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# Half Year Information for Sky Network Television Limited for the six months to 31 December 2015

To be read in conjunction with Sky Network Television Limited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015

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#### Results for announcement to market

#### SKY Network Television Limited Half year ended on 31 December 2015 (In NZD)

Total operating revenues of \$475,554,000 has increased \$11,048,000 from the prior half year, which is a 2.4% increase.

Net profit of \$87,337,000 has decreased \$5,158,000 from the prior half year, which is a 5.6% decrease.

Net profit attributable to security holders of \$87,092,000 has decreased \$5,379,000 from the prior half year, which is a 5.8% decrease.

Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per Security
Interim Dividend payable (March 2016)	15.0 cents	N/A
Final Dividend (paid September 2015)	15.0 cents	N/A
Previous corresponding period – Interim Dividend (paid March 2015)	15.0 cents	N/A
Previous corresponding period – Final Dividend (paid September 2014)	15.0 cents	N/A
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend	11 March 2016	

Brief explanation of any figures reported above, refer attached results commentary.



# A WHOLE NEW SKY EXPERIENCE

SKY NETWORK TELEVISION LIMITED PRESENTS THIS YEAR'S INTERIM REPORT DECEMBER 2015



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#### WE'RE CHANGING THE FUTURE OF **TELEVISION**

Right now, we're rolling out across New Zealand a whole new SKY experience. It's TV like never before. Packed full of great features including SKY On Demand, we're changing the future of television.

Things are well underway. All MY SKY customers have the new software and by mid 2017 we'll have replaced all the older SKY digital set top boxes with new internet ready boxes. Already there have been almost one million On Demand shows and movies downloaded to connected customers. The new SKY comes with a fresh look and a heap of features and benefits taking television to a whole new level. Check these out on the following page.

The new SKY is huge for SKY viewers and huge for SKY's business. It will simplify, streamline and make the distribution of content more efficient than ever before. That's because instead of broadcasting two versions of every channel we'll only need to broadcast one. Significant, valuable satellite bandwidth will be freed up giving us future capacity to broadcast higher definition content and deliver yet more exciting features.

All up, we'd say the future's looking pretty good.



#### **NEW SKY FEATURES:**

#### **SKY ON DEMAND**

A huge selection of SKY shows can be browsed and downloaded via the internet to watch whenever you like. All with a simple touch of the remote.

#### **RECORDING WITH MY SKY**

Now if you're a MY SKY customer you can record three programmes while watching a fourth live.

#### SERIES LINKING WITH MY SKY

Now you can record a whole series of your favourite show without leaving what you are watching.

#### SEARCH

You can search the guide, planner and the SKY On Demand catalogue for all your favourite shows.

#### **SERIES STACKING**

If you have more than one episode of a show in your planner, instead of displaying individually like they used to, they are now all saved together under one handy title.

#### **FAVOURITE CHANNELS**

You can set up favourite channels and use the blue button on the banner to quickly scroll through for preferred browsing.

#### **AUTOMATIC UPDATES**

Just like your smartphone, the new SKY software means your SKY box will continuously receive updates with new exciting features and improvements, without you having to do a thing.

SUBSCRIBER NUMBERS UP



**TOTAL REVENUE** 



THE STRATEGY OF ATTRACTING NEW CUSTOMERS WITH DIGITALLY DELIVERED PRODUCTS IS CENTRAL TO OUR STRATEGIC GROWTH

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## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REVIEW**

#### **Dear Shareholders**

I am pleased to announce SKY reached 860,445 customers at 31 December 2015, up from 851,561 at 30 June 2015. As I indicated in my letter to shareholders in the Annual Report the mix of our customers is changing. Like most traditional pay television companies we are losing traditional satellite customers but gaining in our online products like NEON and FAN PASS.

We at SKY have always prided ourselves on the transparency and detail in our financial statements. Sadly, over the last couple of years this philosophy has hurt us in negotiations with content suppliers. Now the internet has opened up new business models with new content rights which apply to these new business models. Consequently, we are not breaking down the detail on the types of customers in the way we have done in the past. We will still provide you with figures for a total number of customers and an ARPU (Average Revenue per User).

There are a few facts you should keep in mind when you think about customers from these new models. They tend to churn higher and have a lower ARPU than our traditional customer. Because these customers do not require decoders typically the capital outlay per customer is much lower. Content cost and customer service tend to be lighter. This strategy of attracting new customers with digitally delivered products will continue and is central to our strategic growth. Our core traditional customer purchased more content from us. This drove our ARPU to record levels of \$79.56 up from \$79.43 reported at 31 December 2014.

MY SKY penetration continues to grow as we begin to transition our SKY customers off the older digital decoders. Churn has long been lower for MY SKY customers and we expect to see benefits in the future. Churn on our satellite pay TV platform for the six month period ending 31 December 2015 was an annualised 15.4% compared to 14.5% for the vear ended 30 June 2015. I am disappointed in this increase but keep in mind we always record the worst churn results in any four year period where we have the Rugby World Cup. This is because the Rugby World Cup normally ends in October and there is no New Zealand rugby again until late February. In addition, more alternative content options were available in New Zealand in the last year than in the previous ten years.

As expected in a period of rapid change and considerable competition, pressure has been placed on financial performance. Despite this, total revenue has increased by 2.4% for the period to \$475.6 million and can be attributed to the aforementioned increase in ARPU and a stellar advertising sales period up 17% or \$6 million over the previous period. Operating costs have increased 5.4% to \$343.9 million, resulting in a weaker operating profit of \$131.7 million, a decrease of 4.8%. As indicated at our annual meeting, programming costs have increased with greater competition to acquire content and inclusion of Rugby World Cup and over the top (OTT) content rights. These costs increased 10.3% over the comparative period.

