leaver	5	5
E G Kaplan	5	5
V R Gould	5	5

### Audit Committee meetings

The number of audit committee meetings attended, and the number of audit committee meetings held during their membership of the audit committee by each of the Directors of the Company during the financial year were as follows:

	Number of meetings attended	Number of meetings held
A D H Beard	1	2
J D Read	2	2
V R Gould	2	2

### Director's benefits

During the year \$15,000 in fees was paid to Mr Read. Further information on Directors' remuneration is included in note 15 to the financial statements.

### Directors interests in shares of the Company

The relevant interest of each director in the ordinary share capital of the Company at the date of this report is included in note 15.

### Principal activities

Private equity investment in Australian businesses whose value can be increased by the provision of additional capital, appropriate management or general assistance and strategic direction.

### Operating results

Net loss after tax of \$3,439,004 (2007: profit of \$1,151,749).

### Dividends

No dividends have been declared in respect of the year ended 30 June 2008. No interim dividend in respect of the year ended 30 June 2008 was declared. When the Company generates sufficient retained profits the payment of dividends will be reassessed.

A final dividend in respect of the year ended 30 June 2007 of 2 cents per share amounting to \$473,076 was paid on 24 September 2007. An interim dividend in respect of the year ended 30 June 2007 of 0.5 cents per share amounting to \$117,974 was paid on 23 March 2007.

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## Directors' Report

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### Review of Operations

Ron Finemore Transport Pty Limited continues to grow strongly despite the weakening economy and challenges facing the industry. Management continues to review the carrying value of the investment, with it currently being carried at cost. The carrying value of the investment will be reviewed periodically to determine whether the company's performance warrants a revaluation of the carrying value.

During the financial year the Company advanced \$5 million as secured 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage facilities against specific property assets of ASX listed Raptis Group Limited (ASX: RPG). Subsequent to balance date RPG's shares were suspended from trade on the ASX and certain controlled entities of RPG were placed in receivership. The Company holds fixed and floating charges over property assets within the RPG group. In view of the uncertainty of the receivership process and the possible costs of recovery the Directors have considered it prudent to make a \$1 million provision against the loan.

The investment in Northern Crest Investments Limited (formerly Blue Chip Financial Limited) had declined in value with the carrying value of the investment reduced to nil. The total realised and unrealised losses recognised in the income statement during the year are \$3.9 million. The Company is assessing its options with regards to possible value recovery.

### Significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the year not otherwise disclosed in this report or the financial statements.

### Likely developments and future expectations

The Company will continue to seek further private equity investments in Australian businesses. As an investment Company, the results of the Company are dependent on the timing of and opportunities for the realisation of investments. Accordingly, it is not possible at this stage to predict the future results of the Company.

### Events subsequent to balance date

Other than as set out above, there are no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

### Insurance premiums

The Company has not, during the year or since the end of the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an auditor of the Company or a related body corporate paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses of defending legal proceedings.

Insurance premiums have been paid in respect of directors and officer's liability and legal expense insurance for directors and officers of the Company. In accordance with subsection 300(9) of the Corporations Act 2001 further details have not been disclosed due to confidentiality provisions contained in the insurance contract.

### Auditor independence and non-audit services

A copy of the Independence Declaration given to the Directors by the lead auditor for the audit undertaken by Ernst & Young is included on page 23. Ernst & Young received no fees from the Company during the year for non-audit services.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

Dated at Sydney 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2008

**Elliott Kaplan**  
Director

**Alexander Beard**  
Director

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dividends received		217,505	451,297
Interest income		775,509	956,083
Net gain on sale of equity investments		-	71,835
Recovery of assets previously written off		275,225	-
Other income		50,022	1,369
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,318,261</b>	<b>1,480,584</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Accounting fees		11,868	11,262
Audit fees	2	37,800	32,000
Legal fees		333	1,166
Directors fees	15	15,000	20,978
Dividend receivable written off		45,446	-
Management and consultancy		518,428	551,502
Provision for impairment of financial assets		2,739,122	273,710
Provision for impairment of loans and receivables		1,000,000	-
Realised loss on investments		1,432,953	-
Other expenses		44,893	44,437
<b>(Loss)/profit before income tax expense</b>		<b>(4,527,582)</b>	<b>545,529</b>
Income tax benefit	3	(1,088,578)	(606,220)
<b>Net (loss)/profit</b>		<b>(3,439,004)</b>	<b>1,151,749</b>

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 8 to 21.

