

Appendix 4D

Half year report

Name of entity:

AXA ASIA PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED

ABN:

78 069 123 011

1 Reporting period

Half year ended ('reporting period'):

30 June 2009

Previous half year ended ('previous corresponding period'):

30 June 2008

2 Results for announcement to the market

Profit after income tax and before non-recurring items for the 6 months ended 30 June 2009 was \$270.4 million (2008: \$94.2 million).

(\$ million)	2009	2008	Change
Operating earnings	255.5	295.0	(13%)
Normalised investment earnings	75.0	90.0	
Corporate expenses	(27.0)	(22.0)	
Interest expense	(18.3)	(24.7)	
Executive share plan expense	(4.6)	(6.6)	
Amortisation of value of business acquired	(13.6)	(7.1)	
Profit after tax and before investment experience and non-recurring items	267.0	324.6	(18%)
Investment experience	(19.6)	(230.4)	
Non-recurring items after tax	23.0	-	
Profit after tax, attributable to shareholders	270.4	94.2	187%

2 Results for announcement to the market (cont.)

Operating earnings were down 13 per cent to \$255.5 million (2008: \$295.0 million).

In Australia and New Zealand, operating earnings fell 46 per cent to \$88.1 million (2008: \$163.9 million), affected by lower funds under management due to falling investment markets and less favourable claims experience in our income protection business.

In Hong Kong, operating earnings grew 32 per cent to \$175.8 million (2008: \$133.5 million), benefiting from favourable currency movements. In Hong Kong dollars, operating earnings were up 1 per cent to HK\$969 million (2008: HK\$963 million).

In South East Asia, operating earnings grew 10 per cent to \$17.2 million (2008: \$15.6 million) due primarily to growth in the Thailand operations.

In India, China and ipac Asia, operating losses increased 42 per cent to negative \$25.6 million (2008: negative \$18 million), reflecting our ongoing investment in these operations.

A positive investment result of \$55.4 million (2008: \$140.4 million loss), resulted from improved equity markets and reduced credit spreads.

- Normalised investment earnings were \$75.0 million (2008: \$90.0 million).

- Investment experience was negative \$19.6 million (2008: negative \$230.4 million).

During the first half of 2009, non-recurring items of \$23.0m (2008: \$nil) were recognised. These items included a \$39 million profit on the sale of half of our interest in our life insurance joint venture in India. This was partially offset by \$(16) million of expense items, substantially relating to a restructuring charge recognised in Australia and New Zealand.

	6 months June 2009 \$m	6 months June 2008 \$m	% Movement
2.1 Revenue from ordinary activities			
Premium, fees and other revenue	1,542	1,376	
Investment revenue and marked to market adjustment on shareholder and policyholder invested assets ¹	437	(2,333)	
Total revenue	1,979	(957)	307%
2.2 Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributed to members	270	94	187%
2.3 Net profit for the period attributable to members	270	94	187%
Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security	
2.4 Interim dividend	9.25c	2.78c	
2.5 Record date for determining entitlements to the interim dividend	21 August 2009		
2.6 Brief explanation (if required) of any of the figures reported above.			
¹ Marked to market movements on policyholder investment assets are largely offset by the change in policyholder liabilities within the Income Statement. Refer Investor Compendium and Financial Report for analysis of figures reported above.			

An interim dividend of 9.25 cents per share, franked to 30 percent (totalling \$188 million), was declared and is payable to shareholders on 24 September 2009. A final dividend in respect of the 12 months ended 31 December 2008 of \$156 million, franked to 40 per cent, (9.25 cents per share), was paid in cash or participated in the dividend reinvestment plan during the six months to 30 June 2009.