Without doubt this last period saw SKY begin to roll out the greatest change to our customers in our 25 year history, more significant even than our transition from UHF to digital satellite broadcasting.

This new SKY world has our customers connected to the internet, giving us greater opportunities to showcase our superb content. Our customers can now enjoy internet connectivity via SKY boxes, SKY GO, NEON and FAN PASS. We've seen over ten million downloads of content in the six months to 31 December 2015.

On Demand content delivered when you want it over the internet is the key benefit to our new SKY world, but customers will also experience a brand new high definition interface and the ability to record three channels while watching another. The benefits don't stop there; search is improved, you can record a series or an episode without leaving the show you are watching, and now episodes from a series are neatly stacked under one title.

The ability to download content easily and quickly with the remote control is a game changer. Customers will enjoy so much more value with the vast increase in viewing options, there is something for everyone whether you are a customer of Basic, SoHo, Sport or any other SKY package. We have now completed the software upgrade to MY SKY customers, the connection rates and viewing of on demand content are off to a good start. We have also had feedback that a small percentage of customers have difficulty reading the new interface.

I like to think of our new software like your smartphone. This device is always receiving updates, fixes and new features and now your new SKY box will too. We are working on an improvement to the readability and will continue to deliver new features to our customers. Watch this space.

The replacement of older digital boxes with new SKY boxes is underway, we anticipate this will be complete mid 2017 at which point we can start to realise the benefit from the freeing up of significant, valuable satellite bandwidth.

#### **Highlights:**

- We began marketing a new entertainment and broadband option. SKY customers can now request their preferred eligible broadband package through SKY and Vodafone will manage the sale, installation and billing requirements. A \$10 ongoing monthly discount on SKY Basic is offered when taking one of 14 eligible broadband packages provided by Vodafone. The packages range from 80 GB to unlimited broadband data with a home phone on a 12 month term.
- In July we celebrated our 25th birthday by offering 25 ultimate bucket list experiences to be won by our customers. They included a trip to the Game of Thrones set in Croatia, a holiday in Thailand for a family with a visit to the Cartoon Network Amazon Waterpark and a New York City excursion to enjoy the live taping of Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, which screens on SoHo.

#### ON DEMAND CONTENT DELIVERED WHEN YOU WANT IT OVER THE INTERNET IS THE KEY BENEFIT

- Also in July we signed a long term deal, cementing our relationship with world content leader Discovery. Two new channels have since launched – Turbo and TLC complement our existing line up of Discovery, Animal Planet, Food TV and Living.
- During November our customers paid \$5 to subscribe to premium channels to raise funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service. This is part of our on-going support of the Starship Foundation as a Five Star Partner.
- Continuing the tradition of bringing new and alternative events to New Zealand television screens, SKY screened the inaugural New Zealand Gaming Championship eSports Tournament LIVE on a SKY POP-UP channel during December to all Basic customers. The online game League of Legends was used with six teams competing for the trophy.

In August Susan Paterson ONZM joined the SKY board. Susan comes to SKY with a wealth of corporate governance experience and a keen interest in sport, education and the environment.

#### **Dividends:**

The Board of Directors has evaluated the performance of the business over the six months to 31 December 2015 and its prospects for the full year. On 26 February 2016 the board announced a fully imputed dividend of 15 cents per share (prior interim dividend 15 cents) with the record date being 11 March 2016. A supplementary dividend of 2.6471 cents per share will be paid to non-resident shareholders. SKY TV has appointed an investment bank to advise the board on our capital management. SKY's first priority is to drive shareholder returns by investing in our core business, while maintaining a strong balance sheet. In recent years we have made considerable investment in new technology, set top box upgrades, new content and enhancements in sales and marketing. This investment has positioned the business to strongly respond to the significant changes occurring in the industry. SKY is now coming to the end of our recent investment program and expects strong free cash flow in the coming years. At the same time we continue to seek growth to drive shareholder returns, and are actively considering a number of investment opportunities. The amount and timing of any capital required for growth opportunities is expected to become clearer by the time our full year results in August are announced. If growth opportunities do not materialise within that timeframe, we intend to announce capital management initiatives with our full year results.

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John Fellet Chief Executive Officer

#### SUBSCRIBER BASE

#### The following operating data has been taken from the company records and is not audited.

	31 Dec 15	31 Dec 14	31 Dec 13	31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11
Total subscribers	860,445	856,348	857,115	846,988	846,240
Average monthly revenue per residential subscriber	<b>79.56</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	79.43	77.51	75.78	71.81
Gross churn (2)	15.4%	13.7%	13.3%	14.6%	14.2%

(1) Includes IGLOO, NEON and FAN PASS, not included in previous periods.

<sup>(2)</sup> Gross churn refers to the percentage of residential subscribers over the 12-month period ended on the date shown who terminated their satellite pay TV subscription, net of existing subscribers who transferred their service to new residences during the period.