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,813,459	5,408,555
Trade and other receivables	6	23,553	75,916
Loans and receivables	8	838,334	2,303,980
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>2,675,346</b>	<b>7,788,451</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Equity investments	7	5,173,034	12,128,180
Loans and receivables	8	4,565,283	1,493,846
Deferred tax assets	3	1,823,011	715,230
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>11,561,328</b>	<b>14,337,256</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>14,236,674</b>	<b>22,125,707</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	29,050	27,950
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>29,050</b>	<b>27,950</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Deferred tax liabilities	3	118,774	1,360,616
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>118,774</b>	<b>1,360,616</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>147,824</b>	<b>1,388,566</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>14,088,850</b>	<b>20,737,141</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Contributed equity	10	20,355,213	20,148,985
Accumulated losses	11	(6,382,521)	(2,470,441)
Other reserves	12	116,158	3,058,597
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>14,088,850</b>	<b>20,737,141</b>

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 8 to 21.



# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Statement of Recognised Income and Expense For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Income and expenses recognised directly in equity</b>		
“Available-for-sale” investments:		
- Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments recognised in other reserves	393,946	4,764,719
- Amount transferred from other reserves to the income statement	(4,597,430)	47,292
- Income tax on items taken directly to or from equity	1,261,045	(1,310,827)
- Value of options expired	-	(19,700)
<b>Total income and expense recognised directly in equity</b>	<b>(2,942,439)</b>	<b>3,481,484</b>
(Loss)/profit for the year	<b>(3,439,004)</b>	<b>1,151,749</b>
<b>Total income and expense for the year</b>	<b>(6,381,443)</b>	<b>4,633,233</b>
<b>Transactions with shareholders in their capacity as shareholders</b>		
Shares issued during the period	206,228	227,287
Dividends paid	(473,076)	(584,597)
<b>Total transactions with shareholders in their capacity as shareholders</b>	<b>(266,848)</b>	<b>(357,310)</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in equity for the period</b>	<b>(6,648,291)</b>	<b>4,275,923</b>
<b>Equity at the beginning of the period</b>	<b>20,737,141</b>	<b>16,461,218</b>
<b>Equity at the end of the period</b>	<b>14,088,850</b>	<b>20,737,141</b>

The above statement of recognised income and expense is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 8 to 21.

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		53,419	1,369
Cash payments in the course of operations		(620,981)	(659,010)
Interest received		652,546	918,363
Dividend received		217,505	405,851
Withholding tax paid		-	(59,221)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>16(b)</b>	<b>302,489</b>	<b>607,352</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Loans provided		(5,534,800)	(7,875,000)
Loans repaid		3,048,789	4,636,528
Payments for equity investments		(2,674,454)	(2,009,470)
Proceeds from sale of equity investments		1,529,728	57,947
Payments for convertible note investments		-	(300,000)
Proceeds from convertible note investments		-	300,000
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(3,630,737)</b>	<b>(5,189,995)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid net of dividends reinvested under Dividend Reinvestment Plan		(266,848)	(357,310)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(266,848)</b>	<b>(357,310)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash held</b>		<b>(3,595,096)</b>	<b>(4,939,953)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</b>		<b>5,408,555</b>	<b>10,348,508</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>16(a)</b>	<b>1,813,459</b>	<b>5,408,555</b>

The cash flow statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 8 to 21.

