

# **Diverse Networks**



Annual Report 2011

# Contents 🛏

Financial Summary Chairman's Review Chief Executive Officer's Review Case Studies Sustainability Directors' Report Auditor's Independence Declaration Corporate Governance Statement

3	Independent Auditor's Report	39
6	Directors' Declaration	41
10	Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	42
14	Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	43
20	Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity	44
21	Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows	45
32	Notes to the Financial Statements	46
33	Shareholder Information	83
	Corporate Directory	89

# **Financial Summary**

	30 June 2011	30 June 2010	Change
Revenue	291.7m	280.6m	4%
NDR (Gross Margin)	64.6m	62.6m	3%
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	11.3m	9.2m	23%
Statutory EBITDA	11.3m	9.0m	25%
Underlying NPAT <sup>1 and 2</sup>	(0.9)m	(1.8)m	50%
Statutory NPAT	(5.8)m	(8.4)m	31%
Underlying EPS (cents) <sup>1 and 2</sup>	(0.8)c	(1.6)c	50%
Operating cash flow (before interest and taxation)	9.7m	10.8m	-10%
Operating cash flow	0.8m	4.0m	-80%

1 Before significant items - FY11: \$nil; FY10: \$0.2m

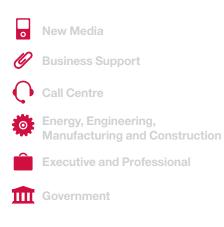
2 Before amortisation of intangibles, notional interest on deferred payments for business acquisitions under IFRS and impairment of non-current assets

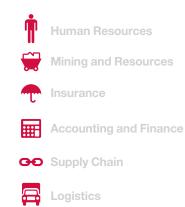


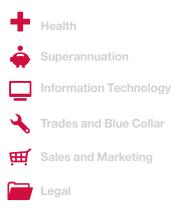
# **Diverse Networks**

# Rubicor consists of 23 diverse recruitment and human capital solutions businesses employing some 400 staff across 42 offices through 24 different brands.

We provide permanent, contract and temporary recruitment and human capital solutions to employers and candidates, including a suite of organisational development and training services. We have representation in all major Australian and New Zealand cities, regional Australian cities as well as Singapore.











### Chairman's Review

#### The year in review

I am pleased to report a continued improvement in both revenue and earnings for the year to 30 June 2011.

Total revenue increased by 4% to \$291 million, a satisfactory result, but not back to levels enjoyed before the global financial crisis. This reflects a slight improvement in employer confidence leading to increased recruitment activity, especially in hiring for permanent positions.

Mining and resources was the standout sector, with infrastructure, government, engineering and professional services also performing well. However, other parts of the economy were impacted by factors such as the strong Australian dollar, natural disasters (notably the Queensland floods and in New Zealand the Christchurch earthquake), uncertainty over interest rates, and world economic events leading to nervous investment markets.

Net Disposable Revenue (or Gross Margin) was \$64.6 million, up 3% on the previous year.

Because of the volatility in interest costs, we believe that the best measure of our underlying profitability is EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation). EBITDA rose by 25% to \$11.3 million. After interest expense and taxation there was an underlying loss of \$0.9 million and a statutory loss of \$5.8 million. This is a significant improvement on the \$8.3 million statutory loss sustained the previous year.

These improved results reflect the commitment and energy of Rubicor's management team and the leaders of the operating businesses in pursuing revenue growth while maintaining efficiency and productivity.

#### **Debt reduction and capital management**

Debt reduction remains a key priority for the Company. While we appreciate the attraction of paying dividends, particularly for retail shareholders, at this stage it is more important that we focus on reducing debt. As a result we have again elected not to declare any dividends for this financial year. Our aim is to restore dividends to shareholders once we have reduced debt to a more conservative level.

Vendor earn–out payments of \$7.2 million were paid in the year, with \$10.9 million, at present values, remaining on the balance sheet to be settled over the next three years.

Our operating cash flow for the year was \$9.7 million before interest and taxation, reflecting an 86% conversion of EBITDA to cash. This is important in servicing our borrowing requirements and, over time, reducing our gearing levels.

"Mining and resources was the standout sector, with infrastructure, government, engineering and professional services also performing well."

### Chairman's Review

Rubicor continues to operate within its banking covenants as it has done since July 2009. I would like to acknowledge the patience and support of our shareholders and bankers during the difficult period following the global financial crisis. In particular, I am pleased to report that in September the ANZ Bank agreed to a restructure of our debt to extend the debt facilities for two and a half years and subordinate \$33 million of the debt, resulting in a moratorium on interest payments for that part of the debt. In addition, the bank has provided additional funding of \$6.6 million to fund vendor payments due in November 2011 and has increased the overdraft facility by \$3 million.

# EBITDA UP 255% to \$11.3m

# "These improved results reflect the commitment and energy of Rubicor's management team and the leaders of the operating businesses in pursuing revenue growth while maintaining efficiency and productivity."

#### Wayman Chapman

Wayman Chapman passed away on 17 May this year. He was the founding CEO of Rubicor in 2005 and steered the Company through its public listing and acquisition of 21 operating companies, until retiring from executive duties in March 2009. Due to his extensive industry expertise, he continued to serve on the Board of Rubicor as a non–executive Director thereafter, contributing his wisdom and experience. We at Rubicor extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Following the passing of Mr Chapman, the Board determined that the appointment of a replacement Director is not desirable at this time whilst the Company navigates its debt facilities and related challenges. The Board continues to be constituted by three independent non-executive Directors together with the CEO in her capacity as an executive Director, consistent with the requirements of the Company's Constitution.

The composition of the Board committees has necessarily changed in order that the required number of independent nonexecutive Directors will constitute each of those committees with the result that now all three non-executive Directors serve on those committees. The Audit and Risk Management Committee continues to be chaired by Russel Pillemer, the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee by John Pettigrew and the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee by Robert Aitken. The Board will continue to monitor its composition in the future.

#### Remuneration

The Board is keen to ensure that Rubicor's policies closely align remuneration with business performance and shareholder returns. A significant portion of executive remuneration is dependent upon both the short-term and long-term performance of the Company, with incentive payments contingent upon the Company meeting challenging budgets set by the Board. I am pleased that this year these hurdles were met and therefore we are able to reward the CEO and senior executives for their enormous commitment and achievements which are reflected in the improving financial results.

#### Outlook

Despite the turmoil in world markets, the Australian economy has proved remarkably resilient and is in reasonable shape compared to that of other developed countries. Unemployment is at historically low levels and skills shortages in particular sectors look set to continue for the foreseeable future.

As a diversified recruitment group our aim is to ensure that we have a mix of quality businesses that are well positioned to take advantage of growth opportunities and are sufficiently resilient and flexible to withstand short-term fluctuations in the market.

We have exposure to a broad cross-section of industry sectors and geographic markets. Most of our businesses offer both permanent and temporary recruitment services and can adjust to changes in client demand. Moreover, we continue to develop human capital solutions as a supplementary earnings stream, partnering with a number of major Australian businesses in organisational development projects.

For the coming year our priorities are to maintain momentum in revenue and profitability. We will continue to pursue opportunities for organic growth in select market segments, while continuing to focus on reducing debt and improving our capital position.

# Chief Executive Officer's Review

# Marke and Res Overve

Over 80% of Rubicor's revenue derives from Australia, with the balance coming from our operations in New Zealand and Singapore. All these markets have low unemployment. Despite a number of challenges, the Australian economy is showing good resilience compared to other developed countries, due mainly to strong demand for resources and increased Government spending.

During the year, there was an overall improvement in the Australian jobs market with a rise in full–time employment from 7.9 to 8.1 million (source: Australian Bureau of Statistics jobs). We experienced increased demand in mining and resources, information technology, government, insurance and infrastructure, although conditions in other sectors remained mixed.

Total revenue rose to \$292 million, up 4% on the previous year. We continued to win additional business from our clients, as a result of excellent client relationships and the ability to introduce other Rubicor companies to service their recruitment needs. We also attracted a number of new clients, demonstrating the competitiveness of our operating companies and the strength of our business model. It is pleasing to note that a number of these new business wins were spread across multiple Rubicor companies. We took advantage of business start–up projects and growth opportunities in other sectors such as legal, and organisational development, with investment in training and development improving.

Permanent placements accounted for just over half our revenue (50.9%), reflecting a return in confidence among employers seeking to increase staff numbers after recent cut backs and hiring freezes. The trend towards stronger permanent jobs growth was positive news for Rubicor, as this is a large and profitable source of earnings.

The next most important contributor was contract or temporary recruitment services (43.2%). Many of our contracts are for extended periods, providing a recurring income stream. We continue to focus on investing in and building our strength in contract business. Having a balanced portfolio of business allows us to respond more readily to any changes in market conditions.

We also have an emerging human capital solutions business which contributed 5.9% of revenue. This covers ancillary services such as training, remuneration benchmarking, executive coaching, leadership development, psychological testing and assessments, organisational development, change management, and succession planning. Locher, one of our two companies specialising in this type of work, has made a great contribution in supporting other Rubicor firms to deliver more comprehensive services to their clients and as a result expand their businesses.

"Total revenue rose to \$292 million, up 4% on the previous year. We continued to win additional business from our clients, as a result of excellent client relationships and the ability to introduce other Rubicor companies to service their recruitment needs."

# Chief Executive Officer's Review

#### **Results highlights**

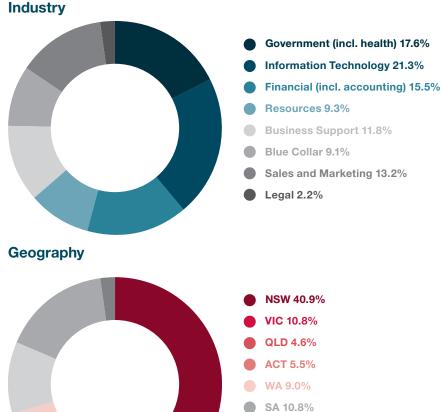
Revenue	\$291.7m	Up 4%
Statutory EBITDA	\$11.3m	Up 25%

This year's results show continued strong growth in EBITDA, following the 58% increase the previous year. This reflects the benefits of improvements in consultant productivity and cost optimisation initiatives. EBITDA as a percentage of NDR (net disposable revenue) climbed to 17.5%, up 3.5 basis points from the prior year.

Statutory NPAT recorded for the year was a loss of \$5.8 million (including an impairment charge of \$1.3 million), which was a 31% improvement over the prior year's statutory NPAT loss of \$8.4 million.

Operating cash flow (before interest and taxation) for the year was \$9.7 million, compared to \$10.8 million prior year, mainly as a result of higher supplier and statutory payments during the year. Conversion of EBITDA to cash flow continues to be strong and effective working capital management is an essential element of our debt reduction strategy.

Having 23 businesses servicing different markets and industries enables Rubicor to diversify its earnings. These businesses are geographically spread, with NSW accounting for the largest share, reflecting Sydney's position as Australia's largest employment market. Moreover, they serve a broad cross-section of sectors including information technology, government, finance and accounting, resources, sales and marketing, business support, blue collar and legal - with no single sector accounting for more than 25% of revenue.



#### New Zealand 16.3%

Singapore 2.1%

#### **Efficiency and productivity**

Rubicor entered the year a much leaner, fitter organisation as a result of the cost control initiatives we reported on last year. Many of our businesses now share offices and resources, which has not only reduced operating overheads but has helped them collaborate on market opportunities and extend their presence. After a very successful first year, Ensure, which shares office space in Sydney with Xpand, Apsley and Credit Recruitment has been able to set up in Melbourne, co-locating with Xpand and Cadden Crowe. In Perth, Gel Group and Cadden Crowe have joined forces on a number of projects, taking advantage of the booming WA economy. Meanwhile Locher, based in Adelaide, has transitioned a psychologist to Cadden Crowe's Brisbane office. You can read more about these businesses and their achievements in case studies which are set out on pages 14 to 19.

These are just some examples of how our businesses are partnering to achieve success for their clients and candidates together.

In addition to maintaining strong efficiency and cost optimisation disciplines, our continued investment in people, training, development and coaching has led to improved consultant productivity. We continue to build consultant capability within the Group through programs designed to enhance productivity and performance. For example, in addition to using public social networking sites such as LinkedIn, we are creating our own private networks and candidate talent pools to help expand the reach of our operating companies to prospective candidates and clients alike. We have undertaken a major project to drive candidates to individual operating company job boards, which in turn aggregate into a Rubicor Group job board.

We are improving our search engine optimisation to increase our visibility on the Internet, and have introduced new websites for all companies linked with a refreshed Rubicor branding approach to emphasise the link with Rubicor. This is the first phase in a larger project that incorporates social networking and the advantages to be gained from the many platforms available today. We expect the benefits of this initiative to flow through in financial years 2012 and 2013.

We have also commenced the first stage in outsourcing our Information Technology to a cloud solution. This will be rolled out through financial year 2012, with financial and business benefits being delivered towards the end of the second half and beyond.

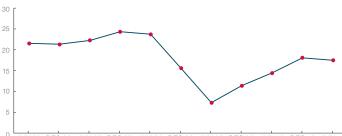
As a result of these initiatives, key performance indicators for productivity and efficiency such as NDR per consultant and cost per consultant are moving in the right direction.

As a people business, it is important that we continue to invest so as to attract and retain the best talent. That is why we are implementing enhanced employee engagement and retention programs, learning and development options with funding support, and additional employee benefits including an Employee Assistance Program. As a large network, we are able to offer improved career opportunities across the Group. We are also developing an alumni program so that we can keep in contact with former staff and potentially re–engage with them in the future should the right opportunity become available.

# Capital management and debt refinancing

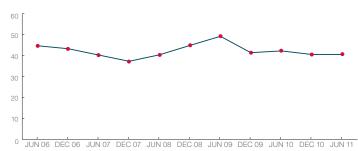
Prudent capital management, cash generation and debt reduction remain key priorities. During the year we made vendor earn–out payments of \$7.2 million, leaving \$10.9 million, at present values, on the balance sheet to be settled mainly over the next two years. Under IFRS we are required to record the estimated future earn–out and exit payments to vendors as liabilities. We are also required to account for the deemed interest (discount factor) on these estimated future payments. This expense was \$1.4 million in 2011, compared to \$1.9 million the year before. It is important to note that this is not a

#### **EBITDA – NDR**



0 JUN 06 DEC 06 JUN 07 DEC 07 JUN 08 DEC 08 JUN 09 DEC 09 JUN 10 DEC 10 JUN 11

#### **Consultant costs – NDR**



cash interest charge. This is why we also report the underlying net profit after tax. The major differences between statutory and underlying profits related to the deemed interest will disappear in financial year 2014 once the final payments have been made to the vendors.