#### HISTORY OF DIVIDEND PAYMENTS

#### By calendar year in cents per share

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
15.0	14.0	12.0	11.0	8.0
15.0	15.0	12.0	11.0	10.5
30.0	29.0	24.0	22.0	18.5
-	-	-	32.0	25.0
30.0	29.0	24.0	54.0	43.5
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#### CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

in NZD 000	Notes	31 Dec 2015 (6 months)	31 Dec 2014 (6 months)	30 Jun 2015 (1 year) (audited)
Total revenue	4	475,554	464,506	927,525
Expenses				
Programming		162,905	147,683	296,559
Subscriber related costs		53,403	52,452	107,136
Broadcasting and infrastructure		47,765	44,935	91,184
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		49,181	54,099	119,194
Other costs		30,614	27,082	52,877
		343,868	326,251	666,950
Operating profit		131,686	138,255	260,575
Finance costs, net		10,315	9,986	21,696
Profit before tax		121,371	128,269	238,879
Income tax expense		34,034	35,774	67,115
Profit for the period		87,337	92,495	171,764
Attributable to:				
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Equity holders of the Company		87,092	92,471	171,581
Non-controlling interests		245 87,337	24	183 171,764
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Earnings per share				
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)		22.38	23.76	44.09
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Profit for the period		87,337	92,495	171,764
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss				
Cash flow hedges		(24,654)	8,279	56,972
Income tax effect		6,903	(2,318)	(15,951)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of income tax		(17,751)	5,961	41,021
Total comprehensive income for the period		69,586	98,456	212,785
Attributable to:				
		69,341	98,432	212,602
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Equity holders of the Company Non-controlling interests		245	24	183

#### **CONSOLIDATED INTERIM BALANCE SHEET**

#### As at 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

in NZD 000	Notes	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2015 (audited)
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	11	36,347	41,560	17,895
Trade and other receivables		70,065	68,201	69,509
Programme rights inventory		66,868	55,998	72,813
Derivative financial instruments	11	15,712	5,878	28,424
		188,992	171,637	188,641
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment		298,139	278,868	282,219
Intangible assets		1,439,283	1,447,258	1,442,355
Derivative financial instruments	11	15,779	5,698	28,806
		1,753,201	1,731,824	1,753,380
Total assets		1,942,193	1,903,461	1,942,021
Current liabilities				
Borrowings/bonds	10/11	199,763	8,917	3,294
Trade and other payables		195,047	181,962	184,218
Income tax payable		7,679	8,153	12,284
Derivative financial instruments	11	3,788	8,165	1,320
		406,277	207,197	201,116
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	10/11	39,421	71,248	49,424
Bonds	6/11	98,570	297,762	298,045
Derivative financial instruments	11	8,281	9,139	7,795
Deferred tax		41,226	36,867	48,438
		187,498	415,016	403,702
Total liabilities		593,775	622,213	604,818
Equity				
Share capital		577,403	577,403	577,403
Hedging reserve		13,129	(4,180)	30,880
Retained earnings		756,162	706,704	727,441
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		1,346,694	1,279,927	1,335,724
Non-controlling interest		1,724	1,321	1,479
Total equity		1,348,418	1,281,248	1,337,203
Total equity and liabilities		1,942,193	1,903,461	1,942,021

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Peter Macourt Chairman For and on behalf of the board 25 February 2016

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#### CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

in NZD 000		Attributable	to owners of t	he parent	Non-	
	Share capital	Hedging reserve	Retained earnings	Total	controlling interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 July 2015	577,403	30,880	727,441	1,335,724	1,479	1,337,203
Profit for the period	-	-	87,092	87,092	245	87,337
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	(17,751)	-	(17,751)	-	(17,751)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(17,751)	87,092	69,341	245	69,586
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Dividend paid	-	-	(58,371)	(58,371)	-	(58,371)
Supplementary dividends	-	-	(7,376)	(7,376)	-	(7,376)
Foreign investor tax credits	-	-	7,376	7,376	-	7,376
	-	-	(58,371)	(58,371)	-	(58,371)
Balance at 31 December 2015	577,403	13,129	756,162	1,346,694	1,724	1,348,418
For the six months ended 31 December 2014 (unaudited)						
Balance at 1 July 2014	577,403	(10,141)	672,605	1,239,867	1,297	1,241,164
Profit for the period	-	-	92,471	92,471	24	92,495
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	5,961	-	5,961	-	5,961
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	5,961	92,471	98,432	24	98,456
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Dividend paid	-	-	(58,372)	(58,372)	-	(58,372)
Supplementary dividends	-	-	(7,158)	(7,158)	-	(7,158)
Foreign investor tax credits	-	-	7,158	7,158	-	7,158
	-	-	(58,372)	(58,372)	-	(58,372)
Balance at 31 December 2014	577,403	(4,180)	706,704	1,279,927	1,321	1,281,248
For the year ended 30 June 2015 (audited)						
Balance at 1 July 2014	577,403	(10,141)	672,605	1,239,867	1,297	1,241,164
Profit for the year	-	-	171,581	171,581	183	171,764
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	41,021	-	41,021	-	41,021
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	41,021	171,581	212,602	183	212,785
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Change in non-controlling interest	-	-	(3)	(3)	(1)	(4)
Dividend paid	-	-	(116,742)	(116,742)	-	(116,742)
Supplementary dividends	-	-	(14,317)	(14,317)	-	(14,317)
Foreign investor tax credits	-	-	14,317	14,317	-	14,317
	-	-	(116,745)	(116,745)	(1)	(116,746)
Balance at 30 June 2015	577,403	30,880	727,441	1,335,724	1,479	1,337,203