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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### Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

#### a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations and the Corporations Act 2001. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets which have been measured at fair value.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

Management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in relation to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, that have significant risk of material adjustments in the next year and these have been disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

#### b) Statement of Compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2008 reporting periods. *AASB 2007-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101* has recently been issued but is effective for reporting periods commencing after 1 January 2009 has not been adopted for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2008. Application of the standard will not effect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but will impact the type of information disclosed in relation to the Company's financial report.

#### c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

#### d) Revenue Recognition

##### *Interest Income*

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial year.

##### *Dividends*

Revenue is recognised when the Company's right to receive payment is established.

#### e) Trade and Other Payables

Trade payables and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies (Cont.)

#### f) Trade and Other Receivables

Receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less a provision for impairment. Trade receivables are generally settled within 30 days.

A provision for impairment is made when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

#### g) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, "held-to-maturity" investments, or "available-for-sale" investments. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. The Company determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each financial year-end.

The purchase and sale of financial assets are recognised on the trade date i.e. the date that the Company commits to purchase the asset.

The Company assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of investments classified as "available-for-sale", a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of a security below its cost is considered as an indicator that the securities are impaired. If any such evidence exists for "available-for-sale" financial assets, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses recognised in the income statement on equity instruments classified as "available-for-sale" are not reversed through the income statement.

#### *Loans and Receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

#### *Available-for-Sale Investments*

Available-for-sale investments are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale. After initial recognition available-for-sale investments are measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognised as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognised or until the investment is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

The fair value of equity securities that are actively traded in organised financial markets is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. For investments with no active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis. Where fair value cannot be reliably measured investments are measured at cost.

#### h) Income Tax and Other Taxes

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities on the current period's taxable income at the tax rates enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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### **Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

#### **h) Income Tax and Other Taxes (Cont.)**

Deferred income tax is provided on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credit can be utilised. Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Income taxes relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in profit or loss.

#### ***Goods and Services Tax***

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except:

- when the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

#### **i) Contributed Equity**

Issued capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Company. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from proceeds.

#### **j) Segment Reporting**

A business segment is a distinguishable component of the entity that is engaged in providing differentiated products or services.

#### **k) Impairment**

Assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are tested for possible reversal of the impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the impairment may have reversed.

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
<b>Note 2: Auditors' Remuneration</b>		
Audit services	<u>37,800</u>	<u>32,000</u>
The auditors of the Company are Ernst and Young.		
<b>Note 3: Income Tax</b>		
<b>(a) Income tax (benefit)/expense</b>		
Accounting (loss)/profit before income tax	<u>(4,527,582)</u>	<u>545,529</u>
Income tax (benefit)/expense at the statutory income tax rate of 30% (2007: 30%)	(1,358,274)	163,659
Adjustment to income tax (benefit)/expense due to:		
- Franked dividends received	(30,304)	(16,947)
- Tax loss not brought to account	300,000	-
- Tax loss not previously brought to account	-	(745,058)
- Deferred tax items not previously brought to account	-	(1,963)
- Non-assessable income	-	(5,911)
<b>Income tax benefit on profit for the year</b>	<u>(1,088,578)</u>	<u>(606,220)</u>
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	-	-
<b>Income tax benefit</b>	<u>(1,088,578)</u>	<u>(606,220)</u>
The major components of income tax benefit are:		
- Current income tax charge	-	140,801
- Deferred income tax	(1,088,578)	(747,021)
- Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	-	-
<b>Income tax benefit reported in the income statement</b>	<u>(1,088,578)</u>	<u>(606,220)</u>

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Note 3: Income Tax (Cont.)</b>		
<b>(b) Deferred income tax</b>		
Deferred income tax at 30 June relates to the following:		
Deferred tax assets		
- Provisions and accrued expenses	1,128,757	89,618
- Other expenses deductible for tax purposes	807	3,391
- Prior year tax losses	993,447	622,221
- Tax losses not brought to account	(300,000)	-
	<u>1,823,011</u>	<u>715,230</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
- Revaluation of "available-for-sale" investments	49,782	1,310,827
- Other income for tax purposes	68,992	49,789
	<u>118,774</u>	<u>1,360,616</u>

The deferred tax assets of \$1,707,770 (2007: \$715,230) have been recognised as certain equity investments included in note 7, if sold in the future, are expected to have a realisable value that will utilise the deferred tax assets.

