

Independent review report to members of David Jones Limited

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows and accompanying notes to the financial statements and the other information set out in Appendix 4D to the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules for the consolidated entity comprising both David Jones Limited (the company) and the entities it controlled during the half year, and the directors' declaration, for the company, for the 26 weeks ended 29 January 2005.

The directors of the company are responsible for preparing a financial report that gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity, and that complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting", in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, and the ASX Listing Rules as they relate to Appendix 4D. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Review approach

We conducted an independent review of the financial report in order to make a statement about it to the members of the company, and in order for the company to lodge the financial report with the ASX and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Our review was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is not presented fairly in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, and the ASX Listing Rules as they relate to Appendix 4D, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the consolidated entity's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance is less than given in an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the company, and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditors' Independence Declaration a copy of which is included in the Directors' Report.

Statement

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report, as defined in the scope section, of David Jones Limited and the entities it controlled during the 26 weeks ended 29 January 2005 is not in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity at 29 January 2005 and of its performance for the 26 weeks ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia and the ASX Listing Rules & they relate to Appendix 4D.



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S J Ferguson
Partner
Sydney
22 March 2005

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of David Jones Limited

In relation to our review of the financial report of David Jones Limited for the 26 weeks ended 2 January 2005, 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.



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