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#### CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

in NZD 000	Notes	31 Dec 2015 (6 months)	31 Dec 2014 (6 months)	30 Jun 2015 (1 year) (audited)
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit before tax		121,371	128,269	238,879
Adjustment for non-cash items:				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		49,181	54,099	119,194
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss		190	(754)	423
Interest expense		10,150	11,467	22,496
Bad debts and movement in provision for doubtful debts		795	1,944	3,328
Amortisation of bond issue costs		288	288	571
Other non-cash items		(1,471)	(2,083)	263
Movement in working capital items:				
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		(1,140)	3,562	2,589
Increase in payables		14,240	17,482	11,518
Decrease/(increase) in programme rights		5,945	(13,109)	(29,924)
Cash generated from operations		199,549	201,165	369,337
Interest paid		(10,618)	(11,405)	(22,756)
Income tax paid		(31,272)	(41,560)	(63,666)
Net cash from operating activities		157,659	148,200	282,915
Cash flows from investing activities				
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	78	46
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangibles	8	(59,535)	(50,775)	(115,462)
Net cash used in investing activities		(59,535)	(50,697)	(115,416)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Advances received – bank loan	10	33,000	51,000	96,000
Repayment of borrowings – bank loan	10	(43,000)	(59,000)	(126,000)
Payment of finance lease liabilities		(3,294)	(1,745)	(7,375)
Payment of bank facility fees		(631)	(520)	(1,022)
Dividends paid	9	(65,747)	(65,530)	(131,059)
Net cash used in financing activities		(79,672)	(75,795)	(169,456)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		18,452	21,708	(1,957)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		17,895	19,852	19,852
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		36,347	41,560	17,895

#### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

#### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

SKY Network Television Limited ("SKY") is a company, incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand. The address of its registered office is 10 Panorama Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland, New Zealand. The consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2015 comprise SKY and its subsidiaries.

SKY is a company registered under the Companies Act 1993 and is a reporting entity under Part 7 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

SKY is a leading media company in New Zealand and operates as a provider of multi-channel, pay-per-view and free-to-air television services in New Zealand.

These consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25 February 2016.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 7 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013, the NZX Main Board Listing Rules and the ASX Listing Rules.

These consolidated interim financial statements of SKY are for the six months ended 31 December 2015. They have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice, NZ IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34). They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 30 June 2015. For the purposes of financial reporting SKY is a profit-oriented entity.

The preparation of interim financial statements in accordance with NZ IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments (including derivative instruments).

#### **3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies applied by the Group in these consolidated interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Group in its consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2015.

#### 4. REVENUE

in NZD 000	31 Dec 2015 (6 months)	31 Dec 2014 (6 months)	30 Jun 2015 (1 year) (audited)
Residential satellite subscriptions	383,492	380,945	760,000
Other subscriptions	38,789	34,828	71,183
Advertising	42,322	36,084	69,540
Other revenue	10,951	12,649	26,802
	475,554	464,506	927,525

#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

#### **5. GROUP STRUCTURE**

At 31 December 2015 SKY had the following subsidiaries:

- Cricket Max Limited (non-trading)
- IGLOO Limited
- Media Finance Limited (non-trading)
- Outside Broadcasting Limited
- Screen Enterprises Limited
- SKY DMX Music Limited (50.5%)
- Believe It or Not Limited (51.0%)

#### 6. BONDS

Terms and conditions of outstanding bonds are as follows:

Bond A	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2015 (audited)
Nominal interest rate	3.38%	4.43%	4.43%
Issue date	16 Oct 2006	16 Oct 2006	16 Oct 2006
Date of maturity	16 Oct 2016	16 Oct 2016	16 Oct 2016
in NZD 000			
Carrying amount	199,763	199,464	199,613
Face value	200,000	200,000	200,000
Fair value	197,548	198,500	199,200
Market yield	5.05%	5.22%	5.48%

Nominal interest rate	6.25%	6.25%	6.25%
Issue date	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2014
Date of maturity	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2021
in NZD 000			
Carrying amount	98,570	98,298	98,432
Face value	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fair value	107,657	105,901	107,655
Market yield	4.60%	5.43%	4.72%

On 31 March 2014 the Group issued bonds for a value of \$100 million which were fully subscribed (Bond B).

On 16 October 2006, the Group issued bonds for a value of \$200 million which were fully subscribed (Bond A).



#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

#### 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no loans to directors by the Group or associated parties during any of the reporting periods in these interim financial statements.

The gross remuneration of directors and key management personnel during the period was \$8,266,000 (31 December 2014: \$7,594,000; 30 June 2015: \$12,751,000).

#### 8. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The Group acquired the following property, plant and equipment and intangibles during the period:

in NZD 000	31 Dec 2015 (6 months)	31 Dec 2014 (6 months)	30 Jun 2015 (1 year) (audited)
Capital projects in progress	13,225	18,035	30,517
Land and buildings	396	6,311	7,134
Broadcasting and studio equipment	53	105	8,606
Plant and equipment and other	2,191	3,123	7,656
Decoders	30,831	8,378	22,298
Installation costs	14,475	14,629	29,692
Intangibles	864	557	8,789
	62,035	51,138	114,692
Movement in capital expenditure creditors	(2,500)	(363)	770
Cash outflow in the period	59,535	50,775	115,462

#### 9. DIVIDENDS

On 26 February 2016 the Board of Directors announced that it will pay a fully imputed dividend of 15 cents per share with the record date being 11 March 2016. A supplementary dividend of 2.6471 cents per share will be paid to non-resident shareholders, subject to the foreign investor tax credit regime.

#### **10. BORROWINGS**

#### Bank loans

During the period bank borrowings of \$43 million were repaid and a new drawdown of \$33 million was taken up.

#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

#### **11. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk) credit risk and liquidity risk.

The consolidated interim financial statements do not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, they should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements as at 30 June 2015. There have been no changes in any risk management policies since year end.

Financial assets of the Group include cash, and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and derivative financial assets. Financial liabilities of the Group include trade and other payables, borrowings, lease liabilities, bonds and derivative financial liabilities. The Group does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes.