### Note 4: Dividends

	Cents per Share	Total \$	Date of Payment	Percentage Franked
Declared and paid during the year:				
2007 final	2.00	473,076	24 September 2007	100%

No dividends have been declared in respect of the year ended 30 June 2008. No interim dividend in respect of the year ended 30 June 2008 was declared.

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Dividend Franking Account		
Franking credits available to shareholders for subsequent financial years	<u>44,093</u>	<u>203,547</u>

The franking account is stated on a tax paid basis. The balance comprises the franking account at year end adjusted for:

- (a) franking credits that will arise from the payment of the amount of the provision for income tax;
- (b) franking debits that will arise from the payment of dividends recognised as a liability at year end; and
- (c) franking credits that the entity may be prevented from distributing in subsequent years.

The ability to utilise the franking credits is dependent upon there being sufficient available profits to declare dividends.

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

### Note 4: Dividends (Cont.)

2008	2007
\$	\$

### Note 5: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank	311,503	11,796
Cash on deposit	1,501,956	5,396,759
	<u>1,813,459</u>	<u>5,408,555</u>

### Note 6: Trade and Other Receivables

#### Current:

Interest receivables	11,776	8,593
Dividend receivables	-	45,446
Goods and services tax	10,319	13,717
Other debtors	1,458	8,160
	<u>23,553</u>	<u>75,916</u>

#### Other receivables

Other receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30 day terms.

### Note 7: Equity Investments

#### Non-current:

Investment in associate (a)	-	-
"Available-for-sale" financial assets		
Unlisted shares in associated corporations (b)	180,000	180,000
Unlisted shares in other corporations (c)	1,875,346	1,875,346
Listed shares at market value	5,856,810	10,348,059
Provision for impairment of listed shares (d)	(2,739,122)	(275,225)
	<u>5,173,034</u>	<u>12,128,180</u>

Ownership Interest	Investment Carrying Amount	2008	2007
2008	2007	2008	2007
%	%	%	%

#### (a) Interest in ordinary shares of associate

Battery Energy Power Solutions Pty Limited	30.0	30.0	-	-
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#### (b) Investment in preference shares of associate

Battery Energy Power Solutions Pty Limited	38.7	38.7	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
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Battery Energy Power Solutions Pty Limited is a manufacturer of Gel batteries. The investment in the ordinary shares at 30 June 2008 has been valued at nil to reflect the initial investment cost less the Company's share of losses incurred since acquisition.

The preference shares are not entitled to a vote and carry preferential payment in relation to dividends and repayment of capital.



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### Note 7: Equity Investments (Cont.)

#### (c) Unlisted shares in other corporations:

- 1,875,000 (2007: 1,875,000) shares in Ron Finemore Transport Pty Limited at a cost of \$1,875,000 (2007: \$1,875,000) representing a 25% ownership in the ordinary shares of the company. The investment is not accounted for in accordance with AASB 128 *Investment in Associates* as there is no influence exerted on the operations of the Company.
- 55 units in the RCW Unit Trust at a cost of \$346.

#### (d) Impairment of listed shares:

The shares of certain ASX listed companies that are normally re-valued through reserves have experienced a reduction that has been perceived to be long term and a valuation is hard to determine. As a result an impairment has been charged to the profit and loss.

### Note 8: Loans and Receivables

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Current :		
Secured loans	<u>838,334</u>	<u>2,303,980</u>
Non-Current:		
Secured loans	<u>5,565,283</u>	<u>1,493,846</u>
Provision for impairment	<u>(1,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,565,283</u>	<u>1,493,846</u>

Loans are secured against the assets of the companies that funds are provided to. Based on an estimate of the value of the collateral securing the loan management has determined that the carrying value of secured loans should be reduced by \$1,000,000.

