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### Half year report

Name of entity: **HydroMet Corporation Limited**

#### 1. Details of the reporting period

Current period: 1 July 2006 – 31 December 2006

Previous corresponding period: 1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

#### 2. Results for announcement to the market

\$A'000

2.1 Revenues from ordinary activities	down	16.1%	to	6,670
2.2 Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	up	35.6%	to	343
2.3 Net Profit attributable to members	up	2.4%	to	259
2.4 Dividends	Amount per security		Franked amount per security	
Interim dividend	Nil		N/A	
Final dividend	Nil		N/A	
2.5 Record date for determining entitlements to dividends	N/A			

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2.6 A brief explanation of any of the figures in 2.1 to 2.4 necessary to enable the figures to be understood:

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**Other developments:**

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### 3. Net tangible assets per security

	31 December 2006	31 December 2005
Net tangible assets per share (cents)	2.78	3.03

### 4. Control gained or lost over entities during the period

N/A

### 5. Details of dividends/distributions

5.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	N/A
5.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution)	N/A

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax	Amount per security of foreign source dividend	Date of payment
5.3	<b>Final dividend:</b> Current year	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢	
5.4	Previous year	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢	
5.5	<b>Interim dividend:</b> Current year	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢	
5.6	Previous year	- ¢	- ¢	- ¢	

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**6. Details of dividend reinvestment plan**

The dividend reinvestment plan approved by the shareholders in 1999 is in operation.

**7. Details of associates and joint venture entities**

N/A

**8. Accounting Standards used by foreign entities**

N/A

**9. Qualification of audit/review**

N/A

**Hydromet Corporation Limited**  
**ABN 71 002 802 646**  
**and its controlled entities**

**31 December 2006**  
**Interim Financial Report**

## Offices and officers

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### Stock Exchange

The Company is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The Home Exchange is Sydney.

### Other information

Hydromet Corporation Limited, incorporated and domiciled in Australia, is a publicly listed company limited by shares.

### Auditor

KPMG

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**Hydromet Corporation Limited and its controlled entities  
For the six months ended 31 December 2006**

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## **Hydromet Corporation Limited and its controlled entities**

### **Directors' report**

The directors present their report together with the consolidated financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2006 and the review report thereon.

### **Directors**

The directors of the company at anytime during or since the end of the half-year are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Period of directorship</b>
<b>Non-executive</b>	
Mr Timothy R Allen (Deputy Chairperson)	Director since 2001 - appointed Deputy Chairperson in February 2006
Mr Stephen H Kwan	Director since 1991
Mr Stephen Wolfe	Resigned 23 November 2006
<b>Executive</b>	
Dr Lakshman D Jayaweera (Chairperson)	Director since 1991 - appointed Deputy Chairperson 2000 and Chairperson 2001
Mr Gregory W Wrightson	Director since 1998 - appointed Managing Director 2000
Mr Pipvide S Tang	Director from 1991 to 1996 and since 1997 - appointed Finance Director 2004

### **Review of operations**

#### ***Consolidated results***

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

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 17 and forms part of the directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2006.

### **Rounding off**

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

Dated at Wollongong this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GW Wrightson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

GW Wrightson  
Director

## Hydromet Corporation Limited and its controlled entities

### Consolidated interim income statement For the six months ended 31 December 2006

*In thousands of AUD*

	Note	31 Dec 2006	31 Dec 2005
Revenue from sales of goods		3,697	3,026
Revenue from rendering of services		2,973	4,928
Total revenue		<u>6,670</u>	<u>7,954</u>
Other income		68	125
Change in inventories of finished goods & WIP		(247)	(626)
Raw materials and consumables used		(1,301)	(1,156)
Direct production costs		(2,042)	(3,018)
Personnel expenses		(1,716)	(2,124)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(279)	(232)
Consultants and professional services		(98)	(149)
Insurance expenses		(114)	(116)
Property rental and site costs		(52)	(14)
Other expenses		<u>(415)</u>	<u>(350)</u>
<b>Results from operating activities</b>		474	294
Financial income		45	58
Financial expenses		<u>(159)</u>	<u>(99)</u>
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		360	253
Tax expense	7	<u>(17)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<u>343</u>	<u>253</u>
<b>Earnings per share</b>			
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)		0.116	0.086

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report set out on pages 8 to 13.