Based on NZ IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement, the fair value of each financial instrument is categorised in its entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to that fair value measurement. The levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted in active market for identical assets and liabilities);

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is derived from prices);

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability, that are not based on observable market data (that is unobservable inputs).

Fair value estimates of the Group's financial assets and liabilities for recognition or disclosure purposes are all made on a level 2 basis. During the six months ended 31 December 2015 there were no transfers of financial instruments between levels

#### Financial instruments measured at fair value

The following financial instruments are subject to recurring fair value measurements:

in NZD 000	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2015
Derivative financial instruments (Level 2)			
Current assets	15,712	5,878	28,424
Non-current assets	15,779	5,698	28,806
Current liabilities	(3,788)	(8,165)	(1,320)
Non-current liabilities	(8,281)	(9,139)	(7,795)
	19,422	(5,728)	48,115



#### For the six months ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

#### 11. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CONTINUED

#### Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The following financial instruments are not measured at fair value in the consolidated interim financial statements. These had the following fair values as at December 2015:

in NZD 000	31 Dec 2015		31 Dec 2014		30 Jun 2015	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	36,347	36,347	41,560	41,560	17,895	17,895
Trade and other receivables	63,773	63,773	62,637	62,637	64,253	64,253
	100,120	100,120	104,197	104,197	82,148	82,148
Financial liabilities						
Trade and other payables	(127,628)	(127,628)	(118,274)	(118,274)	(117,980)	(117,980)
Bank borrowings	(39,421)	(38,704)	(71,248)	(71,890)	(49,424)	(48,759)
Lease liabilities	-	-	(8,917)	(9,011)	(3,294)	(3,294)
Bonds	(298,333)	(305,205)	(297,762)	(304,401)	(298,045)	(306,865)
	(465,382)	(471,537)	(496,201)	(503,576)	(468,743)	(476,898)

Prepaid expenses, deferred revenue and unearned subscriptions do not meet the definition of a financial instrument and have been excluded from the "Trade and other receivables" and "Trade and other payables" categories above.

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables is assumed to approximate their fair value.

The fair value of long-term borrowings are estimated by discounting future cash flows using current market interest rates offered to the Group for debt with substantially the same characteristics and maturities. The interest rates used in estimating the fair value of long-term debt were as follows:

	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2015
Bond A	5.05%	5.22%	5.48%
Bond B	4.60%	5.43%	4.72%
Bank Borrowings	4.19%	5.31%	5.13%
Lease Liabilities	-	5.70%	6.08%

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments are:

The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable inputs. The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is based on market forward foreign exchange rates at period end.

#### **12. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group is subject to litigation incidental to its business, none of which is expected to be material. No provision has been made in the Group's financial statements in relation to any current litigation and the directors believe that such litigation will not have a significant effect on the Group's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### **13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Other than as set out in note 9 (Dividends) there have been no subsequent events after balance date.

#### **INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT**



#### To the shareholders of Sky Network Television Limited

#### **Report on the Interim Financial Statements**

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("financial statements") of Sky Network Television Limited ("the Company") on pages 9 to 17, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2015 and the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the period ended on that date and selected explanatory notes for the Group. The Group comprises the Company and the entities it controlled at 31 December 2015 or from time to time during the period.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible on behalf of the Company for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting (NZ IAS 34) and for such internal controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Our Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with the New Zealand Standard on Review Engagements 2410 Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity (NZ SRE 2410). NZ SRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with NZ IAS 34. As the auditors of the Company, NZ SRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial statements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 is a limited assurance engagement. The auditors perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We are independent of the Group. Our firm carries out other services for the Group in the area of assurance and advisory services. In addition, certain partners and employees of our firm may deal with the Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the Group. The provision of these other services has not impaired our independence.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements of the Company are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with NZ IAS 34.

#### **Restriction on Use of Our Report**

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body. Our review work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters which we are required to state to them in our review 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 shareholders, as a body, for our review procedures, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Price waterhouse Coopers

Chartered Accountants Auckland

25 February 2016



#### NOTES

#### DIRECTORY

#### REGISTRARS

Shareholders should address questions relating to share certificates, notify changes of address or address any administrative questions to SKY's share registrar as follows:

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Chief Executive

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Megan King

Richard Last Cherie Lawrence

Chris Major

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#### **Director's Declaration**

The directors declare that the consolidated financial statements set out on pages 9 - 17:

- (i) comply with New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards
- (ii) give a true and fair view of the financial position of SKY Network Television Limited and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2015 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended on that date.

In the directors' opinion at the date of this declaration there are reasonable grounds to believe that SKY Network Television Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Auckland this 25th day of February 2016.

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Peter Macourt Chairman

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John Fellet Director

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#### **Other Information**

#### SKY Network Television Limited Half Year ended on 31 December 2015 (In NZD)

#### • Net tangible assets per security:

Current period \$(0.238): 1

Previous period \$(0.430): 1

#### • Control gained over entities

There was no control gained over entities during the half year.

#### Loss of control of entities

There was no loss of control of entities during the half year.

#### • Dividends

Interim dividend payable: \$58.4 million

Record date to determine entitlements to the interim dividend: 11 March 2016

Date interim dividend payable: 18 March 2016

Previous corresponding period – interim dividend (paid March 2015): \$58.4 million (ordinary securities)

Previous corresponding period - final dividend (paid September 2014) \$58.4 million.