Rubicor continues to operate within its banking covenants as we have done since July 2009. During the year \$6 million of bank debt was drawn down to fund vendor payments of \$7.2 million and \$2.6 million of bank debt was repaid. In September, the lender restructured the debt facilities by extending the term debt facilities to 31 March 2014 and subordinating \$33 million of the debt, not requiring interest payments on this component of the debt. Additional debt of \$6.6 million has been approved for drawdown in November 2011 to fund vendor earn-out-payments and the bank overdraft facility has been increased by \$3 million.

#### Outlook

The fundamentals for specialist recruiters are positive. Unemployment remains low and the skills shortage means there is plenty of demand for high calibre recruiters with access to talent pools and strong client relationships in growth sectors. Rubicor constitutes a diversified portfolio of recruitment businesses that are well positioned to respond to their particular markets. We will continue to focus on organic growth by investing in additional consultant headcount in growth markets and sectors where we see good opportunities. Our challenge is to ensure that our businesses are appropriately aligned so that we can take advantage of the growth and development trends in our kev strategic markets.



Paul Murphy is Managing Director and equity partner of Ensure Recruitment, a boutique agency specialising in permanent and contract recruitment for the insurance, superannuation and engineering industries.

### Ensure Recruitment Case Study

# Murphy's Law

#### When is the best time to start up a new business? According to Paul Murphy, it's in the middle of a financial crisis.

Paul Murphy is Managing Director and equity partner of Ensure Recruitment, a boutique agency specialising in permanent and contract recruitment for the insurance, superannuation and engineering industries.

Having helped establish a specialist professional services business for one of the international generalist recruitment firms, Murphy had hands–on experience of start–ups and was keen to carve out his own niche under the umbrella of Rubicor.

'It's probably much easier to set up a business in boom times but the question is how sustainable that will be. We had been discussing the start–up for several months when the GFC hit, but we were sufficiently confident that we decided to press ahead. Within three months Ensure was trading profitably. With hindsight the timing actually helped – it separated the true consultants from transactional resume flickers – it turned out to be a blessing in disguise.'

Since opening in February 2009, Ensure has grown rapidly from a start–up employing Murphy and one other consultant to a ten–person firm with a presence in both Sydney and Melbourne.

One of the advantages to being part of Rubicor is that Ensure was able to share office space with sister companies Xpand, Apsley and Credit Recruitment. 'That made everything so much simpler and so much quicker. We didn't have to go searching for offices of our own. We had immediate access to a receptionist and to an accountant who knew the Rubicor reporting systems. We also received assistance in finding web designers and other suppliers whom Rubicor had used. As well as saving time and money, it was much nicer working in a busy office environment than being on your own'.

In September 2010, after months of flying down to Melbourne, Murphy decided there was now sufficient business to warrant establishing a presence there. Again, the solution was to co–locate with other Rubicor businesses, in this case Xpand and Cadden Crowe.

Murphy attributes Ensure's success to the fact that it is a specialist recruiter and to the calibre of its consultants who are drawn from the sectors it serves.

'Because they come from a particular industry, our consultants understand the requirements of clients and candidates alike, and they have strong networks. We target particular niches – not just insurance, but life insurance, workers' compensation, general insurance, insurance broking. Our people are our difference.'

With increasing engineering business across other states there is a possibility of establishing a presence in other geographies further down the line, however for now the focus is on solidifying Ensure's presence in Sydney and Melbourne.

Murphy acknowledges that he is a driven person with a passion to succeed. As equity partner in the business he has a powerful motivation to making Ensure a financial success for himself and for Rubicor.

"Since opening in February 2009, Ensure has grown rapidly from a start-up employing Murphy and one other consultant to a ten-person firm with a presence in both Sydney and Melbourne."

### Gel Group Case Study

# Targeting Growth Opportunities

# Based in Perth, Gel Group has been ideally positioned to benefit from the booming WA economy.

Gel Group specialises in recruiting for accounting and finance, information technology, business support services, government and professional and executive with a 60/40 split of contract versus permanent recruiting. Last year 76% of its private sector revenue came from clients either directly in mining and resources or from supporting industries. To meet this demand headcount grew by 45% over the year.

Samantha Cotgrave joined Gel Group eight years ago and was one of the first generation of new leaders within Rubicor, taking over as Managing Director when the original founders retired in 2008. It was certainly a challenging time when the GFC struck in WA in late 2008. As finance for projects dried up and exploration was put on hold, permanent recruitment for mining clients was stopped dead in its tracks and the ramifications were felt across the WA market.

'Gel's presence across a variety of industry sectors softened some of the impact and we also received a lot of support and guidance from Rubicor,' recalls Cotgrave, 'Our strategy was simple – to focus on those sectors where we had a strong reputation, to continue to provide the service levels we were known for, and to retain our key consultants.'

In the aftermath of the GFC, Rubicor companies were encouraged to co–locate offices where feasible. It made sense for Gel and Cadden Crowe as the two white collar specialists in Perth to share office space. As well as reducing costs it led to a closer working relationship which has yielded a significant amount of referral business.

'Clients are interested in solutions – if it means introducing another Rubicor firm that specialises in a particular area, that's fine. The reassurance of knowing they are dealing with a large listed entity is also a real positive.'

Over the last year Cotgrave has noticed an increased awareness of Rubicor among both clients and candidates. She attributes this to greater consistency in the way in which the Company is talked about in the marketplace, as well as to more prominent corporate branding. 'Being part of Rubicor has some real advantages. With 23 businesses we are able to tap into each other's strengths. We also have access to best practice. Thanks to some constructive and challenging input from Rubicor, we greatly improved our ability to articulate our value proposition in our tender documents.'

One of the keys to Gel's success had been its ability to hold on to key consultants. Many have been with the Company for seven years or more, significantly above industry averages.

'They were here before Rubicor came along, they have seen the benefits of being part of a larger national group, and they remain passionate about the business and the culture here. Gel has always had a very inclusive culture. Externally we are highly competitive, internally we are highly collaborative.'

In an industry that often suffers from high turnover, such commitment and longevity is something of a rarity. From a client perspective, being seen to have a stable ship speaks volumes.

"Clients are interested in solutions – if it means introducing another Rubicor firm that specialises in a particular area, that's fine. The reassurance of knowing they are dealing with a large listed entity is also a real positive."



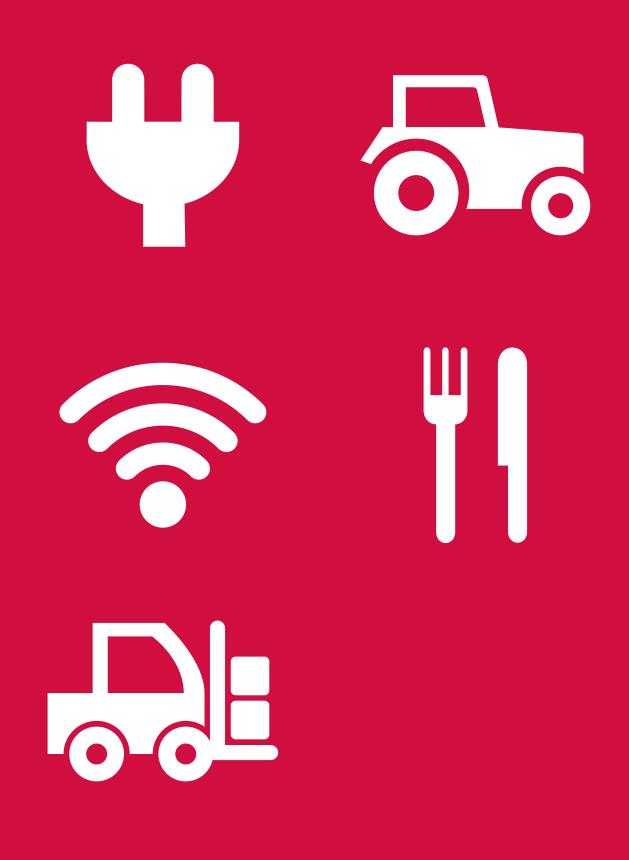








Gel Group specialises in recruiting for accounting and finance, information technology, business support services, government, professional and executive with a 60/40 split of contract versus permanent recruiting.



As well as being an established recruitment operation, Locher and Associates is a specialist provider of human capital solutions and organisational development, with tailored executive leadership and coaching capabilities. Locher and Associates is also a Registered Training Organisation.

### Locher and Associates Case Study

# **Opportunities and Diversification**

# Human capital solutions provide increased revenue opportunities and diversification for Rubicor.

Organisation Development (OD) has been a major focus for Adelaide–based Locher since its inception over a decade ago. Today it accounts for almost half its earnings.

In addition to permanent and temporary recruiting, Locher offers psychometric testing, career transition assistance, outplacement services, leadership training and development, executive search and is a Registered Training Organisation.

'Providing this range of services enables us to build deep long–standing relationships with clients at a strategic level, rather than just doing transactional work,' says Locher's CEO Peter Emmerton.

'The phone will go at 6pm on a Friday and it'll be a CEO looking to downsize or restructure and wanting to know, "How do I go about doing this?" The conversation ceases to be about price, but about value. Clients learn to trust us for our honesty, integrity and our ability to maintain utmost confidentiality.'

The relationship between OD consultants and recruiters at Locher is symbiotic. If a client has a broader need, the recruiter will introduce an OD colleague. Likewise, OD consultants may uncover opportunities for recruiters much earlier.

One of the advantages of being part of a national group is access to other companies serving different geographic markets and industry sectors. A good example is the mining boom where Cadden Crowe has developed a burgeoning new line of business providing bulk recruitment services for clients starting up new mines. Locher was brought in to help design and run assessment centres for candidates. 'There is a real synergy between the two firms and from a client perspective it's a great benefit as we are able to deliver a seamless service,' says Cadden Crowe's Managing Director Scott Roberts.'

'For us it's good to know that we have access to a company with real depth in psychological support services that we can deploy in multiple programs. We can count on Locher and as we keep bringing in new work they can keep supporting us.'

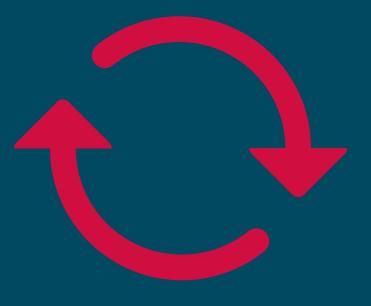
The experience has been so successful that one Locher consultant has relocated from Adelaide and now works out of Cadden Crowe's Brisbane office.

'Every quarter we seem to be doing more work with other Rubicor companies,' says Emmerton.

'Being part of Rubicor has enabled us to expand our reach and identify new opportunities, which is good news for clients, consultants and shareholders alike.'

"Clients learn to trust us for our honesty, integrity and our ability to maintain utmost confidentiality."

# Sustainability



Rubicor views sustainability and responsibility as integral to good business practice. In all our dealings with our stakeholders – employees, clients, candidates, investors or the wider community – we strive to be accountable, ethical and principled.

#### **Governance and risk**

Rubicor has adopted a written Code of Conduct, which applies to all of its executive and non-executive Directors, officers, employees, contractors and consultants and ensures that all persons dealing with Rubicor can be guided by the stated values and practices of Rubicor. Rubicor has also endorsed each of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations, exemplifying its commitment to good corporate governance. The Board ensures that Rubicor management maintains the highest level of corporate ethics.

# People management – employees, clients and candidates

We recognise the value and contribution employees make to the success and growth of the business. We have developed a range of employee policies and procedures to support the recruitment, retention and recognition of employees, including around equality and diversity, health and safety, reward and recognition and training and development. We also recognise renewed community concerns about remuneration practices at the senior executive and director levels. To ensure that our executive remuneration is aligned with shareholders' interests, a significant portion of executive remuneration is at risk and dependent upon both the short-term and long-term performance of the Company. Rubicor is committed to the highest standards of customer care, for both its clients and its candidates and to meeting or exceeding industry expectations of best practice.

#### Diversity

Rubicor holds a better diversity balance when compared to Australian workplace statistics nationally, particularly within the area of gender diversity. As at 30 June 2011, Rubicor's workforce was 63.5% female (compared to 45.6% nationally). 34% of the MDs of our operating companies are women; 60% of our executive team and 25% of our board is female. The national averages for women employed in executive positions is 8% and as board directors 8.4%. Rubicor understands the value of balance and diversity in the workplace. Our diversity policy is effective in meeting the needs of return–to–work employees, flexible work arrangements and other needs associated with diversity in the workplace. (National statistics sourced from Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA) as at 22 August 2011.)

#### **Environmental footprint**

Rubicor has a relatively small carbon footprint, based on the nature of our operations and employee numbers. Rubicor aims to be a responsible environmental manager and to minimise the impact of its operations on the environment. This includes reducing waste by recycling where possible, partnering with businesses and using products that consider environmental impact and supporting programs and initiatives that contribute to improving our environment. Rubicor also encourages shareholders to receive investor communications electronically.

#### **Social sustainability**

Rubicor encourages its operating businesses to contribute back to the communities in which they operate. Some choose to do this through approved charitable donations, others by supporting grassroots community activities. We believe a proactive approach to community engagement is important in instilling a sense of social responsibility or 'good corporate citizen' in our work ethic.



# **Directors' Report**

Your Directors present their annual financial report on the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2011. In order to comply with the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Directors report as follows:

# **1. General information** (a) Directors

The names of the Directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Appointed/Resigned
John Pettigrew	Appointed 2 March 2007
Jane Beaumont	Appointed 29 Jan 2009
Robert Aitken	Appointed 6 May 2005
Russel Pillemer	Appointed 10 Sep 2004
Wayman Chapman	Deceased 16 May 2011

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### (b) Directors' information

John Pettigrew FCPA, FCIS, SCIM, MAICD

John is Chairman and a non-executive Director of the Company, Chair of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee, and a member of both the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee and the Audit and Risk Management Committee. He joined the Company in March 2007.

John has extensive experience in senior finance and commercial roles in a number of corporations and industry sectors. Joining Stockland Trust Group in 1977 as Chief Financial Officer and becoming Finance Director in 1982, John established compliance, audit and risk management committees and led teams to accomplish several successful takeovers. He also had significant roles in structuring and managing listed property trusts, developing the first Australian stapled security and establishing domestic and international unsecured note programs for Stockland.

John is currently also a director of Astro Japan Property Group Limited.