The current balance represents the balance of the loans to be repaid within 12 months.

### Note 9: Trade and Other Payables

Current:		
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>29,050</u>	<u>27,950</u>

Trade and sundry creditors are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30 day terms.

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### Note 10: Contributed Equity

	2008		2007	
	Number of shares	\$	Number of shares	\$
Issued and paid up share capital:				
Ordinary shares fully paid	<b>23,932,734</b>	<b>20,355,213</b>	23,653,811	20,148,985
<b>Ordinary shares:</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	<b>23,653,811</b>	<b>20,148,985</b>	23,331,159	19,921,698
New shares issued	<b>278,923</b>	<b>206,228</b>	322,652	227,287
Balance at the end of the year	<b>23,932,734</b>	<b>20,355,213</b>	23,653,811	20,148,985

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up the company in proportion to the number of shares held.

Total capital of the Company is as follows:

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Total equity	<b>14,088,850</b>	20,737,141
Net assets per share (cents)	<b>58.87</b>	87.67

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. Management's objective is to achieve returns for shareholders commensurate with the risks associated with private equity investing in Australia. During 2008, management paid dividends of \$473,076 (2007: \$584,597).

### Note 11: Accumulated Losses

Accumulated losses at the beginning of year	<b>(2,470,441)</b>	(3,037,593)
Net profit attributable to members	<b>(3,439,004)</b>	1,151,749
Dividends paid	<b>(473,076)</b>	(584,597)
Accumulated losses at the end of the year	<b>(6,382,521)</b>	(2,470,441)

### Note 12: Other Reserves

	Market value reserve \$	Total other reserves \$
<b>Year ending 30 June 2008:</b>		
At the beginning of the year	<b>3,058,597</b>	<b>3,058,597</b>
Increase in fair value of investments	<b>393,946</b>	<b>393,946</b>
Amount transferred from reserves to the income statement	<b>(4,597,430)</b>	<b>(4,597,430)</b>
Income tax on items taken directly to or from equity	<b>1,261,045</b>	<b>1,261,045</b>
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<b>116,158</b>	<b>116,158</b>

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### Note 12: Other Reserves (Cont.)

	Share options reserve \$	Market value reserve \$	Total other reserves \$
<b>Year ending 30 June 2007:</b>			
At the beginning of the year	19,700	(442,587)	(422,887)
Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments	-	4,764,719	4,764,719
Amount transferred from reserves to the income statement	-	47,292	47,292
Income tax on items not previously recognised	-	132,776	132,776
Income tax on items taken directly to or from equity	-	(1,443,603)	(1,443,603)
Value of options expired	(19,700)	-	(19,700)
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,058,597</b>	<b>3,058,597</b>

### Nature and purpose of reserves

#### *Market value reserve*

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the fair value of "available-for-sale" financial assets to the extent that they offset one another.

#### *Share options reserve*

This reserve is used to record the value of equity benefits provided in relation to share options on issue. During the year, the share options were cancelled and the reserve was reversed to the profit and loss.

### Note 13: Financial Instruments

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including market price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on financial performance.

The Company uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate and price risk.

The responsibility for operational risk management resides with the Board of Directors who seek to manage the exposure of the Company. There have been no significant changes in the types of financial risks; or the Company's risk management program (including methods used to measure the risks) since the prior year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 13: Financial Instruments (Cont.)

#### (a) Interest Rate Risk

The Company's exposure to interest rate risks and the effective interest rates of financial assets and liabilities both recognised and unrecognised at the balance date are as follows:

	Note	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate		Non- interest bearing	Total
			1 year or less	1 to 5 years		
<b>2008</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,813,459	-	-	-	1,813,459
Trade and other receivables	6	-	-	-	23,553	23,553
Loans and receivables	8	-	838,334	4,565,283	-	5,403,617
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Trade and other payables	9	-	-	-	29,050	29,050
<b>2007</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	5	5,408,555	-	-	-	5,408,555
Trade and other receivables	6	-	-	-	75,916	75,916
Loans and receivables	8	-	2,303,980	1,493,846	-	3,797,826
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Trade and other payables	9	-	-	-	27,950	27,950

At times the Company may hold a significant amount of cash balances which is exposed to movements in interest rates. To reduce the risk the Company typically deposits uncommitted cash with financial institutions at fixed rates with maturity of between 30 – 90 days. Interest bearing loans and receivables are made at fixed rates.