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### Consolidated interim statement of recognised income and expense For the six months ended 31 December 2006

*In thousands of AUD*

	Note	31 Dec 2006	31 Dec 2005
Cash flow hedges:			
(Loss) taken to equity		<u>(84)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Income and expense recognised directly in equity</b>		(84)	-
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<u>343</u>	<u>253</u>
<b>Total recognised income and expense for the period</b>		<u>259</u>	<u>253</u>
<b>Attributable to shareholders of the Company</b>		<u>259</u>	<u>253</u>

Other movements in equity arising from transactions with owners as owners are set out in note 10. The statement of recognised income and expense is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report set out on pages 8 to 13.

## Hydromet Corporation Limited and its controlled entities

### Consolidated interim balance sheet

As at 31 December 2006

*In thousands of AUD*

	Note	31 Dec 2006	30 June 2006
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		1,753	2,474
Trade and other receivables		2,474	2,505
Inventories		2,181	765
Income tax receivable		32	47
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>6,440</u>	<u>5,791</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	9,974	8,504
Intangible assets	9	1,045	1,045
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>11,019</u>	<u>9,549</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>17,459</u>	<u>15,340</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		2,133	1,504
Loans and borrowings	11	2,608	2,208
Employee benefits		395	299
Provisions		897	966
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>6,033</u>	<u>4,977</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Loans and borrowings	11	1,800	1,000
Employee benefits		180	138
Provisions		177	215
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<u>2,157</u>	<u>1,353</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>8,190</u>	<u>6,330</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>9,269</u>	<u>9,010</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital		64,010	64,010
Reserves		(84)	-
Accumulated losses		(54,657)	(55,000)
<b>Total equity</b>	10	<u>9,269</u>	<u>9,010</u>

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## Hydromet Corporation Limited and its controlled entities

### Consolidated interim statement of cash flows For the six months ended 31 December 2006

*In thousands of AUD*

	31 Dec 2006	31 Dec 2005
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts from customers	6,723	6,984
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(6,756)</u>	<u>(8,508)</u>
Cash generated from operations	(33)	(1,524)
Interest paid	<u>(149)</u>	<u>(99)</u>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u><u>(182)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,623)</u></u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Interest received	45	58
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(1,828)	(652)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	<u>43</u>	<u>31</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<u><u>(1,740)</u></u>	<u><u>(563)</u></u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Payment of finance lease liabilities	(36)	(35)
Repayments of borrowings	(99)	-
Proceeds from borrowings	<u>1,336</u>	<u>80</u>
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<u><u>1,201</u></u>	<u><u>45</u></u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(721)	(2,141)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July</b>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>3,442</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<u><u>1,753</u></u>	<u><u>1,301</u></u>

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report set out on pages 8 to 13.

## **Hydromet Corporation Limited and its controlled entities**

### **Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report**

#### **1 Reporting entity**

Hydromet Corporation Limited (the “Company”) is a company domiciled in Australia. The consolidated interim financial report of the Company as at and for the six months ended 31 December 2006 comprises the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the “consolidated entity”) and the consolidated entity’s interest in associates.

The consolidated interim financial report of the consolidated entity as at and for the half year ended 31 December 2006 is available upon request from the Company’s registered office at Lot 3, Five Islands Road, Unanderra, NSW 2526 or at [www.hydromet.com.au](http://www.hydromet.com.au).

#### **2 Statement of compliance**

The consolidated interim financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001.

The consolidated interim financial report does not include all of the information required for a full annual financial report and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated annual financial report of the consolidated entity as at and for the year ended 30 June 2006.

The consolidated interim financial report was approved by the Board of Directors on 26 February 2007.

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

#### **3 Significant accounting policies**

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied by the consolidated entity in this consolidated interim financial report are the same as those applied by the consolidated entity in its consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2006.