#### Interests in shares and options:

1,610,000 shares in Rubicor Group Limited Nil options in Rubicor Group Limited

#### Jane Beaumont

Jane is Chief Executive Officer and an executive Director of the Company. She joined Rubicor in September 2006 as Chief Operating Officer and was promoted to Chief Executive Officer on 1 April 2009.

Jane has over 31 years' recruitment experience in the UK and Australasian markets. Prior to Rubicor, Jane spent five years with Manpower as Vice President Sales responsible for business acquisition and strategic sales. In 2001 she took on the role lof Managing Director for Spherion's recruitment group in the Asia Pacific. After Spherion was acquired by Ross Human Directions Limited in June 2004, Jane spent two years as Managing Director for the group's recruitment businesses as a board appointee.

#### Interests in shares and options:

325,664 shares in Rubicor Group Limited Nil options in Rubicor Group Limited

#### Rob Aitken BE (Chem) (Hons), MBA

Rob is a non-executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Chair of the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee and a member of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee. He joined the Company in May 2005.

Rob has over 25 years' experience in senior international management roles. Throughout his career, Rob has worked across the manufacturing, industrial marketing and distribution business sectors including roles as Executive General Manager, Southcorp Limited and President, Formica Corporation, USA. Rob was Chairman of the Rubicor Group Board from 6 May 2005 to 1 April 2010. He is also currently a director of Alesco Corporation Limited and Chair of Nuplex Industries Limited.

#### Interests in shares and options:

5,108,397 shares in Rubicor Group Limited Nil options in Rubicor Group Limited

#### Russel Pillemer CA, BCom (Hons)

Russel is a non-executive Director of the Company, a member of the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee and Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee, and is the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. He was one of the initial founders and sponsors of Rubicor.

Russel is the CEO and a Director of Pengana Capital Limited. He has over 20 years' experience in the investment banking and funds management industries. In 1994 he joined Goldman Sachs and Co, where he had responsibility for leading the financial institutions effort in Australia.

In 1999 he relocated to New York, working in the Financial Institutions Group for Goldman Sachs and Co, specialising in mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings and the provision of general strategic advice to financial services companies. Previously, Russel worked in the Corporate Finance Group of Ernst and Young. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

#### Interests in shares and options:

2,993,084 shares in Rubicor Group Limited Nil options in Rubicor Group Limited

#### Wayman Chapman

Wayman was a non-executive Director of the Company and a member of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee and the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee until his passing on 16 May 2011. Wayman held the position of Chief Executive Officer and was an executive Director of the Company until 31 March 2009. He joined the Company in April 2005.

Wayman had over 20 years' experience in the Australian recruiting industry. Joining Morgan and Banks in 1988 to open its Adelaide office, he progressively took responsibility for the Perth, Brisbane and Canberra operations. In 2000, after the merger of Morgan and Banks and TMP worldwide, Wayman became Deputy Chief Executive for the Australasian Recruitment Division. He became joint CEO for the division in 2002, covering operations in 11 cities.

#### Interests in shares and options:

2,967,864 shares in Rubicor Group Limited Nil options in Rubicor Group Limited

# **Directors' Report**

#### Directorships of other listed companies

Directorships of other listed companies held by Directors in the three years immediately before the end of the financial year are as follows:

Name:	Company:	Period of directorship:
John Pettigrew	Astro Japan Property Group Limited	Since 2005
	(formerly Babcock and Brown Japan Property)	
Rob Aitken	Nuplex Industries Limited	Since 2006
	Alesco Corporation Limited	Since 2003

#### (c) Principal activities

The principal activity of the Group during the financial year was the provision of contracting and recruitment services over a diversity of industry sectors throughout Australasia and also in Singapore.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the financial year.

#### (d) Company secretary

Sharad Loomba is the General Counsel and Company Secretary of the Company. Sharad advises the CEO and the Board in connection with legal and corporate governance matters and is responsible for the legal and company secretarial functions across the Rubicor Group.

Sharad is a corporate lawyer with over 18 years' experience, having worked with leading law firms in Australia, and also in the US, prior to joining the Rubicor Group in May 2007. Sharad holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.

#### (e) Directors' meetings

., .	Во	Board		Audit and Risk Management Committee		Remuneration and Human Resources Committee		Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee	
	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	
John Pettigrew	14	14	2	2	3	3	2	2	
Jane Beaumont	14	14	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Robert Aitken	14	14	2	2	3	3	2	2	
Russel Pillemer	14	13	2	2	3	3	2	2	
Wayman Chapman	10	4	_	_	2	1	1	1	

#### 2. Business review

#### (a) Operating results

The consolidated loss of the Group attributable to equity holders after providing for income tax amounted to \$5.8 million (2010: loss of \$8.4 million).

#### (b) Review of operations

Information on the operations and financial position of the Group and its business strategies and prospects is set out in the Chairman's letter, the Chief Executive Officer's review and the operations review of the published annual report.

#### (c) Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group.

#### (d) Future developments

Likely developments in the operations of the consolidated entity in future financial years and the expected results of those operations are referred to generally in the Chairman's letter, the Chief Executive Officer's review and the operations review of the published Annual report.

Further information on likely developments, including expected results would, in the Directors' opinion, result in unreasonable prejudice to the Group and has therefore not been included in this report.

#### (e) Events subsequent to balance date

Subsequent to year end, the Group's debt facilities have been restructured (see Note 14). The Tranche A, B and C facilities will be redesignated into two new facilities as follows:

- (a) A non-interest bearing subordinated debt facility of \$33.0 million expiring on 31 March 2014.
- (b) A term debt facility of \$54.75 million, with quarterly amortisation payments of \$650,000, expiring on 31 March 2014.

These facilities are subject to annual review on 31 March, however if the review does not reveal any default or review events, the terms of the facilities will remain unchanged. In addition the bank overdraft facility has been increased by \$3.0 million to \$10 million and remains subject to annual review.

The vendor payments of \$6.3 million payable in November 2011 will be funded from the term debt facility. The debt restructure will incur a loan approval fee of \$0.25 million.

#### 3. Other information

#### (a) Loans to Directors and executives

There are no loans to Directors. Information on loans to executives, including amounts, interest rates and repayment terms are set out in Note 6(d) of the financial statements.

#### (b) Options

Unissued shares of Rubicor Group Limited under option at the date of this report are as follows:

August 20061         December 2015         Nil         597,52           April 20081         December 2018         0.37         497,22           May 20081         December 2018         0.26         125,00           July 20102         June 2017         0.05         1,548,80	Date options granted	Expiry date	lssue price of shares	Number under option
	August 2006 <sup>1</sup> April 2008 <sup>1</sup> May 2008 <sup>1</sup> July 2010 <sup>2</sup> July 2010 <sup>3</sup>	December 2015 December 2018 December 2018	Nil 0.37 0.26	619,741 597,529 497,225 125,000 1,548,800 1,210,000 4,598,295

1 Options have a five-year vesting period and expire five years after they become exercisable. 73,295 options were exercised during the year and no options have been exercised post year end.

- 2 Options have a three-year vesting period and expire on 30 June 2017. The options are subject to performance hurdles based on compound annual EBITDA growth over the base year, 2010, calculated over a three-year period. The hurdle requires the meeting of a minimum of 10% compound annual EBITDA growth to participate and a 20% compound annual EBITDA growth in order for 100% of the options to vest. The options can be retested at the end of year four based on a four-year compound growth period.
- 3 Options have a three-year vesting period and expire on 30 June 2017. The options are subject to performance hurdles based on compound annual EBITDA growth over the base year, 2010, calculated over a three-year period. The hurdle requires the meeting of at least 10% compound annual EBITDA growth in order for the options to vest.

No option holder has any right under the options to participate in any other share issue of the Company or any other entity. A total of 1,538,920 options were capable of being exercised during the year ended 30 June 2011.

#### (c) Non-audit services

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or the Group are important.

Details of the amounts paid to the auditor (Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are outlined in Note 4 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors has considered the position and, in accordance with the advice received from the Audit and Risk Management Committee, is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out below, did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants'.

#### (d) Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307c of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 32.

#### (e) Dividends

In respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2011, no ordinary dividends have been paid (2010: nil).

Dividends were paid during the financial year on redeemable preference shares totalling \$0.22 million (2010: \$0.33 million). These dividends are classified as part of vendor liabilities. Refer to Note 36.

#### (f) Environmental issues

The Group's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

#### (g) Indemnifying officers or auditors Insurance of officers

During the financial year, Rubicor Group Limited paid a premium to insure the Directors and secretaries of the Company and its Australian, New Zealand and Singapore based controlled entities.

The liabilities insured are legal costs that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against the officers in their capacity as officers of entities in the

### **Directors' Report**

Group, and any other payments arising from liabilities incurred by the officers in connection with such proceedings. This does not include such liabilities that arise from conduct involving a willful breach of duty by the officers or the improper use by the officers of their position or of information to gain advantage for themselves or someone else or to cause detriment to the Company. It is not possible to apportion the premium between amounts relating to the insurance against legal costs and those relating to other liabilities.

The Company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Company or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

#### (h) Proceedings on behalf of the Company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001.* 

#### (i) Rounding off of amounts

The Company is a Company of the kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/0100, dated 10 July 1998, and in accordance with that Class Order amounts in the Directors' Report and the financial statements are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

#### 4. Remuneration report – audited

The remuneration report is set out in the following main headings:

- (a) Director and senior management details
- (b) Relationship between the remuneration policy and Company performance
- (c) Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration
- (d) Non-executive Director remuneration

- (e) Details of remuneration
- (f) Executive service agreements
- (g) Share-based compensation
- (h) Additional information

#### (a) Director and senior management details

The following persons acted as Directors of the Company during or since the end of the financial year:

- John Pettigrew (Chairman)
- Jane Beaumont (Chief Executive Officer)
- Robert Aitken
- Russel Pillemer
- Wayman Chapman (from 1 July 2010 until he passed away on 16 May 2011)

The term 'senior management' is used in this remuneration report to refer to the following persons. Except as noted, the named persons held their current position for the whole of the financial year and since the end of the financial year:

- Kevin Levine (Chief Financial Officer)
- Sharad Loomba (General Counsel and Company Secretary)
- Geraldine Ellis-Maguire (General Manager Operations)
- Sue Turk (General Manager Operations)

Key management personnel include both the Directors and senior management personnel named above.

# (b) Relationship between the remuneration policy and Company performance

Cash bonuses are linked to the annual profit levels of the Group in comparison with the budgeted performance of the Group.

The executive Director and key management personnel are aligned with the long-term Company performance via the shareholdings that these individuals retain in the Company through the Senior Executive Share Plan Scheme.

The table below sets out summary information about the Group's earnings and movements in shareholder wealth for the five years to June 2011:

	30 June 2011 \$000	30 June 2010 \$000	30 June 2009 \$000	30 June 2008 \$000	30 June 2007 \$000
Revenue Net (loss)/profit before tax Net (loss)/profit after tax	291,722 (6,175) (5,446)	280,613 (9,066) (8,199)	316,757 (46,124) (43,937)	367,350 5,869 1,847	156,457 (2,086) (3,182)
	30 June 2011	30 June 2010	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2007
Share price at end of year (dollars) Interim dividend (cents)	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.17 1.5	0.95
Final dividend (cents) Basic (loss)/earnings per share (cents) Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (cents)	- (5.3) (5.3)	_ (7.6) (7.6)	(40.7) (40.7)	- 1.8 1.7	(8.0) (8.0)

# (c) Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration

The objective of the Company's executive reward framework is to ensure that reward for performance is competitive and appropriate for the results delivered. The framework seeks to align executive reward with achievement of strategic objectives and the creation of value for shareholders.

The Board seeks to ensure that executive reward satisfies the following key criteria for good reward governance practices:

- Competitiveness and reasonableness
- Acceptability to shareholders
- Performance linkage/alignment of executive compensation
- Transparency
- Capital management

#### Alignment of shareholders' interest

- Focuses on sustained growth in shareholder wealth, consisting of dividends and growth in share price, and delivering constant return on assets as well as focusing the executive on key non-financial drivers of value
- Attracts and retains high calibre executives

#### Alignment to program participants' interests

- Rewards capability and experience
- Provides a clear structure for earning rewards
- Provides recognition for contribution to the business

The framework provides a mix of fixed and variable pay, and a blend of short–and long-term incentives.

The Board has established a Remuneration and Human Resources Committee which provides advice on remuneration and incentive policies and practices and specific recommendations on remuneration packages and other terms of employment for senior executives and Directors. The Corporate Governance Statement provides further information on the role of this committee.

#### Executive pay

The executive pay and reward framework has three components:

- Base pay and benefits, including superannuation
- Short-term performance incentives
- Long-term incentives provided in cash and through participation in the Rubicor Senior Executive Share Plan and Key Employee Share Option Plan

The combination of these comprises the executive's total remuneration.

#### Base pay

Base pay is determined by reference to appropriate benchmark information, taking into account an individual's responsibilities, performance, qualifications and experience, the broad objective being to pitch fixed remuneration at median market levels. Base pay is structured as a package, which may be delivered as a mix of cash and other benefits, such as the provision of a motor vehicle, at the executive's discretion.

There are no guaranteed base pay increases in any senior executives' employment contracts.

#### Short-term incentives

The Board believes that well designed and managed short-term plans are important elements of remuneration, providing tangible incentives for executives to strive to improve the Group's performance for the benefit of shareholders.

If the Group achieves predetermined earnings targets (based on earning before interest, taxation and amortisation – EBITA) and other additional targets, the short-term incentive (STI) is payable to certain executives. Cash incentives are paid in September each year. Using EBITA targets ensures the STI is only available when value is created for shareholders and when profit is consistent with the business plan. The STI is weighted for performance above the threshold to provide an incentive for executive outperformance.

Each executive eligible for an STI has STI targets depending on individual accountabilities and overall organisational performance. The maximum STI target bonus is 50% of the base salary.

Each year, the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee considers the appropriate targets and key performance indicators (KPIs) to link to the STI plan and the level of payout as targets are met. This includes setting the maximum payout under the STI plan, and minimum levels of performance, to trigger payment of the STI.

For the year ended 30 June 2011, the KPIs linked to STI plans were based on Group objectives. The KPIs require the meeting of a minimum of 90% of the EBITA target to participate and 110% of the EBITA target in order for 100% of the STI to be awarded. The EBITA result for the year ended 30 June 2011 exceeded the previous year's result by 24.9% and also exceeded the maximum award level for the STI target. In addition, a target in relation to working capital performance is included in the current STI.

The Remuneration and Human Resources Committee is responsible for assessing whether STI KPIs are met. To assist in making this assessment, the committee receives detailed reports.

The STI targets are reviewed annually.