#### • Amount per security

	Amount per security	Franked amount per Security	Amount per security of foreign sourced dividend	Amount per security payable on each dividend to non resident shareholders
Final Dividend	NA			
Interim Dividend	15.0 cents	NA	NA	
NZ imputation credits - final	NA			
NZ imputation credits - interim	5.8333 cents			
Supplementary dividend - final				NA
Supplementary dividend - interim				2.6471 cents

#### Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Not applicable

#### • Accounting standards

New Zealand international financial reporting standards used in compiling report.

#### • Directors' Details

The directors of Sky Network Television Limited at any time during the half year are as follows:

Chairman
Deputy Chairman (resigned 21 October 2015)
Director & Chief Executive
Director (resigned 21 October 2015)
Director
Director
Director
Director (appointed 20 August 2015)

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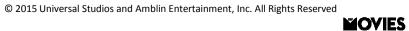
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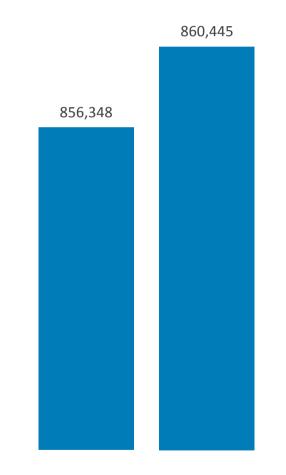
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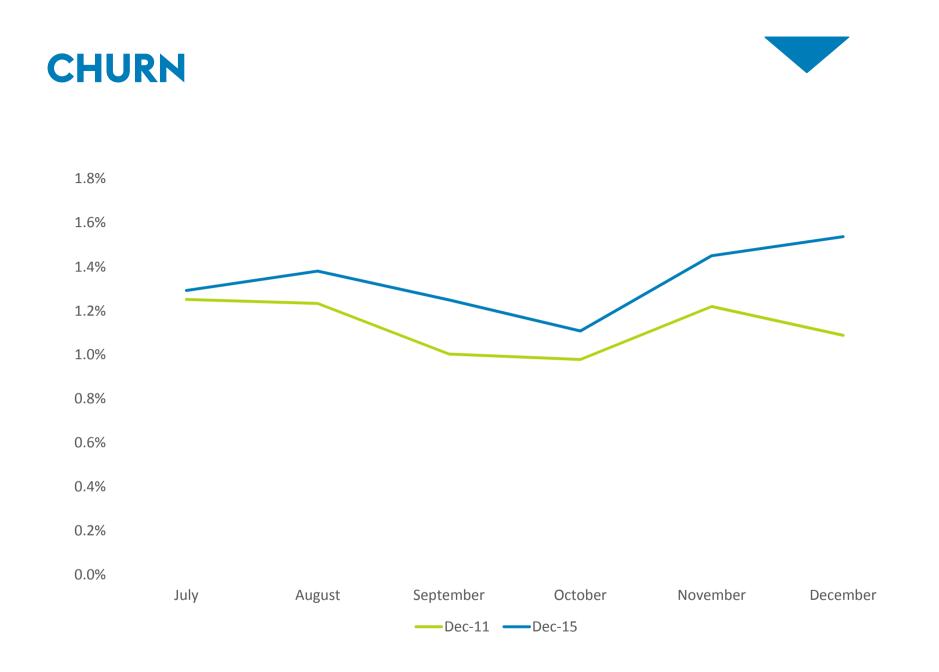






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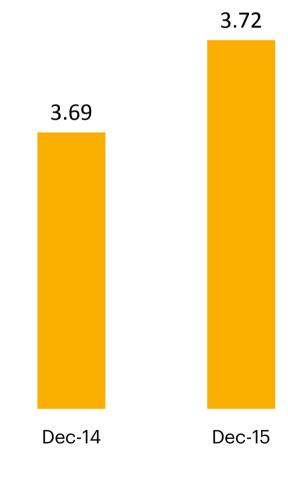


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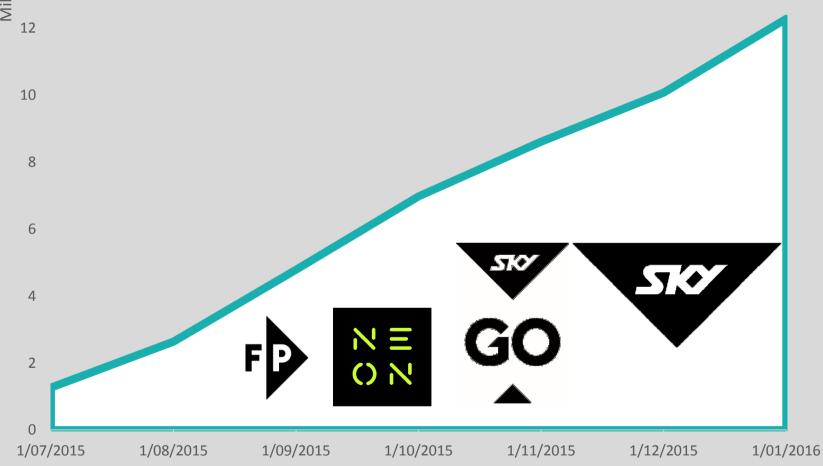






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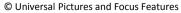
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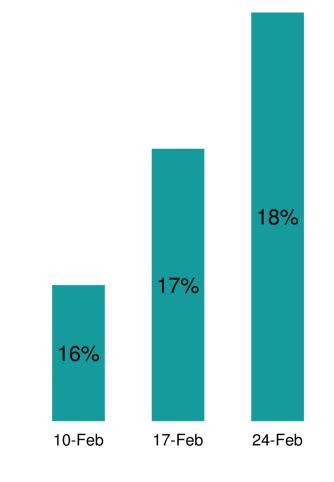