The consolidated entity adopted the following account policy for *Hedging* as at 1 July 2006. Previously the consolidated entity did not enter any hedging relationships and adopted no accounting policies on hedging.

##### **Hedging**

On entering into a hedging relationship, the consolidated entity formally designates and documents the hedge relationship and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the entity will assess the hedging instrument’s effectiveness in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item’s fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk. Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis to determine that they have been effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which they are designated.

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**3 Significant accounting policies (continued)**

Cash flow Hedge

A hedge of the exposure to variability in cash flows that (i) is attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction and (ii) could affect profit or loss.

The portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised directly in equity through the statement of recognised income and expense. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in profit and loss.

When a hedge of a forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a financial asset or financial liability, the associated gains or losses that were recognised directly in the statement of recognised income and expense is reclassified into profit or loss in the same period or periods during which the asset acquired or liability assumed affects profit or loss. When all or a portion of a loss recognised directly in equity will not be recovered in one or more future periods, the loss is classified into profit or loss at the amount that is not expected to be recovered.

**4 Estimates**

The preparation of the interim financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this consolidated interim financial report, the significant judgements made by management in applying the consolidated entity's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2006.

**5 Financial risk management**

During the six months ended 31 December 2006 the consolidated entity adopted the policy of hedging the selling price of its lead metal sales. The consolidated entity now hedges 80 percent (2005: nil) of its estimated selling price exposure in respect of forecasted lead metal sales over the following two months.

Other aspects of the consolidated entity's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with that disclosed in the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2006.



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**6 Segment reporting**

Business segment

The consolidated entity operates in one business segment which is the treatment of industrial residues using hydrometallurgical processing technology.

Geographical segments

The consolidated entity operates processing plants geographically in Australia and New Zealand. The Company considers the New Zealand operation is engaged in providing industrial residue treatment services under similar economic and political conditions as those experienced by its Australian operations, and without currency or special risk significantly different to those experienced in Australia.

**7 Income tax expense**

The consolidated entity's consolidated effective tax rate in respect of continuing operations for the six months ended 31 December 2006 was 0 percent (for the year ended 30 June 2006: 0 percent; for the six months ended 31 December 2005: 0 percent). The 0 percent effective tax rate for the six months ended 31 December 2006 was due to the utilisation of carried forward tax losses.

**8 Property, plant and equipment**

Acquisitions and disposals

During the six months ended 31 December 2006 the consolidated entity acquired assets with a cost of \$1,828 thousand (six months ended 31 December 2005: \$652 thousand).

Assets with a carrying amount of \$79 thousand were scrapped and disposed of during the six months ended 31 December 2006 (six months ended 31 December 2005: \$34 thousand), resulting in a loss on disposal of \$37 thousand (six months ended 31 December 2005: loss of \$4 thousand), which is included in "other expenses".

Capital commitments

During the six months ended 31 December 2006 the consolidated entity issued purchase orders to purchase property, plant and equipment for \$32 thousand (six months ended 31 December 2005: nil); delivery is expected in January 2007.

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**9 Intangible assets**

The consolidated entity performed its annual impairment testing of intangible assets during the six months ended 31 December 2006.

Hydroproc process

The Hydroproc process is the technology applied by the consolidated entity in its operations. The recoverable amount of the Hydroproc process cash-generating unit is based on value in use calculations. These calculations use cash flow projections based on the following assumptions:

- budgeted operating results;
- the five-year business plan; and
- a five percent growth rate for cash flows for a further ten-year period.

A pre-tax discount rate of fifteen percent has been used in discounting the projected cash flows. As the calculated recoverable amount exceeds the carrying amount of the Hydroproc process, no impairment losses were incurred during the six months to 31 December 2006.

Exploration and evaluation assets

The recoverability of the carrying amounts of exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or sale of the respective area of interest.

In November 2006 the consolidated entity entered into an option agreement to sell the assets in a multi stage process. As the consideration under the agreement exceeds the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets, no impairment losses were incurred during the six months to 31 December 2006.