#### Long-term incentives

For the year ended 30 June 2011, long-term incentive (LTI) awards were made to the following key executives in the amounts as noted below:

Key Executive	Total Benefits 2011 \$	Benefits relating to 2011 \$	Escrowed Benefits relating to 2010 \$	Escrowed Benefits relating to 2009 \$
Jane Beaumont	583,033	387,2001	175,000	20,833
Kevin Levine	198,690	77,440 <sup>2</sup>	105,000	16,250
Sharad Loomba	132,460	51,627²	70,000	10,833

Details of the LTI awards for the year ended 30 June 2010 are given in section (g) – 'Share-based compensation' of this report.

#### (d) Non-executive Director remuneration

Non-executive Directors' fees are reviewed annually and are determined by the Board based on recommendations from the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee. In making its recommendations, the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee takes into account fees paid to other non-executive Directors of comparable companies and where necessary will seek external advice.

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, the Directors are entitled to receive fees not exceeding \$600,000 per annum in aggregate to be divided among the Directors as they may determine. Fees for non-executive Directors are not linked to performance. The non-executives received fees of \$413,830 during the year as follows:

- John Pettigrew \$152,880
- Robert Aitken \$94,440
- Wayman Chapman \$77,403
- Russel Pillemer \$89,107

- 1 The amount for Jane Beaumont is weighted 100% cash and payable to her if she continues employment with the Company until 30 June 2011, and subsequent to satisfaction of the STI plan for the year ended 30 June 2011.
- 2 The amounts for Kevin Levine and Sharad Loomba are weighted 80% cash and 20% share options, payable to them if they continue employment with the Company until June 2013 and subject to satisfaction of a performance hurdle of 20% compound annual growth in EBITDA of the Company for the period 1 July 2010 through 30 June 2013, with a re-test point at 30 June 2014. The executives have been issued with cash rights and share options to satisfy this grant, subject to the abovementioned performance hurdle.

The Company does not operate equity plans for non-executive Directors.

Non-executive Directors are entitled to statutory superannuation. Amounts paid for statutory superannuation are included as part of the Directors' fees. There are no other schemes for retirement benefits for non-executive Directors.

#### (e) Details of remuneration

Details of remuneration of the Directors and the key management personnel of Rubicor Group Limited are set out in the tables on pages 27 and 28.

The key management personnel of Rubicor Group Limited includes the Directors as per page 21 and the following executive officers who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling activities of the Group.

- Jane Beaumont (Chief Executive Officer)
- Kevin Levine (Chief Financial Officer)
- Sharad Loomba (General Counsel and Company Secretary)

The key management personnel of the Group are the same as set out above. In addition, General Managers of Operations, Geraldine Ellis-Maguire and Sue Turk, are Group executives whose remuneration must be disclosed under the *Corporations Act 2001* as each is one of the five highest remunerated executives.

	emp	Short-term employee benefits			Share-based payment	
Name	Cash salary and fees \$	Cash bonus² \$	Super– annuation \$	Long-term employee benefit <sup>3</sup> \$	Shares and options	Total \$
2011						
Non-executive Directors						
John Pettigrew Chairman	140,257	_	12,623	_	_	152,880
Robert Aitken	86,642	_	7,798	_	_	94,440
Russel Pillemer	81,749	_	7,358	_	_	89,107
Wayman Chapman						
(1 July 2010 to his passing away,						
16 May 2011)	71,012	_	6,391	_	2,322	79,725
Executive Director						
Jane Beaumont	444,037	242,000	39,963	583,033	1,075	1,310,108
Other key management personnel						
Kevin Levine <sup>1</sup>	323,706	138,030	21,369	198,690	3,768	685,563
Sharad Loomba <sup>1</sup>	269,250	117,700	25,000	132,460	2,546	546,956
Total key management						
personnel compensation	1,416,653	497,730	120,502	914,183	9,711	2,958,779
Other Company/Group executives						
Geraldine Ellis-Maguire <sup>1</sup>	266,055	116,000	23,945	_	640	406,640
Sue Turk <sup>1</sup>	266,055	116,000	23,945	_	640	406,640
Total Company/Group executives	532,110	232,000	47,890	-	1,280	813,280

- 1 Denotes one of the five highest paid executives of the Company and the Group, as required to be disclosed in accordance with the *Corporations Act* 2001. In the opinion of the Directors there are no other relevant Company or group executives.
- 2 100% of the amount included in remuneration for cash bonuses have vested in the current year. No amounts vest in future financial years in respect of the short-term incentive bonus scheme for the 2011 financial year and no amounts were forfeited in the current financial year.
- 3 Includes amounts held in escrow from satisfaction of previous years' awards, current year's awards, and awards subject to achievement of performance hurdles relating to future periods.

# **Directors' Report**

	Short-term employee benefits		Post- employment benefits		Share-based payment		
Name	Cash salary and fees \$	Cash bonus \$	Super– annuation \$	Long-term employee benefit <sup>2</sup> \$	Shares and options	Total \$	
2010							
Non-executive Directors John Pettigrew							
Chairman from 1 April 2010 Robert Aitken	97,248	_	8,753	_	_	106,001	
Russel Pillemer Chairman until 1 April 2010,	76,422	_	6,878	_	_	83,300	
then non-executive	121,009	_	10,891	_	_	131,900	
Wayman Chapman	90,225	_	8,120		20,814	119,159	
Executive Director Jane Beaumont	403,670	220,000	36,330	195,833	9,635	865,468	
Other key management personnel Kevin Levine <sup>1</sup> Sharad Loomba <sup>1</sup>	297,501 261,255	129,000 110,000	24,999 13,745	121,250 80,833	11,562 8,017	584,312 473,850	
Total key management personnel compensation	1,347,330	459,000	109,716	397,916	50,028	2,363,990	
Other Company/Group executives Geraldine Ellis-Maguire <sup>1</sup> Sue Turk <sup>1</sup>	223,423 220,184	72,000 72,000	20,108 19,817			315,531 312,001	
Total Company/Group executives	443,607	144,000	39,925		-	627,532	

#### Other transactions with key management personnel

Information on share-based payments and other transactions with key management personnel is set out in Notes 6, 33 and 34 respectively.

- 1 Denotes one of the five highest paid executives of the Company and the Group, as required to be disclosed in accordance with the *Corporations Act* 2001. In the opinion of the Directors there are no other relevant Company or Group executives.
- 2 Includes amounts held in escrow from satisfaction of previous year's awards and current year's awards.

#### (f) Executive service agreements

On appointment to the Board, all non-executive Directors sign a letter of appointment with the Company. The letter summarises the terms including compensation, relevant to the office of Director.

All contracts with executives may be terminated by either party with a notice period of three months, subject to termination payments detailed below. Executives are typically restricted for six months after termination from conducting or engaging in competing businesses and from solicitation of clients and employees of the Company.

#### Jane Beaumont Chief Executive Officer

- Term of agreement unlimited in term but capable of termination on three months' notice and the Company retains the right to terminate the contract immediately by making a payment in lieu of notice.
- Base salary, inclusive of superannuation, of \$484,000 per annum for the year ended 30 June 2011, to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee.
- Payment of a termination benefit on early termination by the Company, other than for gross misconduct, equal to \$110,000.

#### Kevin Levine Chief Financial Officer

- Term of agreement unlimited in term but capable of termination on three months' notice and the Company retains the right to terminate the contract immediately by making a payment in lieu of notice.
- Base salary, inclusive of superannuation of \$345,075 per annum for the year ended 30 June 2011, to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee.
- Payment of a termination benefit on early termination by the Company, other than for gross misconduct, equal to \$80,625.

Sharad Loomba General Counsel and Company Secretary

- Term of agreement unlimited in term but capable of termination on three months' notice and the Company retains the right to terminate the contract immediately by making a payment in lieu of notice.
- Base salary, inclusive of superannuation, of \$294,250 per annum for the year ended 30 June 2011, to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee.
- Payment of a termination benefit on early termination by the Company, other than for gross misconduct, equal to \$68,750.

Geraldine Ellis-Maguire General Manager Operations

- Term of agreement unlimited in term but capable of termination on three months' notice and the Company retains the right to terminate the contract immediately by making a payment in lieu of notice.
- Base salary, inclusive of superannuation, of \$290,000 for the year ended 30 June 2011, to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee.
- Payment of a termination benefit on early termination by the Company, other than for gross misconduct, equal to the corresponding portion of salary package in lieu of any part of the notice period that the Company does not require the executive to serve.

#### Sue Turk General Manager Operations

- Term of agreement unlimited in term but capable of termination on three months' notice and the Company retains the right to terminate the contract immediately by making a payment in lieu of notice.
- Base salary, inclusive of superannuation, of \$290,000 for the year ended 30 June 2011, to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee.
- Payment of a termination benefit on early termination by the Company, other than for gross misconduct, equal to the corresponding portion of salary package in lieu of any part of the notice period that the Company does not require the executive to serve.

#### (g) Share-based compensation Senior Executive Share Plan

#### Shares

The Company established the Senior Executive Share Plan on 24 April 2007. The Senior Executive Share Plan is intended to provide incentives to attract, retain and motivate key executives whose present and potential contributions are important to the success of the Company and its subsidiaries by offering them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the Company. The Senior Executive Share Plan is administered by the Board in its discretion. The terms and conditions of the Senior Executive Share Plan are summarised below.

Plan Shares were made available under the Senior Executive Share Plan to the following key executives of the Company in August and November 2007:

Key Executive	Amount
Wayman Chapman Kevin Levine	\$300,000 \$180,000
Jane Beaumont	\$150,000
Sharad Loomba	\$120,000

# **Directors' Report**

The Plan Shares were acquired at a price equal to the weighted average market price for shares for the five trading days prior to issue of the Plan Shares (\$0.91). The Company provided a loan to participants under the Share Plan for 100% of the purchase price of the Plan Shares to enable the participant to acquire the Plan Shares (Loan). The Loan has been provided on an interest-free basis. The Loan is repayable on the fifth anniversary of the date when the Loan was provided or otherwise in accordance with its terms (although the Board may vary the repayment period). If the performance conditions attaching to Plan Shares issued under the Share Plan have been satisfied, the Board will waive the loan repayment except for the portion equal to the fringe benefits tax payable on the Loan. The Loans from the Company to the above key executives will be repayable and the Plan Shares will become transferable to the key executive upon the satisfaction of certain performance hurdles based on the performance of the Company measured by:

- earnings per share growth over the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2010;
- total shareholder return ranking against the SandP/ASX Small Ordinaries index for the corresponding period; and
- as the performance conditions have not been met for the abovementioned period, they are subject to a retest in year four and/or year five.

The number of ordinary shares acquired is in relation to the services to be performed for three years up to 30 June 2010:

Key Executive	2008 shares
Wayman Chapman	423,204
Kevin Levine	235,088
Jane Beaumont	195,906
Sharad Loomba	163,003

As required by AASB2, the fair value of the shares issued is determined as the market price at grant date.

\$5,582 has been recognised as a share-based payment expense on a graded vesting pattern for the financial year ended 30 June 2011 (2010: benefit of \$50,028) in relation to the Senior Executive Share Plan (refer to Note 33).

#### Options

None of the Directors of Rubicor Group Limited, are eligible to participate in the Company's Key Employee Share Option Plan. For details in relation to the Key Employee Share Option Plan refer to Note 34.

#### (h) Additional information

#### Details of remuneration: options and shares.

For each grant of options and shares as outlined below the percentage of the available grant that was vested in the financial year and the percentage forfeited because the person did not meet the service and performance criteria is set out below:

Senior Executive S	Share P	lan Shares	and Options
--------------------	---------	------------	-------------

Name	Grant date	Expiry date	Fair value \$	Number granted	Number vested	% of grant vested	% of grant forfeited	
Shares								
Wayman Chapman	Aug 2008	Jun 2010	0.91	423,204	0	0%	0%	2.90%
Kevin Levine	Nov 2008	Jun 2010	0.91	235,088	0	0%	0%	0.55%
Jane Beaumont	Nov 2008	Jun 2010	0.91	195,906	0	0%	0%	0.08%
Sharad Loomba	Nov 2008	Jun 2010	0.91	163,003	0	0%	0%	0.47%
Options								
Kevin Levine	July 2010	Jun 2017	0.02	929,280	0	0%	0%	0.55%
Sharad Loomba	July 2010	Jun 2017	0.02	619,520	0	0%	0%	0.47%
Geraldine Ellis-Maguire	May 2008	Dec 2018	0.04	75,000	45,000	60%	0%	0.47%
Geraldine Ellis-Maguire	July 2010	Jun 2017	0.02	150,000	0	0%	0%	0.16%
Sue Turk	July 2010	Jun 2017	0.02	150,000	0	0%	0%	0.16%

No options were exercised during the year by any Director or member of senior management.

The following table summarises the value of options granted, exercised or lapsed during the year to Directors and senior management:

Name	Value of options granted at the grant date <sup>1</sup> \$	Value of options exercised at the exercise date \$	Value of options lapsed at the date of lapse <sup>2</sup> \$
Kevin Levine	18,586	0	0
Sharad Loomba	12,390	0	0
Geraldine Ellis-Maquire	3,000	0	0
Sue Turk	3,000	0	0

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to section 298(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001*:

fore germant

Jane Beaumont Director

John Pettigrew Director

Sydney, dated the 28th day of September 2011.

- 1 The value of options granted during the period is recognised in compensation over the vesting period of the grant, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
- 2 The value of options lapsing during the period due to the failure to satisfy a vesting condition is determined assuming vesting condition had been satisfied.

### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

# **Deloitte**.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu ABN 74 490 121 060

Grosvenor Place 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000 PO Box N250 Grosvenor Place Sydney NSW 1220 Australia

DX: 10307SSE Tel: +61 (0) 2 9322 7000 Fax: +61 (0) 2 9322 7001 www.deloitte.com.au

The Board of Directors Rubicor Group Limited Level 16, 1 York Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

28 September 2011

Dear Board Members

#### **Rubicor Group Limited**

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Directors of Rubicor Group Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Rubicor Group Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2011, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

(i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

(ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely

# Delaitte Tauche Tohmatsu

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU

N Lu ~

Alfred Nehama Partner Chartered Accountants

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation. Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Ltd.

# **Corporate Governance Statement**

The Board of Directors of the Company (Board) is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Company and has adopted as a guiding principle that it act honestly, conscientiously and fairly in accordance with the law and in the interests of the shareholders with a view to building sustainable value for them, the Company's employees and other stakeholders in the Company.