#### Sensitivity

At reporting date, if interest rates had been 25 basis points higher/(lower) (2007: 100 basis points higher) and the other variables were held constant, then the impact of the Company would be:

	Increase of 25 bp	Decrease of 25 bp	Increase of 100 bp
<b>2008</b>			
Net profit/(loss)	8,821	(8,821)	-
Equity increase/(decrease)	8,821	(8,821)	-
<b>2007</b>			
Net profit	-	-	17,378
Equity increase	-	-	17,378

# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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### Note 13: Financial Instruments (Cont.)

#### (b) Market Price Risk

At reporting date the Company has investments in listed securities which could be adversely affected if general equity markets were to decline. The Company also has investments in unlisted securities however these are less susceptible to movements in value as a result of market sentiment as they are valued based on operational fundamentals.

##### *Sensitivity*

At reporting date, if equity prices had been 10% higher/lower while all other variables were held constant the impact of the Company would be:

	Increase of 10%	Decrease of 10%
<b>2008</b>		
Net profit/(loss)	-	-
Equity increase/(decrease)	<b>218,238</b>	<b>(218,238)</b>
<b>2007</b>		
Net profit/(loss)	-	-
Equity increase/(decrease)	705,098	(705,098)

#### (c) Credit Risk Exposure

Credit risk refers to the loss that the Company would incur if a debtor or counterparty fails to perform under its obligations. The carrying amounts of financial assets recognised in the balance sheet best represent the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk at reporting date. The Company seeks to limit its exposure to credit risk by performing appropriate background investigations on counterparties before entering into arrangements with them and seek collateral with a value in excess of the counterparty's obligations to the Company, providing a "margin of safety" against loss.

At reporting date, the Company's significant exposure of credit risk relates to the concentration of borrowings to a small number of individual parties, which is mitigated by collateral held with a value in excess of the counterparty's obligations to the Company, providing a "margin of safety" against loss. Given the turmoil in financial markets and the impact of the current credit squeeze the Directors have considered it prudent to make a provision for impairment of \$1,000,000 against the carrying value of secured loans.

The Company minimises concentrations of credit risk in relation to trade receivables by undertaking transactions with a number of counterparties, and is managed through normal payment terms of 30 days. At reporting date there are no overdue trade debtors.

#### (d) Liquidity Risk

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash balances and holding liquid investments that could be realised to meet commitments. The Company continuously monitors forecast and actual cash flows and matches the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The following table details the Company's contractual liabilities.

	Less than 6 months	Total
<b>2008</b>		
Trade and other payables	<b>29,050</b>	<b>29,050</b>
<b>2007</b>		
Trade and other payables	27,950	27,950

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 13: Financial Instruments (Cont.)

#### (e) Net Fair Values

Investments are carried at their fair value in accordance with the valuation policy disclosed in Note 1.

Other financial assets and liabilities are carried at values which are consistent with fair values.

### Note 14: Segmental Information

The Company operates in Australia as an investment company.

### Note 15: Related Party Information

#### Key management personnel

The Company has no employees and the only key management personnel of the Company are the Directors. The total income paid or payable or otherwise made available, to all key management personnel of the Company directly or indirectly from the entity or any related party include:

	2008	2007
John D Read – Director's fees	\$15,000	\$15,000
Neil H Gamble – Director's fees	-	\$5,978
	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$20,978</u>

Except as detailed above, no other amount of remuneration is paid to key management personnel in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company.