3 Net tangible assets per security

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Net tangible assets per ordinary security	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.70

4 Entities over which control has been gained or lost

	Control gained	Control lost
4.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	1. Gould Wealth Management Limited 2. Pajoda Investments Pty Ltd 3. Multiport Pty Ltd	Not applicable
4.2 Date from which control was gained/lost	1. March 2009 2. October 2008 ¹ 3. April 2009	Not applicable
4.3 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period on which control was acquired (control gained) or for the current period to date of loss of control (control lost)	1. (0.1) million 2. 0.1 million 3. 0.2 million	Not applicable
4.4 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	Not applicable	Not applicable

¹ Consolidated for the first time during the six months to 30 June 2009.

5 Interim dividends

Date the dividend (distribution) is payable

24 September 2009

Interim dividend:

Current half year
Previous corresponding period

Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
9.25 cents	2.78 cents	6.47 cents
9.25 cents	3.70 cents	5.55 cents

Ordinary securities (each class separately)
Preference securities (each class separately)
Other equity instruments (each class separately)
Totals

Current period	Previous corresponding period
\$Am	\$Am
188	156
-	-
-	-
188	156

6 Dividend reinvestment plans

Dividend reinvestment plans in operation

From 2008

The dividend reinvestment plan ('DRP') introduced in 2008 will be available to eligible shareholders for the 2009 interim dividend, the record date for which will be 21 August 2009. AXA APH's share registry must receive an Election Notice by 5.00pm (AEDT) on 21 August 2009 for eligible shareholders to participate in the DRP. Election notices previously lodged with AXA APH's share registry continue to apply.

Eligible shareholders may reinvest all or part of their dividends in additional AXA APH shares at a 2.5% discount to the average Volume Weighted Average Price of sales of AXA APH shares during the 5 days commencing on the 2nd trading day after the record date. Shares will be issued on 24 September 2009.

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for participation in any dividend or distribution reinvestment plans

21 August 2009

7 Details of associates and joint venture entities

Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	Percentage of ownership interest held at the end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit / (loss)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period	Previous corresponding period
	%	%*	\$Am	\$Am
AllianceBernstein Australia Limited	50	50	2	5
AllianceBernstein New Zealand Limited	50	50	-	1
Pension Transfer Direct Pty Ltd	25	25	-	-
Garrisons Toowong Pty Ltd	40	40	-	-
DVG Pty Ltd	50	50	-	-
IMB Financial Planning Pty Limited	50	50	-	-
Exford Pty Ltd	50	50	-	-
King Financial Services Pty Ltd	39	39	-	-
Pateley Pty Ltd	39	39	-	-
AON Wealth Management Ltd	20	20	-	-
AXA Life Insurance Corporation (Philippines)	45	45	2	3
Krungthai AXA Life Insurance Company Limited	50	50	4	9
AXA AFFIN Life Insurance BERHAD	49	49	5	(2)
AXA India Wealth Management	26	26	(2)	1
Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited	13	26	(17)	(12)
AXA APH GESP Deferred (Australia) Pty Ltd	49	49	-	-
AXA APH GESP Exempt (Australia) Pty Ltd	49	49	-	-
Greenstone Fund Limited	20	20	-	-
PT. AXA Mandiri Financial Services	51	51	6	3
TFS Financial Planning Pty Ltd	72	72	-	1
Strategic Wealth Solutions	25	25	-	-
AXA China S.A	49	49	-	-
AXA Group Regional Business Management (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	49	49	-	-
AXA Minmetals Assurance Company Limited	25	25	(1)	(3)
Datatrade Limited	30	30	-	-
Totals			(1)	6
Other material interests	Not applicable	Not applicable		
Totals			(1)	6

* As at 31 December 2008

8 Other information

During the period, AXA APH raised capital of \$872 million (net of transaction costs) to strengthen its regulatory capital position and reduce borrowings. The raising consisted of:

- \$500 million institutional placement (175,438,597 new shares)
- \$165 million share purchase plan (58,068,994 new shares)
- \$213 million top up offer (74,618,358 new shares)
- \$6 million of transaction expenses were incurred in the capital raising.