The Board has adopted a suite of governance materials which are available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website (www.rubicor.com.au), under "About Us". The governance materials have been prepared and adopted on the basis that corporate governance procedures can add to the performance of the Company and the creation of shareholder value, and help to engender the confidence of the investment market.

This statement sets out the material governance principles and processes adopted by the Board. The Board supports the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, 2nd edition as released by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in 2007 and further amendments made in June 2010 (ASX Principles). The Board considers and applies these recommendations to the extent there is sound reason to do so given the circumstances of the Company.

The Board is responsible for the management of the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries including:

- strategic and financial performance;
- executive management;
- audit and risk management;
- strategic planning;
- corporate governance; and
- performance evaluation.

The Board must comprise at least three Directors, and will meet no less than six times formally per year. The Board has met fourteen (14) times during the year.

Directors' attendance at Board and committee meetings this year is set out on page 22.

The role of senior management is to manage the Company in accordance with the direction and delegations of the Board and the responsibility of the Board is to oversee the activities of management in carrying out these delegated duties. The Board shall approve all delegations of authority to Board committees and management.

Senior management is invited to attend Board meetings; however the initial part of each meeting is conducted in the absence of senior management.

Responsibilities reserved for the Board are contained in the Board Charter which is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website. Management is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Company in line with Board approved delegations of authority.

#### **Board composition**

The Board comprised of four (4) Directors as at 30 June 2011, including three independent non-executive Directors and one executive Director. The members of the Board are:

- John Pettigrew independent non-executive Chairman;
- Jane Beaumont Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director;
- Robert Aitken independent non-executive Director; and
- Russel Pillemer independent non-executive Director.

Independent Directors are those who have the ability to exercise their duties unfettered by any business or other relationship. It is the approach and attitude of each non-executive Director which is critical to determining independence and this must be considered in relation to each Director. Other relevant factors to be taken into account are set out in the Board Charter which is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

In accordance with the criteria for an 'independent' Director, as set out in the Company's Board Charter, John Pettigrew, Robert Aitken and Russel Pillemer are considered by the Board as independent non-executive Directors.

A Director may not simultaneously hold the positions of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. The Chairman is a non-executive independent Director and there is a clear division of responsibility between the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman's role is clearly defined in the Board Charter.

With the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, no Director is entitled to hold office for a period beyond three years from re-election, but is eligible for re-election by shareholders. Of the current Directors, John Pettigrew will retire and offers himself for re-election at the Company's 2011 Annual General Meeting to be held on 29 November 2011.

The size and composition of the Board are determined in accordance with the Constitution of the Company. In addition, in accordance with the Board Charter, the Board will comprise Directors with a broad range of skills, expertise and experience from a diverse range of backgrounds.

The Board considers that collectively the Directors have the range of skills, experience and expertise necessary to govern the Company. Details of each Director's skills, experience and expertise relevant to their position and their term in office and details of their attendance at Board and/or Committee meetings are set out in the Directors' Report included in this 2011 Annual Report.

The Board Charter also provides that a Director is entitled to seek independent professional advice (including, but not limited to, legal, accounting and financial advice) at the Company's expense, on any matter connected with the discharge of his or her responsibilities. A Director must obtain the approval of the Chairman prior to seeking such advice.

# **Corporate Governance Statement**

The Board has established a Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee which is primarily responsible for:

- establishing a criteria for Board membership, having regard to the desired mix of skills and diversity for the Board;
- periodically assessing the skills required to discharge the Board's duties, having regard to the strategic direction of the Company;
- proposing candidates for directorships for consideration by the Board by using a structured approach to identify a pool of candidates and using external experts where necessary, while having regard to the desired composition as stated in the Board Charter; and
- reviewing any retiring Director's performance and recommending to the Board whether that Director should be reappointed.

The committee will consider whether it is necessary and desirable to recruit additional Directors, bearing in mind:

- the mix of skills, experience, expertise and diversity of existing Directors;
- the business and strategic needs of the Company;
- the need to replace Directors before scheduled retirements; and
- the opportunity to obtain the services of particular persons with desirable skills when they are available.

The committee is also responsible for implementing the Selection and Appointment of Directors' Policy. This policy forms a part of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee Charter and is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

New Directors are provided with formal appointment letters setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointment, including remuneration. In addition, all senior executives are provided with executive services contracts, which include expectations of their role, term of appointment, termination entitlements and rights and responsibilities.

Details of the Directors, their qualifications, period in office, skills and experiences are detailed on pages 21 to 22.

#### **Conflicts of interests**

Directors of the Company are required to act in a manner which is consistent with the best interests of the Company as a whole, free of any actual or possible conflicts of interest. If a Director considers there may be a conflict, the Director is required to:

- immediately inform the Board of the potential conflict; and
- abstain from voting on any motion relating to the matter and be absent during all Board deliberations relating to the matter.

The Board Charter, available on the Company's website, provides further detail on managing conflicts of interest.

#### **Board committees**

In order to effectively fulfil its duties, the Board has established the following committees:

- the Audit and Risk Management Committee, which is responsible for monitoring and advising the Board on the Company's audit, risk management and regulatory compliance policies and procedures;
- the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the remuneration and human resources policies and practices of the Company; and
- the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee, which is responsible for advising the Board on the composition of the Board and its committees, reviewing the performance of the Board, its committees and the individual Directors and advising the Board on its corporate governance policies.

Each committee has a formal charter approved by the Board, outlining its composition, role and responsibilities. These charters are available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

#### Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Audit and Risk Management Committee's functions include:

- assisting the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the financial reporting process, the system of internal control relating to all matters affecting the Company's financial performance, the audit process, and the Company's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and the Company's Code of Conduct;
- determining the scope of the internal audit function and ensuring its resources are sufficient and used appropriately;
- reviewing of internal audit performance and independence;
- assisting the Board with the adoption and application of appropriate ethical standards and management of the Company and the conduct of the Company's business;
- assisting the Board in supervising the Company's risk management framework (such framework is described under a separate heading 'Risk management' later in this Statement); and
- reviewing the adequacy of the Company's insurance policies.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee also monitors the independence of the Company's external auditor. The committee must approve in advance the terms of engagement of the external auditor to perform audit and related work. Any non-audit work to be performed by the external auditor must be approved by the committee and, in doing so, the committee ensures the external auditor's independence and integrity is maintained. The lead engagement audit partners of the Company's external auditor will be rotated from the engagement after five years.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is responsible for reviewing the performance of the external auditors, and the selection and appointment of the external auditor. The committee will recommend to the Board the re–appoinment of the current external auditor or a tender process to select a new external auditor.

The committee ensures that it meets with the external auditors, independent of management, and with management independent of the external auditors. The Board has requested that the external auditor attend the 2011 Annual General Meeting and be available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.

#### Composition

The committee comprises a minimum of three non-executive Directors, who are financially literate, one of whom must have expertise in financial reporting. There is a majority of independent Directors on the committee. The Board of the Company will nominate the Chairman of the committee, who must be an independent, non-executive Director who is not the Chairman of the Board. The committee may invite other persons to attend meetings of the committee including the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Company's external auditors.

The current members of the committee are Russel Pillemer (Chairman of the committee), John Pettigrew and Robert Aitken. All members are considered to be independent non-executive Directors. Details of the qualifications of the members are detailed on page 21.

The committee will meet as often as required to undertake its role effectively. The committee met two (2) times during the year. Directors' attendance at meetings is set out on page 22.

A copy of the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

#### Remuneration and Human Resources Committee

The Remuneration and Human Resources Committee's functions are to endeavour to ensure:

- that the Directors and the executive management team of the Company are remunerated fairly and appropriately;
- that the Company's remuneration policies and outcomes strike an appropriate balance between the interests of the Company's shareholders, and reward and motivate the Company's executives and employees in order to secure the long-term benefits of their energy and loyalty;
- that the human resources policies and practices are consistent with and complementary to the strategic direction and objectives of the Company as determined by the Board; and
- that the organisation achieves the objectives set out in the Diversity Policy.

The committee also reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding executive and senior management remuneration including, but not limited to, base pay, incentive payments, equity awards and service contracts and identifying any gender-based disparities between comparable positions.

The committee may seek such advice from any external parties or professional advice as it may consider necessary or desirable to ensure informed decision making.

#### Composition

The committee will comprise a minimum of three non-executive Directors, including if practicable, a majority of independent non-executive Directors. The Board of the Company will nominate the Chairman of the committee, who must be an independent non-executive Director.

The current members of the committee are Robert Aitken (Chairman of the committee), John Pettigrew and Russel Pillemer, all of whom are considered to be independent non-executive Directors.

The committee will meet as often as required to undertake its role effectively. The committee met three (3) times during the year. Directors' attendance at meetings is set out on page 22.

A copy of the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee Charter is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

#### Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee's functions are to:

- review and advise the Board on the composition of the Board and its committees (and in so doing, administer the Selection and Appointment of Directors' Policy described earlier in this Statement);
- review the performance of the Board as a whole and the individual members of the Board;
- ensure that proper succession plans are in place for consideration by the Board;
- advise the Board on good governance standards and appropriate corporate governance policies for the Company; and
- critically review the Company's performance against its corporate governance policies.

#### Composition

The committee will comprise a minimum of two non-executive Directors, including if practicable, a majority of independent non-executive Directors'. The Board of the Company will nominate the Chairman of the committee, who must be an independent non-executive Director.

The current members of the committee are John Pettigrew (Chairman of the committee), Robert Aitken and Russel Pillemer, all of whom are considered to be independent non-executive Directors.

The committee will meet as often as required to undertake its role effectively. The committee met two (2) times during the year. Directors' attendance at meetings is set out on page 22.

# **Corporate Governance Statement**

A copy of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee Charter is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

#### Performance review/evaluation

The Board and Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee Charters outline the responsibility for the performance review of the Board, the Chairman of the Board and the individual performance of all Directors and senior management.

During the year, the Chairman met with each Director and assessed the performance of the Board, committees and individual Directors as well as the members of the senior management team. The Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee interviewed the Chairman of the Board. The observations from these interviews were communicated to and discussed amongst the Board and any actions to improve performance agreed. The process followed was consistent with that outlined in the Board Charter.

During the year, the Chief Executive Officer conducted performance reviews with the two members of the executive team. The senior executives' performance was reviewed against performance measures which align with the Company's strategy with feedback from both the Board and the Chief Executive Officer conveyed.

#### **Education and induction**

New Directors will undergo an induction process in which they will be given a full briefing on the Company. Where possible, this will include meetings with Directors, key executives, tours of the premises, a Board manual and presentations from management.

In order to achieve continuing improvement in Board performance, all Directors are encouraged to undergo continual professional development. This includes education concerning key developments in the Company and in the industry and environment in which the Company operates.

# Independent professional advice and access to the Company's information

Each Director has the right of access to the Company's information and to the Company's executives. Further, the Board collectively and each Director, subject to informing the Chairman, has the right to seek independent professional advice from a suitably qualified advisor, at the Company's expense, with the approval of the Chairman, to assist them to carry out their responsibilities. Where appropriate, a copy of this advice is to be made available to all other members of the Board.

Each Director also has access to the General Counsel and Company Secretary.

#### **Risk management**

The Company has a risk management framework to allow it to achieve its business objectives whilst assisting management and ideally, providing early warnings of risks. The Risk Management Policy, covering both financial and operating risks, documents this framework. The objective of this Risk Management Policy is to:

- encourage appropriate tolerance of risks across all the Company businesses;
- establish procedures to analyse risks within agreed parameters across all the Company businesses;
- establish appropriate risk delegations and corresponding frameworks across the Company; and
- ensure the Company has in place a risk framework which can measurably react should the risk profile change.

Key components of the Risk Management Policy which bring together a number of procedures and controls within the Company are as follows:

- identification and assessment of all risks;
- monitoring and wherever possible, mitigation of identified risks;
- periodic reporting; and
- assessment of effectiveness of the risk management framework.

The Risk Management Policy outlines guidance on the identification of commonly identified risks relevant to Rubicor, such as:

- financial risks;
- operations risks; and
- combined risks.

An executive Risk Management Committee has been established to assess identified risks as recorded on the risk register and review mitigation strategies. This committee meets prior to each Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting and assists in reporting to the committee. The Audit and Risk Management Committee regularly reports to the Board about committee activities, issues and related recommendations. As suggested by Recommendation 7.2 of the ASX Principles, management provides ongoing reporting to the Board through the Audit and Risk Management Committee that indicate that the Company's management of its material business risks is operating satisfactorily.

A copy of the Risk Management Policy is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

# Attestations by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) made the declarations required by section 295A of the Corporations Act and recommended under Recommendation 7.3 of the ASX Principles. In order for the CEO and CFO to make the declarations, appropriate attestations were made by management to the CEO and CFO.

#### Remuneration

In relation to remuneration issues the Board (with the assistance of the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee) has established a policy to ensure that it remunerates fairly and responsibly.

The remuneration philosophy is designed to ensure that the level and composition of remuneration is competitive, reasonable and appropriate for the results delivered and to attract and maintain talented and motivated Directors and employees.

Any equity-based executive remuneration will be made in accordance with thresholds set in plans approved by shareholders at the General Meeting. As prescribed in the Company's Share Trading Policy, executives are not permitted to enter into transactions in associated products which limit the economic risk of participating in unvested entitlements under any equity-based remuneration schemes.

The structure of executive remuneration is distinctly different to that of non-executive Directors as detailed in the Remuneration Report. Executive officers and senior management acting in their capacity as employees of the Company and subsidiary(ies) may receive a mix of fixed and variable pay, and a blend of short and long-term incentives. Non-executive Directors may receive only fixed remuneration.

There are no retirement schemes in place for the non-executive Directors, other than statutory superannuation benefits.

The Remuneration Report and details about the remuneration philosophy of the Company are set out on pages 24 to 31.

#### **Continuous disclosure**

The Company takes its disclosure obligations seriously and seeks to comply with the spirit as well as the content of the ASX requirements. The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy in relation to information disclosures and relevant procedures.

The Policy sets out principles that the Company will apply in relation to the disclosure of material information, including that the Company:

- will not give analysts or other select groups of market participants any material price sensitive non-public information at any time;
- will not generally respond to market rumours and speculation except where:
  - the speculation or rumours indicate that the subject matter is no longer confidential and therefore the exception to disclosure set out in the Listing Rules no longer applies;
  - the ASX formally requests disclosure by the Company on the matter; or
  - the Board considers that it is appropriate to make a disclosure in the circumstances; and
- will only allow authorised Company spokespersons to make any public statement on behalf of the Company.