Persons holding office as Directors of CVC Private Equity Limited during the financial year were:

V R Gould  
A D Beard  
J D Read  
E G Kaplan  
G P Leaver

#### Transactions with related parties

The Company pays management fees to its investment manager calculated at 2.5% of the higher of the net assets of the Company or capital raised by the Company at the end of the previous financial year. During the year fees of \$518,428 (2007: \$506,928) were paid to CVC Managers Pty Limited.

Mr Beard is a director of the Company, CVC Managers Pty Limited and CVC Limited during the year. Mr Read was a director of the Company and CVC Limited during the year.

#### Loans to key management personnel

There were no loans to key management personnel during the year or existing at the end of the financial year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

### Note 15: Related Party Information (Cont.)

#### Key management personnel holding of shares and share options

The relevant shareholding interests of key management personnel at year-end were as follows:

	No. of Shares	
	2008	2007
E G Kaplan	45,000	45,000
A D Beard	221,026	215,205
G P Leaver	96,927	96,927

### Note 16: Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

#### (a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at 30 June

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash at bank	813,459	11,796
Cash on deposit	1,000,000	5,396,759
	<u>1,813,459</u>	<u>5,408,555</u>

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents represents fair value.

#### (b) Reconciliation of net profit after income tax to net cash from operations

Net (loss)/profit after tax	(3,439,004)	1,151,749
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#### Adjustments for:

Impairment of financial assets	3,463,897	273,710
Receivables written-off	45,446	31,819
Equity based remuneration	-	(19,700)
Net (loss)/gain on sale of equity investments	1,432,953	(11,835)

#### Change in operating assets and liabilities:

Decrease/(increase) in receivables	6,702	(153)
(Increase)/decrease in interest receivables	(3,183)	11,581
Increase in interest capitalised	(119,780)	(49,301)
Increase in dividend receivables	-	(45,446)
Decrease/(increase) in GST receivables	3,397	(3,664)
Decrease in accounts payable	(461)	(4,126)
Increase in deferred tax assets and liabilities	(1,088,578)	(665,441)
Decrease/(increase) in sundry creditors and accruals	1,100	(61,841)

Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>302,489</u>	<u>607,352</u>
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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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### **Note 17: Contingent Liabilities**

A performance fee is payable to CVC Managers Pty Limited where the Company realises individual investments and achieves a return on the total investment cost which is higher than a hurdle rate of return. The performance fee payable is calculated at 20% of:

- the excess of the return over the hurdle rate of return, less
- any realised losses not deducted from previous gains in calculating performance fees.

Based on the realisations to 30 June 2008, no such performance fee is payable.

### **Note 18: Other Information**

The Company was incorporated on 23 February 1993. The Company is registered and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are at Level 42, 259 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

### **Note 19: Subsequent Events**

Other than as set out above, there are no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.



# CVC Private Equity Limited

## Directors' Declaration

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In accordance with a resolution of the directors of CVC Private Equity Limited, we state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) The financial statements and notes of the company and of the consolidated entity are in accordance with *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

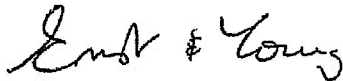
Dated at Sydney 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.

**Elliott Kaplan**  
Director

**Alexander Beard**  
Director

## **Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of CVC Private Equity Limited**

In relation to our audit of the financial report of CVC Private Equity Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2008 to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.



Ernst & Young



Daniel Cunningham  
Partner  
Sydney  
29 September 2008

## Independent auditor's report to the members of CVC Private Equity Limited

We have audited the accompanying financial report of CVC Private Equity Limited which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expense and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

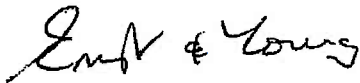
### Independence

In conducting our audit we have met the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, a copy of which is included in the directors' report.

## Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

1. the financial report of CVC Private Equity Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - i giving a true and fair view of the financial position of CVC Private Equity Limited at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.
2. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature of Daniel Cunningham in cursive script.

Daniel Cunningham  
Partner  
Sydney  
29 September 2008