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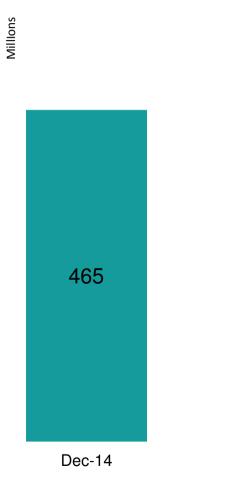


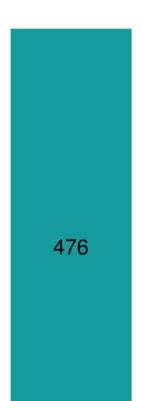


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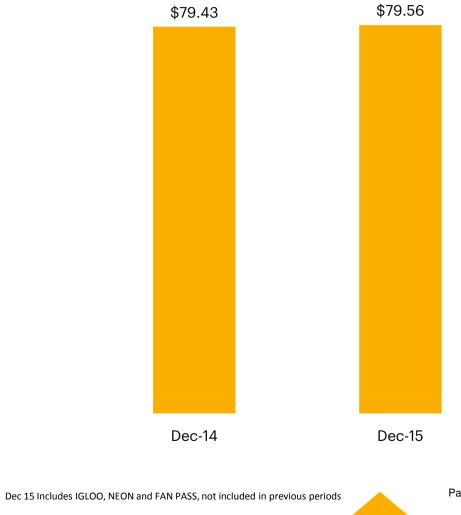


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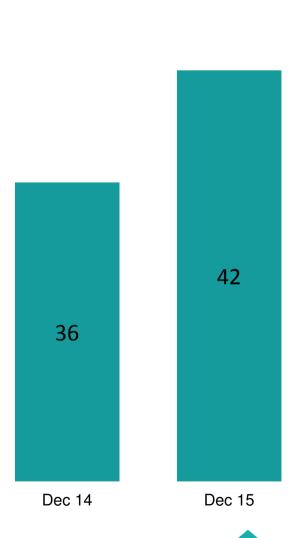
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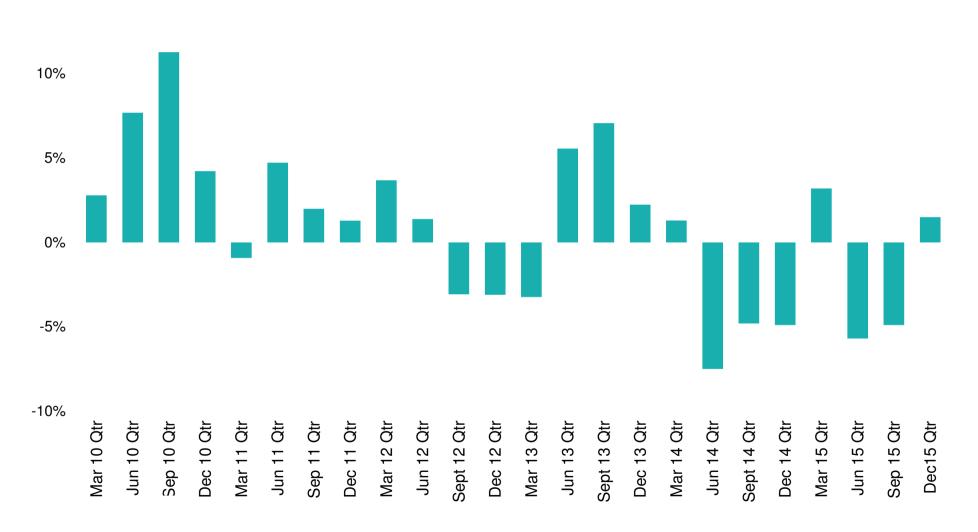


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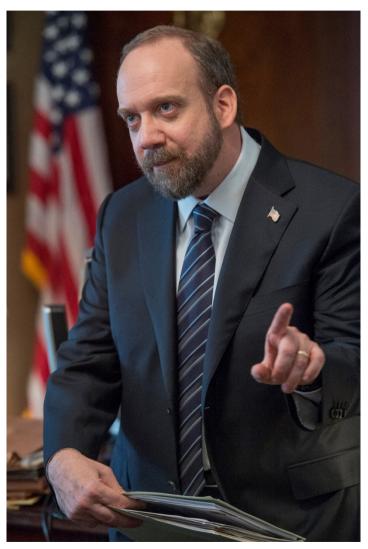


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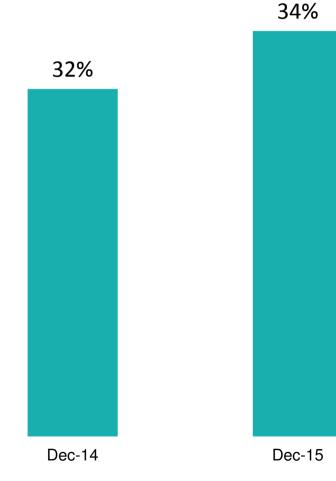
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## **NET PROFIT**





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## FINANCIAL DETAIL

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#### **INTERIM RESULTS SUMMARY**

	2014	2015	% Change
Revenue	464.5	475.6	2.4%
Operating Expenses	272.1	294.7	8.5%
EBITDA	192.4	180.9	(6.0%)
Depn & Amort	54.1	49.2	(9.1%)
EBIT	138.3	131.7	(4.8%)
Interest	10.0	10.3	3.0%
Tax	35.8	34.0	(5.0%)
NET PROFIT after TAX	92.5	87.3	(5.5%)