A copy of the Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 4.10.17, this Annual Report contains a review of the operations and activities of the Company which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

#### **Share Trading Policy**

The Company has adopted a Share Trading Policy in line with the updated ASX Listing Rules and Guidance Note issued by the ASX in respect of trading polices to regulate dealings by the Company's executives and non-executive Directors, officers, employees, contractors and consultants (employees). All employees are required to conduct their personal investment activity in a manner that is lawful and avoids conflicts of interest between the employee's personal interests and those of the Company and its clients.

The Company is keen to promote shareholder and general market confidence in the integrity of the Company's internal controls and procedures, and to provide guidance on avoiding any breach of the insider trading laws.

A copy of the Share Trading Policy is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website and has also been lodged with the ASX on 1 December 2010 as required by the ASX Listing Rules.

#### Code of Conduct

The Company has adopted a written Code of Conduct, which applies to all of the Company's executives and non-executive Directors, officers, employees, contractors and consultants.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to ensure that:

- high standards of corporate and individual behaviour are observed by all employees in the context of their employment with the Company;
- employees are aware of their responsibilities to the Company under their contract of employment and always act in an ethical and professional manner;
- legal, ethical and other obligations to legitimate stakeholders are complied with; and
- all persons dealing with the Company, whether it be employees, shareholders, suppliers, clients or competitors, can be guided by the stated values and practices of the Company.

Employees are encouraged to report any potential breaches of the Code and the Company ensures employees are not disadvantaged for any reports made in good faith. The Company will deal with any reports promptly and fairly.

A copy of the Code of Conduct is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

### **Corporate Governance Statement**

#### Shareholder communication

The Company respects the rights of its shareholders. To facilitate the effective exercise of those rights, the Company has established a Shareholder Communications Policy to:

- promote effective communications with shareholders of the Company;
- ensure all information relevant to their shareholding is disseminated to shareholders; and
- encourage effective participation by shareholders at the Company General Meetings.

The Company will, where practicable, arrange for advance notification of significant group briefings and will also keep a summary record of the issues discussed at briefings with investors and analysts.

The Shareholder Communications Policy is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

#### **Diversity Policy**

The Company is committed to workplace diversity, with a particular focus on improving the representation of women at the senior level of the Company and the Board, and has adopted a Diversity Policy. The Company recognises the benefits arising from employee and board diversity, including a broader pool of high quality employees, improving employee retention, accessing different perspectives and ideas and benefiting from all available talent. With this policy, the Board also establishes measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and assesses annually the objectives and progress in achieving them.

Diversity includes, but is not limited to, gender, age, ethnicity and cultural background. The Diversity Policy, which takes into account the recommendations and guidance provided by the ASX Principles to the extent practicable, provides a framework for the Company to achieve:

- a diverse and skilled workforce, leading to continuous improvement in service delivery and achievement of corporate goals;
- a workplace culture characterised by inclusive practices and behaviours for the benefit of all staff;
- improved employment and career development opportunities for women;
- a work environment that values and utilises the contributions of employees with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives through improved awareness of the benefits of workforce diversity and successful management of diversity; and
- awareness in all staff of their rights and responsibilities with regards to fairness, equity and respect for all aspects of diversity.

The Remuneration and Human Resource Committee has developed measurable objectives to achieve the objectives set out in the Diversity Policy, including identifying ways in which achievement of gender diversity is measured. The measurable objectives are as follows:

- embedding of diversity awareness and objectives into the day-to-day operations of the organisation to become part of the way we do business, through newsletters, conferences and other communication forums with staff;
- retain top talent by ensuring a workplace supportive of female success, through endorsement and delivery of a range of programs, events and policies; and
- ongoing improvement of core talent processes (performance, development and career) to ensure gender-based equity and transparency.

In 2011 the Company launched Rubicor's VIP (Valuing Internal People) Program, outlining a number of benefits and initiatives for employees including educational support, study leave, employee assistance, sick leave conversion to annual leave days and a community day with the objective of engaging all employees, regardless of gender, to make the workplace more flexible and supportive for male and female staff generally.

The Committee monitors annually the objectives and the progress on the achievement of the objectives.

The Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee will ensure Board appointment processes are conducted in a manner that promotes gender diversity.

The following table reflects the percentage of women employees in the whole organisation, head of business, senior management and the Board:

	%
Whole organisation	63.5
Heads of business	34
Senior management	60
Rubicor Board	25

The Diversity Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

to the Members of Rubicor Group Limited

# **Deloitte**.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu ABN 74 490 121 060

Grosvenor Place 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000 PO Box N250 Grosvenor Place Sydney NSW 1220 Australia

DX: 10307SSE Tel: +61 (0) 2 9322 7000 Fax: +61 (0)2 9322 7001 www.deloitte.com.au

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Rubicor Group Limited Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Rubicor Group Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity, comprising the Company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year as set out on pages 41 to 82.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the consolidated financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control, relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Rubicor Group Limited would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation. Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Ltd.

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Rubicor Group Limited

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Rubicor Group Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) the consolidated financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

#### **Report on the Remuneration Report**

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 24 to 31 of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2011. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the Remuneration Report of Rubicor Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2011, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Delaitte Tauche Tahmafsu

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU

N.Lu ~

Alfred Nehama Partner Chartered Accountants Sydney, 28 September 2011

### **Directors' Declaration**

The Directors declare that:

- (a) in the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (b) the attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (c) in the Directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity; and
- (d) the Directors have been given the declarations by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

At the date of this declaration, the Company is within the class of companies affected by ASIC Class Order 98/1418. The nature of the deed of cross-guarantee is such that each Company which is party to the deed guarantees to each creditor payment in full of any debt in accordance with the deed of cross-guarantee.

In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company and the companies to which the ASIC Class Order applies, as detailed in Note 23 to the financial statements will, as a group, be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are, or may become, subject by virtue of the deed of cross-guarantee.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001.* 

On behalf of the Directors

love germant

Jane Beaumont Director



John Pettigrew Director

Sydney, dated the 28th day of September 2011.

# **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income** For the financial year ended 30 June 2011

Note	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Revenue2On hired labour costs2Employee benefits expense2Rental expense on operating leases3	291,722 (227,123) (36,049) (4,393) (12,906)	280,613 (217,965) (35,071) (4,690) (13,879)
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and impairment (EBITDA)Depreciation of property, plant and equipment3Amortisation of intangible assets10Finance costs3Impairment losses relating to non-current assets10, 11	11,251 (826) (3,217) (12,083) (1,300)	9,008 (1,044) (5,629) (11,201) (200)
Loss before income tax expense Income tax benefit 5	(6,175) 729	(9,066) 867
Loss for the year	(5,446)	(8,199)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year, net of tax	(825)	169
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(6,271)	(8,030)
Loss for the year attributable to: Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests	(5,808) 362	(8,350) 151
	(5,446)	(8,199)
Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to: Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests	(6,633) 362	(8,181) 151
	(6,271)	(8,030)
Basic loss per share (cents) 35	(5.3)	(7.6)
Diluted loss per share (cents) 35	(5.3)	(7.6)

### **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position** As at 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Assets Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,017	3,554
Trade and other receivables	8	37,210	38,004
Other assets	9	1,487	1,611
Total current assets		40,714	43,169
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	8	92	137
Property, plant and equipment Deferred tax assets	11 12	2,588 6,742	3,088 5,717
Intangible assets	12	73,703	78,571
Other assets	9	177	219
Total non-current assets		83,302	87,732
Total assets		124,016	130,901
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	23,113	25,622
Borrowings	14 12	89,874 76	85,282 332
Current tax payable Provisions	12	76 1,841	332 1,910
Total current liabilities	· -	114,904	113,146
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	14	4,580	9,288
Other liabilities	16	2,423	_
Provisions	15	994	969
Total non-current liabilities		7,997	10,257
Total liabilities		122,901	123,403
Net assets		1,115	7,498
Equity			
Share capital	17	64,605	64,605
Reserves	18	(297)	500
Accumulated losses	19	(63,629)	(57,821)
		679	7,284
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		679	7,284
Non-controlling interests		436	214
Total equity		1,115	7,498

### **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity** For the financial year ended 30 June 2011

	Equity– settled employee	Foreign currency			Attributable to owners	Non-	
Balance at 30 June 2011	554	(851)	64,605	(63,629)	679	436	1,115
Options exercised	(3)	-	-	-	(3)	-	(3)
Share-based payments	31	_	_	_	31	(1.0)	31
Dividends paid	_	(0_0)	_	(0,000)	(0,000)	(140)	(140)
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the year	_	(825)	_	(5,808)	(6,633)	362	(6,271)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	(825)	-	-	(825)	-	(825)
(Loss)/profit for the year	-	-	-	(5,808)	(5,808)	362	(5,446)
<b>2011</b> Balance at 1 July 2010	526	(26)	64,605	(57,821)	7,284	214	7,498
	benefit reserve \$000	translation reserve \$000	Share capital \$000	Accumulated losses \$000	of the parent \$000	controlling interests \$000	Total \$000
	Equity– settled employee	Foreign currency			Attributable to owners	Non-	

	employee benefit reserve \$000	currency translation reserve \$000	Share capital \$000	Accumulated losses \$000	to owners of the parent \$000	Non- controlling interests \$000	Total \$000
2010							
Balance at 1 July 2009	447	(195)	64,605	(49,408)	15,449	_	15,449
(Loss)/profit for the year	_	_	_	(8,350)	(8,350)	151	(8,199)
Other comprehensive income for the year	_	169	_	_	169	_	169
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the year	_	169	_	(8,350)	(8,181)	151	(8,030)
Minority interest transfer of controlled entities	_	_	_	(63)	(63)	63	_
Share-based payments	92	_	_	_	92	_	92
Options exercised	(13)	_	_	_	(13)	_	(13)
Balance at 30 June 2010	526	(26)	64,605	(57,821)	7,284	214	7,498

### **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2011

Note	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Cash from operating activities		
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)	320,888 (311,171)	306,058 (295,246)
Finance costs paid Interest received Income taxes refunded	9,717 (8,473) 53 (535)	10,812 (7,858) 73 930
Total cash inflow from operating activities 20(a)	762	3,957
Cash flows from investing activities Payment for property, plant and equipment Payment for intangible assets Payment for controlled entities acquired (net of cash acquired): – relating to prior years Dividends paid to vendors – redeemable preference shares	(365) (337) (6,994) (223)	(431) (10) (6,962) (333)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(7,919)	(7,736)
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of third party borrowings Proceeds from third party borrowings Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(2,600) 6,013 (140)	(1,038) 10,665 –
Net cash inflow from financing activities	3,273	9,627
Net cash (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	(3,884) 3,506	5,848 (2,342)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year 7	(378)	3,506

### **1. Accounting policies** (a) General information

The financial statements cover the Group (consolidated entity) of Rubicor Group Limited and its controlled entities (consolidated financial statements). Rubicor Group Limited is a public Company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (trading under the symbol 'RUB'), incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Rubicor Group Limited's registered office and principal place of business is as follows:

Rubicor Group Limited Level 16, 1 York Street Sydney NSW 2000

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Group in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (b) Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and comply with other requirements of the law.

The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Accounting Standards include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (A-IFRS). Compliance with A-IFRS ensures that the financial statements of the Group comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 28 September 2011.

#### (c) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, except for certain financial instruments which are carried at fair value. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

The Company is a Company of the kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/0100, dated 10 July 1998, and in accordance with that Class Order amounts in the financial statements are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

#### (d) Going concern

The Directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis, which assumes continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2011 reflects a consolidated Group net loss of \$5.4 million and the statement of financial position reflects an excess of current liabilities over current assets in respect of the Group of \$74.2 million.

During the year, the Group operated within its banking covenants.

Subsequent to year end, the Company's debt facilities have been restructured (see Notes 14 and 32), resulting in the current term facilities being re-designated into an interest-bearing term debt facility (with a limit of \$55 million) and a \$33 million non-interest bearing subordinated debt facility. In addition, the bank overdraft limit has increased by \$3 million. These facilities expire on 31 March 2014 and are subject to annual review, however if the review does not reveal any default or review events, the terms of facilities will remain unchanged.

The vendor payments of \$6.3 million payable in November 2011 will be funded from the term debt facility and the estimated \$3.9 million of vendor payments payable in November 2012, will be mainly funded from funds set aside from the interest saved on the subordinated debt facility.

As a result, management is confident that the Group will continue as a going concern.

#### (e) Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

In the current year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to their operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. The adoption of these new and revised Standards and Interpretations has resulted in no changes to the Group's accounting policies.

#### (f) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

#### (i) Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

Cost includes all directly attributable expenditure incurred, including costs to get the asset ready for its use as intended by management. Costs include an estimate of any expenditure expected to be incurred at the end of the asset's useful life, including restoration, rehabilitation and decommissioning costs.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors for indications of impairment. If any such indications exist, an impairment test is carried out, and any impairment losses on the assets recognised.

#### (ii) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised lease assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives (commencing from the time the asset is ready for use). Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciable amount is the carrying value of the asset less estimated residual amounts. The residual amount is based on what a similar asset of the expected condition of the asset at the end of its useful life could be sold for. The following useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

Class of fixed asset	Estimated useful lives
Leasehold improvements	4 – 7 years
Leased assets	5 – 10 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Office equipment	2.5 - 7 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at each statement of financial position date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in profit or loss.

#### (g) Business combinations

Acquisitions of subsidiaries and businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values (at the date of exchange) of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Where applicable, the consideration for the acquisition includes any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, measured at its acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent changes in such fair values are adjusted against the cost of acquisition where they qualify as measurement period adjustments. All other subsequent changes in the fair value of contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability are accounted for in accordance with relevant Standards. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

Where a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held interests in the acquired entity are remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date the Group attains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss, where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

#### (h) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Group's statement of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### (i) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are measured at initial recognition at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in profit or loss when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired. The allowance recognised is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition.

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and credit terms are generally 30 days.

#### (ii) Investments

Investments in subsidiaries have been recognised at cost, less impairment losses, in the parent entity.

#### (iii) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

#### (iv) Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments issued by the Group are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. The accounting policies adopted for specific financial liabilities and equity instruments are set out below.

#### (v) Trade payables

Trade payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### (vi) Bank borrowings

Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the settlement or redemption of borrowings is recognised over the term of the borrowings.

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

#### (vii) Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

## **1. Accounting policies (continued)**(h) Financial instruments (continued) (viii) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

Foreign exchange forward contracts are entered into from time to time in order to manage the Group's exposure to foreign exchange rate risk. Further details of derivative financial instruments are disclosed in Note 29 to the financial statements.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date the derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event, the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

The Group designates certain derivatives as hedges of foreign currency risk of firm commitments (cash flow hedges). The fair value of a hedging derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and if it is not expected to be realised or settled within 12 months. Other derivatives are presented as current assets or current liabilities.