**10 Capital and reserves**

Reconciliation of movements in equity attributable to shareholders of the Company.

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Hedging reserve</b>	<b>Accumulated losses</b>	<b>Total equity</b>
<b>Consolidated</b>				
Balance at 1 July 2005	64,000	-	(54,126)	9,874
Total recognised income and expense	-	-	(875)	(875)
Issue of ordinary shares	10	-	-	10
Adjustment for rounding	-	-	1	1
Balance at 30 June 2006	<u>64,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>9,010</u>
Balance at 1 July 2006	64,010	-	(55,000)	9,010
Total recognised income and expense	-	(84)	343	259
Balance at 31 December 2006	<u>64,010</u>	<u>(84)</u>	<u>(54,657)</u>	<u>9,269</u>

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**11 Loans and borrowings**

The following loans and borrowings (non-current and current) were issued and repaid during the six months ended 31 December 2006:

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Interest rate</b>		<b>Face value</b>	<b>Carrying amount</b>	<b>Year of maturity</b>
		<b>nominal</b>	<b>effective</b>			
Balance at 1 July 2005	AUD			1,273	1,273	
<b>New issues</b>						
Finance lease liabilities	AUD	8.39%	8.39%	280	280	2005 – 2009
<b>Repayments</b>						
Finance lease liabilities		8.48%	8.48%	(234)	(234)	
Balance at 31 December 2005	AUD			1,319	1,319	
Balance at 1 July 2006	AUD			3,208	3,208	
<b>New issues</b>						
Secured bank loans	AUD			241	241	2007
Finance lease liabilities	AUD	6.73%	6.73%	1,226	1,226	2006 – 2009
<b>Repayments</b>						
Debentures	AUD	12%	12.3%- 14.5%	(90)	(90)	
Finance lease liabilities	AUD	7.86%	7.86%	(177)	(177)	
Balance at 31 December 2006	AUD			4,408	4,408	

**12 Contingencies**

In October 2005, a party brought a Supreme Court action against a wholly-owned subsidiary. The subsidiary was alleged, along with others, to have knowingly participated in and assisted in breaches of fiduciary duty by the directors of its then holding company. During the six months ended 31 December 2006 the action was settled and the subsidiary received a settlement amount from other party.

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**13 Related parties**

Transactions with key management personnel

Key management personnel receive compensation in the form of short-term employee benefits and post-employment benefits.

Other related party transactions

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	<b>Transaction value</b>		<b>Balance outstanding</b>	
	<b>Six months ended</b>			
	<b>31 Dec 2006</b>	<b>31 Dec 2005</b>	<b>31 Dec 2006</b>	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Directors – consulting services	-	-	38	38
Directors – sale of goods	26	-	26	-

**14 Subsequent event**

There has not arisen in the interval between 31 December 2006 and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity, in future financial years.

## **Hydromet Corporation Limited**

### **Directors' declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of Hydromet Corporation Limited ("the company"):

- 1 the financial statements and notes set out on pages 4 to 13, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity as at 31 December 2006 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the half-year ended on that date; and
  - b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- 2 there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Wollongong this 26th day of February 2007.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GW Wrightson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

GW Wrightson  
Director



## **Independent auditor's review report to the members of HydroMet Corporation Limited**

### ***Report on the Financial Report***

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial report of HydroMet Corporation Limited, which comprises the consolidated interim balance sheet as at 31 December 2006, condensed income statement, statement of recognised income and expense and cash flow statement for the interim period ended on that date, a description of accounting policies and other explanatory notes 1 to 14 and the directors' declaration set out on pages 4 to 14 of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during the interim period.

#### *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2006 and its performance for the interim period ended on that date; and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As auditor of HydroMet Corporation Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.



*Conclusion*

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2006 and of its performance for the interim period ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

KPMG

Warwick Shanks  
*Partner*

Wollongong

26 February 2007



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

To: the directors of HydroMet Corporation Limited.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review for the half-year ended 31 December 2006 there have been:

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



KPMG



Warwick Shanks  
*Partner*

Wollongong

26 February 2007