## **REVENUE ANALYSIS**

	2014	2015	% Change
Residential Satellite subscriptions	380.9	383.5	0.7%
Other subscriptions	34.8	38.8	11.5%
Advertising	36.1	42.3	17.2%
Other Income	12.6	10.9	(13.5%)
TOTAL REVENUE	464.5	475.5	2.4%





#### **EXPENSE ANALYSIS**

	2014	2015	% Change
Programming rights	147.7	162.9	10.3%
Subscriber management	52.5	53.4	1.7%
Broadcasting and infrastructure	44.9	47.8	6.5%
Depreciation and amortisation	54.1	49.2	(9.1%)
Other costs	27.1	30.6	12.9%
TOTAL EXPENSE	326.3	343.9	5.4%





#### **CAPITAL EXPENSE ANALYSIS**

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	2014	2015	% Change
Install	14.6	14.5	(0.7%)
Decoders	8.2	28.3	245.1%
Land and Building Improvements	6.3	0.3	(95.2%)
Broadcasting and Technology equipment	3.7	3.2	(13.5%)
Other	18.0	13.2	(26.7%)
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	50.8	59.5	17.1%





#### **OPERATING CASHFLOW**

	2014	2015	% Change
Operating Cashflow	148.2	157.7	6.4%
Capex	(50.8)	(59.5)	17.1%
Net debt drawn/(repaid)	(8.0)	(10.0)	25.0%
Dividends	(65.5)	(65.7)	0.3%
Other	(2.2)	(3.9)	77.3%
NET CASH MOVEMENT	21.7	18.5	(14.3%)





## **FUNDING PROFILE**

	FACILITY	DRAWN	MARGIN	MATURITY
Bank Debt	\$250m	\$40m	145bp	Jul 2020
Bond - A	\$200m	\$200m	65bp	Oct 2016
Bond - B	\$100m	\$100m	Fixed rate at 6.25%	Mar 2021



## **FOREIGN CURRENCY HEDGING**

#### For USD exposures

- > 95% hedged for 6 months to 30 June 2016 @ 0.7536
- 79% hedged for June 2017 year @ 0.6907
- 39% hedged for June 2018 year @ 0.7060

#### For AUD exposures

- 93% hedged for 6 months to 30 June 2016 @ 0.9369
- 80% hedged for 30 June 2017 @ 0.9256
- 0% hedged for 30 June 2018

Average \$US payment rate for Opex for the 6 months to December 15 @ 0.7607





## DIVIDEND

#### The Board has declared a fully imputed final dividend of 15.0 cps (\$58.4m) to

be paid and a supplementary dividend of 2.6471 to be paid to non-residents.

Record date is 11 March 2016.

Payment date is 18 March 2016.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Interim	15.0	15.0	14.0	12.0	11.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Final		15.0	15.0	12.0	11.0	10.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
Ordinary Total	15.0	30.0	29.0	24.0	22.0	18.5	14.0	14.0	14.0
Special		0	0	0	32.0	25.0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15.0	30.0	29.0	24.0	54.0	43.5	14.0	14.0	14.0





# **SKY HIGHLIGHTS**

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- Up to 15 hours of near-live coverage on PRIME
- Olympic Video Player
- SKY NEXT Athletes

#### **COME WITH US**

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- Live coverage of the 35<sup>th</sup> Americas Cup
- Louis Vuitton coverage Oman Feb 2016 New York May 2016 Chicago June 2016 UK July 2016 France Sept 2016

## **INVESTING IN CONTENT**









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- Launched November 2015
- Already ranking in the top 5 viewed channels on SKY



















- Up to 100,000 media requests per day
- A popular weekday viewing option

#### **CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN CONTENT**

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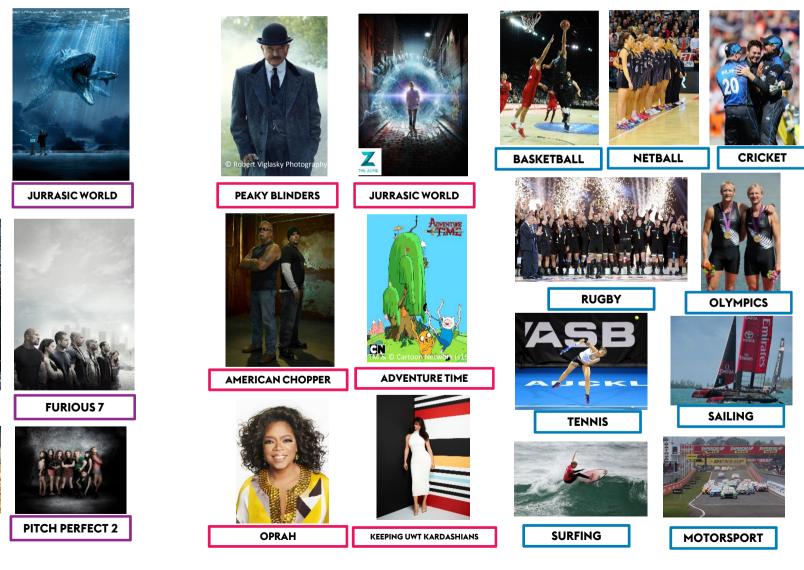
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## GUIDANCE

SKY confirms Guidance for underlying earnings at the <u>lower end</u> of the range provided in October 2015, except Capex will be in the \$130 - \$140m range due to timing of STB deliveries.

	SKY FY16 Guidance Range
\$m	
Revenue	928-935
EBITDA	335-340
EBIT	235-240
NPAT	153-158
CAPEX	125-130

Note: Guidance excludes any one-off costs associated with any capital management initiatives.



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## **INTERIM RESULTS**

DECEMBER 2015