#### Hedge accounting

Hedges of foreign exchange risk on firm commitments are accounted for as cash flow hedges. At the inception of the hedge relationship, the entity documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Group documents whether the hedging instrument that is used in a hedging relationship is highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item.

#### Cash flow hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is deferred in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss as part of other expenses or other income.

Amounts deferred in equity are recycled in profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item is recognised in profit or loss in the same line of the income statement as the recognised hedged item.

#### (i) Intangible assets (i) Goodwill

Goodwill is initially recorded at the amount by which the purchase price for a business or for an ownership interest in a controlled entity exceeds the fair value attributed to its identifiable net assets at date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the business combination. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired. Each acquired business operates autonomously, therefore cash-generating units are determined at a subsidiary level.

#### (ii) Candidate databases

Acquired candidate databases are recorded at fair value as at the effective date of the relevant acquisition and then amortised on a straight-line basis over their useful life to the Group of five years.

#### (iii) Preferred supplier arrangements

Acquired preferred supplier arrangements are recorded at fair value as at the date of the relevant acquisition and are then amortised on a straight-line basis over their useful life to the Group of five years.

#### (iv) Course material content

Acquired training content and material is recorded at fair value as at the date of the relevant acquisition and is amortised on a straight-line basis over their useful life to the Group of 10 years.

#### (v) Computer software

Computer software is measured on the cost basis less amortisation and impairment losses. Computer software is amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful life to the Group of three years commencing from the time the software is held ready for use.

#### (vi) Brands

Acquired brands are recorded at fair value as at the date of acquisition. The Group has committed to continually use, invest in and promote acquired brands; therefore the Directors have assessed that the brands have an indefinite useful life. Consequentially, brands are not amortised but are subject to annual impairment testing.

#### (j) Impairment

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed in profit or loss.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill, and identifiable intangible assets with indefinite useful lives (brands).

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit is increased to the revised recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income in profit or loss. Impairments of goodwill are not reversed.

#### (k) Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets and disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset (or disposal group) is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to have been completed within one year from the date of classification.

Non-current assets (and disposal groups) classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell, and are not depreciated.

#### (I) Employee benefits

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Liabilities recognised in respect of employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at their nominal values using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Liabilities recognised in respect of employee benefits which are not expected to be settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the Group in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

#### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

#### (m) Provisions

Provisions, including provisions for make good costs, are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that the outflow can be reliably measured. Where the time value of money is material, these amounts have been discounted using an appropriate discount rate.

#### (n) Income tax Current tax

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements used in the computation of taxable profit. No deferred tax assets or liabilities will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, that at the time of the transaction did not affect either accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is recognised in the income statement except where it relates to items which are recognised directly in equity, in which case the deferred tax is recognised directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences and tax losses can be utilised.

#### (o) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, that are transferred to entities in the Group are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense.

The interest expense is recognised in profit or loss so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability outstanding.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Contingent rentals arising under operating leases are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **1. Accounting policies (continued)** (p) Revenue recognition

Revenue from permanent placements is recognised as work is performed in accordance with agreed terms for retainer-based appointments, or on candidate appointment as accepted by both the client and candidate for non-retainer-based appointments.

Revenue from temporary placements is recognised at the time when the services are performed.

Revenue for the rendering of a service, including human capital consulting services, is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer by reference to the stage of completion of the contract.

Revenue from recharge of expenses incurred in connection with recruitment services is recognised when the related expense is incurred and on-charged to the customer in accordance with agreed contractual terms.

Interest revenue is recognised on an effective interest rate method in relation to the outstanding financial asset.

Revenue from management fees is recognised at the time the service is performed.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), returns, trade allowances and other duties and taxes paid.

#### (q) Foreign currency translation Functional and presentation currency

The functional currency of each of the Group's entities is identified as the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates, and is used in the recognition of transactions and balances for that entity. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the parent entity's functional and presentation currency.

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into Australian dollars at exchange rates prevailing on the balance date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuated significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the dates of the transaction are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's foreign currency translation reserve. Such exchange differences are recognised in the profit or loss in the period in which the foreign operation is disposed.

#### (r) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Rubicor Group Limited (parent entity) as at 30 June 2011 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Rubicor Group Limited and its subsidiaries are referred to in this financial report as the 'Group'.

A subsidiary is any entity over which Rubicor Group Limited has the power to control the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by other members of the Group.

A list of subsidiaries is contained in Note 21 to the financial statements. All subsidiaries have a June financial year end.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the Group, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with those policies adopted by the Group.

#### (s) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting estimates may not always equal the actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are discussed below.

#### (i) Estimated impairment of goodwill and brands

The Group annually tests whether goodwill and brands have suffered any impairment. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on the higher of selling price less costs to sell and value in use calculations, the details of which can be found in Note 10(a). If any of these assumptions were to change, this could have a material impact on the amounts of goodwill recognised.

#### (ii) Acquired intangible assets

The Group has purchased various entities. In the consolidated financial statements the purchase price has been allocated between identifiable intangible assets, such as preferred supplier agreements, course material content, brands and candidate databases, and goodwill. This allocation has been done based on a valuation of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired. The valuation is based on estimated expected cash flows attributable to each applicable intangible asset.

## (iii) Cost of business combinations and associated Vendor earn-out liability

As a consequence of the deferred earn-out structure of the business acquisitions, the cost of combination and the associated Vendor earn-out liability has been determined by calculating the present value of estimated future cash flows associated with the deferred earn-out consideration payments. These cash flows are based, amongst other things, on management's assessment as to both the likely period in which the earn-out payments will be made and the future operating results of the acquired entities. If any of the assumptions and estimates made in regard to these assessments were to change, this could have a material impact on the cost of combination and the associated Vendor earn-out liability which is disclosed in Note 14 in the financial report.

#### (t) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are presented as operating cash flow.

#### (u) Share-based payments

Equity-settled share-based payments with employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the grant date. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of shares that will eventually vest.

The above policy is applied to all equity-settled share-based payments that were granted after 7 November 2002 and that vested after 1 January 2005. No amount has been recognised in the financial statements in respect of other equity-settled share-based payments.

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions with other parties are measured at the fair value of the goods and services received, except where the fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted, measured at the date the entity obtains the goods or the counterparty renders the service. For cash-settled share-based payments, a liability equal to the portion of the goods or services received is recognised at the current fair value determined at each reporting date.

The fair value at grant date of instruments issued is independently determined using the Monte Carlo option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option. The fair value of options granted is adjusted to reflect market vesting conditions, but excludes the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. At each balance date, the entity revises its estimate of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. The employee benefit expense recognised each period takes into account the most recent estimate.

Upon the exercise of options, the balance of the share-based payments reserve relating to those options is transferred to share capital and the proceeds received, net of any directly attributable transaction costs, are credited to share capital.

Share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees via the Key Employee Share Option Plan (KESOP) (refer to Note 34) and Senior Executive Share Plan (refer to Note 33).

## Accounting policies (continued) (v) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, a number of Standards and Interpretations were in issue but not yet effective. The Group does not intend to adopt any of these pronouncements before their effective dates.

Initial application of the following Standards and Interpretations may have a material impact on the financial report of the Group but has not been evaluated yet.

Standard	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures (revised December 2009), AASB 2009-12 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	1 January 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 9 Financial Instruments, AASB 2009-11 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 and AASB 2010-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010)	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 2009-14 Amendments to Australian Interpretation – Prepayments of a Minimum funding Requirement	1 January 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 2010-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	1 January 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 2010-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfer of Financial Assets	1 July 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 2010-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets	1 January 2012	30 June 2013
AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures	1 July 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 2011-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project	1 July 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 2011-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Relief from Consolidation, the Equity Method and Proportionate Consolidation	1 July 2011	30 June 2012
AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 11 Joint Arrangements	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 12 Disclosure of Involvement with Other Entities	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 119 Employee Benefits	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements (2011)	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 119 Employee Benefits	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 2011-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13	1 January 2013	30 June 2014
AASB 2011-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income	1 July 2012	30 June 2013

#### (w) Dividends

A liability is recognised for the amount of any dividend declared, being appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the entity, on or before the end of the financial year but not distributed at balance date.

#### (x) Earnings per share

#### (i) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company, after deducting any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year.

#### (ii) Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### 2. Revenue and other income

Interest Recharge income Organisational development fees Other	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Interest Recharge income Organisational development fees Other		
Recharge income Organisational development fees Other	287,771	277,476
Organisational development fees Other	53	73
Other	83	131
	3,184	2,342
	631	591
Total revenue	291,722	280,613

## **3. Expenses** (a) Other expenses

(a) Other expenses		
(a) Other expenses	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Advertising and marketing	1,616	1,528
Administration	9,672	10,876
Payroll tax costs	1,618	1,475
Total	12,906	13,879
(b) Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses: Finance costs		
Interest expense on Vendor earn-out liability (refer to Note 14)	1,430	1,872
Amortisation of borrowing costs	2,578	1,470
Interest and finance charges on other borrowings	8,075	7,859
	12,083	11,201
Depreciation Property, plant and equipment	453	635
Leasehold improvements	373	409
	826	1,044
Rental expense on operating leases	4,392	4,690
Defined contribution superannuation expense	14,745	14,171
Share-based payment expense Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	31 218	92 736
Other significant expenses		
Impairment of non-current assets:		
<ul> <li>Office equipment</li> <li>Computer software</li> </ul>	_	155 34
- Goodwill	1,300	- 04
- Leasehold improvements		11
	1,300	200
Restructuring costs (staff redundancy, premises relocation and refinancing advisory costs)	-	199
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	- 15	3
Foreign exchange gains/(losses)	15	(83)
4. Auditor's remuneration	2011	2010
	\$000	\$000
Auditor of the parent entity – Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu		
Audit or review of financial reports under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> Tax compliance services	410,000 33,096	400,000 26,000
Total remuneration	443,096	426,000
		,
Related practices of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Audit of financial reports <sup>1</sup>	40,461	40,401
Tax compliance services	277	21,947
	40,738	62,348
Other auditors		
Audit of financial reports <sup>2</sup>	8,256	7,599

1 Relates to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu-New Zealand firm.

2 Relates to services provided by Mazars LLP, Singapore.

#### 5. Income tax benefit (a) Components of tax benefit

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Current tax expense Deferred tax – origination and reversal of temporary differences Over/(under) provision of tax in prior year	(311) 1,025 15	(266) 1,333 (200)
Income tax benefit	729	867
(b) Reconciliation of prima facie tax on loss		
from ordinary activities to income tax expense Loss before tax	6,175	9,066
Prima facie tax benefit on loss from ordinary activities before income tax at 30% (2010: 30%)	1,852	2,720
Add: Tax effect of:		
<ul> <li>impairment loss on goodwill and other non-current assets that are not deductible</li> </ul>	(418)	_
- non-deductible interest	(372)	(494)
- share option expense	(9)	(28)
- other non-allowable items	(247)	(125)
- under/(over) provision of tax in prior year	15	(200)
- difference in overseas tax rates	1	14
- effect on deferred tax balances due to change in income tax rate of New Zealand	(7)	
component from 30% to 28% – effect of tax losses not brought to account	(7)	- (1 020)
	(92)	(1,020)
Income tax benefit	729	867

The tax rate used in the above reconciliation is the corporate tax rate of 30% payable by Australian corporate entities on taxable profits under Australian tax law. There has been no change in the corporate tax rate when compared with the previous reporting period.

The corporate tax rate in New Zealand was changed from 30% to 28% with effect from 1 July 2011. This revised rate has not impacted the current tax liability for the current year but will do so in future periods. However, the impact of the change in tax rate has been taken into account in the measurement of deferred taxes at the end of the reporting period. The effect of this change in tax rate on deferred taxes has been disclosed in the reconciliation of deferred taxes above.

(c) Unrecognised deferred tax assets		
	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Tax losses – revenue	2,979	2,887
	2,979	2,887

#### 6. Key management personnel disclosures

(a) Key management personnel compensation for the year was as follows:

	\$000	\$000
Short-term employee benefits	1,914,383	1,806,330
Post-employment benefits	120,502	109,716
Long-term employee benefits	914,183	397,916
Share-based payments	9,711	50,028
Total	2,958,779	2,363,990

2011

2010

#### (b) Individual Director and key management personnel disclosures

Detailed remuneration disclosures are included in the Directors' Report. The relevant information can be found in sections 4(a)-(h) of the Remuneration Report on pages 24 to 31.

### (c) Equity instrument disclosures relating to key management personnel

#### Share holdings

The number of shares in the Company held during the financial year by each Director and other key management personnel of the Group, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

#### Ordinary shares

Name	Balance at the start of the year	Purchased	Balance at the end of the year
2011			
Directors			
John Pettigrew	610,000	1,000,000	1,610,000
Robert Aitken	2,558,397	2,550,000	5,108,397
Jane Beaumont	325,664	-	325,664
Wayman Chapman	2,967,864	-	2,967,864
Russel Pillemer	443,084	2,550,000	2,993,084
Other key management personnel of the Group			
Kevin Levine	1,172,493	-	1,172,493
Sharad Loomba	163,003	-	163,003
2010			
Directors			
John Pettigrew	310,000	300,000	610,000
John Pettigrew Robert Aitken	1,887,397	300,000 671,000	2,558,397
John Pettigrew	,		
John Pettigrew Robert Aitken	1,887,397	671,000	2,558,397
John Pettigrew Robert Aitken Wayman Chapman	1,887,397 2,967,864	671,000	2,558,397 2,967,864
John Pettigrew Robert Aitken Wayman Chapman Jane Beaumont Russel Pillemer	1,887,397 2,967,864 325,664	671,000 _ _	2,558,397 2,967,864 325,664
John Pettigrew Robert Aitken Wayman Chapman Jane Beaumont	1,887,397 2,967,864 325,664	671,000 _ _	2,558,397 2,967,864 325,664

#### (d) Key management personnel transactions with the Company and its controlled entities

Information regarding individual key management personnel's service contracts with the Group is provided in the Remuneration Report (refer to page 29.)

#### Loans to key management personnel

Details of loans made to key management personnel of the Group, including their personally related parties, are set out below.

