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#### **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS – ASX 2015 FINAL DIVIDEND**

Attached is a letter from ASX's Chairman, Rick Holliday-Smith, regarding the ASX 2015 final dividend.

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Dear ASX Shareholder

On 20 August 2015 ASX Limited (ASX) announced its full-year results for the 12 months to 30 June 2015 (FY15). Results were positive, supported by activity increases across all major markets. New listings activity was particularly strong, with 120 IPOs, the most since FY11.

ASX continued to invest in new products and services, and in February 2015 announced that it will upgrade all of its major technology platforms over the next three to four years. In addition, ASX implemented fee reductions in its derivatives business to better align the company with its customers. These investments and fee changes create a more sustainable business.

Statutory profit after tax was \$397.8 million, up 3.8% on the prior corresponding period (FY14).

Underlying profit after tax (which excludes a restructuring charge of \$7.7 million pre-tax) was \$403.2 million, up 5.2%.

Based on the Group's segment reporting the key items were:

- Revenues (excluding interest) \$700.7 million, up 6.4%
- Interest and dividend income \$71.9 million, up 1.8%
- Underlying expenses (excluding depreciation and amortisation) \$160.1 million, up 4.2%
- Underlying earnings per share 208.4 cents, up 5.0%.

#### **Dividend advice enclosed**

ASX determined a final dividend of 95.1 cents per share fully franked, up 5.8%. The full-year dividends were 187.4 cents per share, up 5.2%. ASX maintained a payout ratio of 90% of underlying profit. The Dividend Reinvestment Plan will not operate for the final dividend.

#### **Board renewal**

ASX's Board renewal program is ongoing. In February 2015, Ms Yasmin Allen was welcomed as a non-executive director. Ms Allen brings strong business and risk management skills to the Board, and will stand for election as a director at ASX's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 30 September 2015. On 1 September 2015, Ms Jillian Segal retired from the Board after 12 years, having helped guide the company through an exciting and at times challenging period. On behalf of all ASX stakeholders, I thank her for her strong contribution.



The Board continues to consider opportunities to refresh its composition.

- Complete full-year results and the 2015 Annual Report are available at:  
<http://www.asx.com.au/about/investor-relations.htm>
- If you would like to ask questions of the ASX Board or management please email:  
[company.secretariat@asx.com.au](mailto:company.secretariat@asx.com.au)
- A webcast of ASX's 2015 AGM to be held on 30 September 2015 will be available at  
<http://www.asx.com.au/about/annual-general-meeting.htm>

The work ASX has done in FY15 positions it well for the future.

Thank you for your support and confidence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Holliday-Smith', written in a cursive style.

Rick Holliday-Smith  
Chairman

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