Name	Balance at the start of the year \$	Loans made/ (repaid) \$	Interest payable for the year \$	Balance at the end of the year \$	Highest indebtedness during the year \$
2011 Kevin Levine	136,908	(52,944)	8,220	92,184	136,908
<b>2010</b> Kevin Levine	125,001	_	11,907	136,908	136,908
7. Cash and cash equivalents				2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Cash on hand Cash at bank				9 2,008	10 3,544
Total cash and cash equivalents				2,017	3,554
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows: Cash and cash equivalents Bank overdraft (Note 14)				2,017 (2,395)	3,554 (48)
				(378)	3,506
8. Trade and other receivables				2011 \$000	2010 \$000
<b>Current</b> Trade receivables Allowance for impairment of receivables				33,925 (689)	34,390 (769)
				33,236	33,621
Other receivables				3,974	4,383
				37,210	38,004

#### 8. Trade and other receivables (continued)

The aging of past due but not impaired trade receivables at year end is detailed below:

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Past due 0 – 30 days Past due 31 – 60 days Past due 60+ days	8,151 1,562 915	7,540 2,393 916
Total	10,628	10,849
Age of impaired trade receivables.		
90 – 120 days 120+ days	314 375	250 519
Total	689	769
The movement in the allowance for doubtful accounts in respect of trade receivables is detailed below:		
Balance at beginning of year Amounts written off as uncollectible Increase in allowance recognised in profit or loss Foreign currency exchange differences	769 (297) 218 (1)	362 (332) 736 3
Balance at end of year	689	769

The average credit period on provision of services is 30 days. No interest is charged on trade receivable balances overdue.

The Group has used the following basis to assess the allowance loss for trade receivables:

- a specific provision based on estimated irrecoverable amounts;
- historical bad debt experience;
- the general economic conditions;
- an individual account-by-account specific risk assessment based on past credit history; and
- any prior knowledge of debtor insolvency or other credit risk.

Included in the Group's trade receivable balance are debtors with a carrying amount of \$9.9 million (2010: \$10.1 million) which are past due at the reporting date, which the Group has not provided for as there has been no significant change in credit quality and the Group believes that the amounts are still considered recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Non-current Loan to key management personnel (Note 6(d))	92	137
	92	137

#### 9. Other assets

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Current Prepayments	1,487	1,611
	1,487	1,611
Non-current		
Rental guarantee deposit Other	169 8	210 9
	177	219
10. Intangible assets	2011	2010
	\$000	\$000
Preferred supplier agreements Cost Accumulated amortisation and impairment	2,014 (1,915)	2,014 (1,691)
Net carrying value	99	323
Course material content Cost Accumulated amortisation and impairment	542 (307)	542 (253)
Net carrying value	235	289
Candidate databases Cost Accumulated amortisation and impairment	22,757 (20,725)	22,757 (18,183)
Net carrying value	2,032	4,574
Computer software Cost Accumulated amortisation and impairment	6,400 (5,897)	6,078 (5,675)
Net carrying value	503	403
Brands Cost Accumulated impairment	591 (44)	591 (44)
Net carrying value	547	547
Goodwill Cost Accumulated impairment (a)	102,528 (32,241)	103,376 (30,941)
Net carrying value	70,287	72,435
Total intangible assets	73,703	78,571

### **10. Intangible assets (continued)** (a) Impairment tests for goodwill

Goodwill is allocated to recruitment cash-generating units (CGUs), being the autonomously operated businesses acquired by the Group (refer to Note 21). The recoverable amount of the CGUs is determined based on value-in-use calculations.

The following key assumptions were used in the value-in-use calculations:

- Management has based the value-in-use calculations on the most recently completed management approved forecast performance for the forthcoming one-year period. Future cash flows between years two and five are projected using forecast average revenue growth rates declining from 7.9% to 2.0% and costs are calculated taking into account expected gross and operating margins. Thereafter cash flows are projected at a constant growth rate of 3.0% (2010: 3.0%) into perpetuity. A pre-tax discount rate of 17.1% (2010: 17.1%), reflecting the assessed risks associated with the CGU segments, has been applied to determine the present value of the future cash flow projections.
- During the year ended 30 June 2011, the Group assessed the recoverable amount of goodwill, and determined that goodwill associated with the Group's CGUs was impaired by \$1.3 million. In the prior year, goodwill associated with the Group's CGUs was not impaired.
- Sensitivity analysis shows that EBITDA and the discount rate assumption are key components in the outcome of the recoverable amount. The following table shows the potential impact on impairment from the movement in the underlying assumptions:

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Change in EBITDA – reduction of 10%	1,518	1,376
Change in discount rate – increase of 1%	1,392	1,391

The Directors have not identified any other likely changes in other significant assumptions since 30 June 2011 and the signing of the financial statements that would cause the carrying value of the recognised goodwill to exceed its recoverable amount.

#### (b) Intangible assets - detailed reconciliation

	Goodwill \$000	Candidate database \$000	Preferred supplier agreements \$000	Computer software \$000	Course material content \$000	Brands \$000	Total \$000
2011							
Cost brought forward Decrease in estimated deferred	103,376	22,757	2,014	6,078	542	591	135,358
vendor consideration Additions other than through	(66)	-	-	-	-	-	(66)
business combinations Net foreign currency	-	-	-	338	-	-	338
exchange differences	(782)	-	-	(16)	-	-	(798)
	102,528	22,757	2,014	6,400	542	591	134,832
Amortisation and impairment							
brought forward	(30,941)	(18,183)	(1,691)	(5,675)	(253)	(44)	(56,787)
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amortisation expense	_	(2,700)	(224)	(239)	(54)	-	(3,217)
Impairment losses	(1,300)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,300)
Net foreign currency							
exchange differences	-	158	-	17	-	-	175
	(32,241)	(20,725)	(1,915)	(5,897)	(307)	(44)	(61,129)
Closing written-down value	70,287	2,032	99	503	235	547	73,703

#### 10. Intangible assets (continued)

	Goodwill \$000	Candidate database \$000	Preferred supplier agreements \$000	Computer software \$000	Course material content \$000	Brands \$000	Total \$000
2010							
Cost brought forward Increase in estimated deferred	100,140	22,757	2,014	6,073	542	591	132,117
vendor consideration	3,043	_	_	_	_	_	3,043
Disposals other than through business combinations Additions other than through	_	_	_	(7)	_	_	(7)
business combinations Net foreign currency	_	_	_	10	_	_	10
exchange differences	193	_	_	2	_	_	195
	103,376	22,757	2,014	6,078	542	591	135,358
Amortisation and impairment							
brought forward Disposals	(30,941)	(14,384)	(1,310)	(4,252) 7	(199)	(44)	(51,130) 7
Amortisation expense	_	(3,773)	(381)	(1,421)	(54)	_	(5,629)
Impairment losses	_	_	_	(34)	_	_	(34)
Net foreign currency							
exchange differences	_	(26)	_	25	_	-	(1)
	(30,941)	(18,183)	(1,691)	(5,675)	(253)	(44)	(56,787)
Closing written-down value	72,435	4,574	323	403	289	547	78,571

#### **11. Property, plant and equipment**

11. Property, plant and equipment	Motor vehicles \$000	Office equipment \$000	Leasehold improvements \$000	Leased assets \$000	Total \$000
2011					
Cost					
Balance at the beginning of the year	9	3,418	3,025	52	6,504
Payment for purchase of property, plant and equipment	18	178	168	-	364
Disposals	(9)	-	-	-	(9)
Net foreign currency exchange differences	-	(49)	(37)	-	(86)
Balance at 30 June 2011	18	3,547	3,156	52	6,773
Depreciation and impairment losses					
Balance at the beginning of the year	(9)	(1,917)	(1,438)	(52)	(3,416)
Disposals	9	-	_	_	9
Depreciation expense	(3)	(450)	(373)	-	(826)
Net foreign currency exchange differences	-	33	15	-	48
Impairment losses	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2011	(3)	(2,334)	(1,796)	(52)	(4,185)
Carrying amount – 30 June 2011	15	1,213	1,360	-	2,588

Certain assets have been pledged as security - see Note 14(g).

	Motor vehicles \$000	Office equipment \$000	Leasehold improvements \$000	Leased assets \$000	Total \$000
2010					
Cost					
Balance at the beginning of the year	53	3,454	3,171	52	6,730
Payment for purchase of property, plant and equipment	_	350	81	_	431
Disposals	(44)	(395)	(234)	_	(673)
Net foreign currency exchange differences	_	9	7	_	16
Balance at 30 June 2010	9	3,418	3,025	52	6,504
Depreciation and impairment losses					
Balance at the beginning of the year	(53)	(1,525)	(1,249)	(32)	(2,859)
Disposals	44	392	234	_	670
Depreciation expense	_	(619)	(409)	(16)	(1,044)
Net foreign currency exchange differences	_	(10)	(3)	(4)	(17)
Impairment losses	_	(155)	(11)	_	(166)
Balance at 30 June 2010	(9)	(1,917)	(1,438)	(52)	(3,416)
Carrying amount – 30 June 2010	_	1,501	1,587	_	3,088

Certain assets have been pledged as security - see Note 14(g).

#### **12. Taxation** Assets

Assets		
	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Non-current		
Deferred tax assets comprise the following temporary differences:		
Exchange difference on foreign operations	(187)	_
Intangible assets	3,994	3,347
Make good costs	100	78
Property, plant and equipment	277	287
Accrued income	(430)	(987)
Accrued expenses	68	89
Accrued rent	117	133
Doubtful debts	206	231
Employee benefits	1,533	1,525
Transaction costs	57	110
Other provisions	329	580
Borrowing costs	659	_
IPO costs	19	324
	6,742	5,717

d o	ixchange lifference n foreign perations \$000	Accrued income \$000	Accrued expenses \$000	Intangible assets \$000	Make good costs \$000	Fixed assets \$000	Accrued rent \$000
At 30 June 2009 (Charged)/credited to the income statement	_	(616) (371)	49 40	1,963 1,384	77 1	141 146	165 (32)
At 30 June 2010 (Charged)/credited to the income statement	_ (187)	(987) 557	89 (21)	3,347 647	78 22	287 (10)	133 (16)
At 30 June 2011	(187)	(430)	68	3,994	100	277	117
	pairment of trade ceivables \$000	Employee benefits \$000	Transaction costs \$000	IPO costs \$000	Borrowing costs \$000	Other provisions \$000	Total \$000
	of trade ceivables	benefits	costs	costs	costs	provisions	
At 30 June 2009	of trade ceivables \$000 108	benefits \$000 1,545	costs \$000 167	costs \$000 629	costs \$000 (89)	provisions \$000 245	\$000 4,384

Deferred tax assets have been recognised on the basis that there will be future taxable profits against which they can be utilised. The future taxable profits are based on management estimations that sufficient suitable taxable profit will be made against which to offset the deductions.

#### Liabilities

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Current Income tax payable	76	332
	76	332

#### 13. Trade and other payables

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Current Trade payable	2,564	2,810
Other creditors and accruals	20,549	22,812
	23,113	25,622

The average credit period on purchases of certain products is 30 days. No interest is charged on trade payables. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are paid within the credit timeframe.

#### 14. Borrowings

H. Borrowings	Note	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Current			
Unsecured liabilities			
Vendor earn-out liability	(a)	6,330	7,474
Other		238	-
		6,568	7,474
Secured liabilities			
Bank overdraft	(b)	2,395	48
Finance lease obligation	(f), 31	4	10
Cash advance facility (net of borrowing costs)	(C)	23,907	26,750
Cash advance acquisition facility	(d)	27,000	27,000
Working capital facility	(e)	30,000	24,000
		83,306	77,808
		89,874	85,282
Non-current			
Unsecured liabilities			
Vendor earn-out liability	(a)	4,561	9,287
		4,561	9,287
Secured liabilities			
Finance lease obligation	(f), 31	19	1
		-	1
		4,580	9,288

#### (a) Vendor earn-out liability

The Vendor earn-out liability comprises the fair value of estimated initial consideration payments which are payable to vendors over a period of one to three years post-acquisition, and estimated exit consideration payments which are payable to vendors over a three-year period after provision of exit notice by the vendors.

For Australian business acquisitions, the Vendor earn-out liability has been structured through the issue to vendors of Series B Redeemable Preference Shares which are progressively redeemed at each earn-out payment date. All redemption payments made are contingent on the profit performance of the acquired business over the payment period. Each holder of Series B Redeemable Preference Shares is entitled to receive franked dividends for each year based on the Net Profit Before Tax of the vendor business acquired. The dividends are payable by the Company in priority to any other dividends in respect of any other shares. If these dividends are not paid then they will accumulate. The holders do not have rights to any other dividends or any entitlement to receive notice of, attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company. For New Zealand business acquisitions, earn-out payments have not been structured through preference shares; however, additional share consideration payments equivalent in structure to the preference dividends referred to above have been incorporated as part of the share purchase consideration.

The Vendor earn-out liability has been determined by calculating the present value of the estimated future cash flows associated with the earn-out payments, including the associated preference dividend and additional share consideration payments. The cash flows have been discounted at rates between 11.4% and 12.5%, representing the assessed risk-adjusted rate of return for the acquired businesses at their acquisition dates.

#### (b) Bank overdraft facility

\$7.0 million (2010: \$7.0 million) cash overdraft facility to assist with ongoing working capital requirements. This facility is subject to annual review and at 30 June 2011 attracted interest at the bank reference rate. Interest is calculated daily and is payable monthly in arrears. Subsequent to year end, this facility has been increased to \$10.0 million.

#### (c) Cash advance facility

\$24.1 million (2010: \$26.7 million) cash advance facility solely to fund earn-out obligations for all acquired entities with the exceptions of Steelweld and Gemteq. As at 30 June 2011, the facility expiry date was 31 July 2011, however subsequent to year end this facility has been extended to 30 September 2011. This facility attracts interest at a margin over BBSY. Based on the BBSY at 30 June 2011, the effective rate would be 8.24%. Quarterly amortisation payments of \$0.65 million apply. Subsequent to year end, this facility has been redesignated as a drawing under the new term facility. The new term facility limit includes an amount of \$6.6 million which is designated for drawdown for vendor earn-out payments (refer (a) above) in November 2011. It attracts interest at a margin over BBSY, and based on the BBSY at 30 June 2011, the effective rate would be 8.49%. Quarterly amortisation payments of \$0.65 million apply and the facility expires on 31 March 2014.

#### (d) Cash advance acquisition facility

\$27.0 million (2010: \$27.0 million) cash advance acquisition facility solely to fund earn-out obligations for the acquisition of Steelweld and Gemteq. As at 30 June 2011, the facility expiry date was 31 July 2011, however subsequent to year end this facility has been extended to 30 September 2011. The facility attracts interest at a margin over BBSY. Based on the BBSY at 30 June 2011, the effective interest rate would be 8.24%. Subsequent to year end, \$24.0 million of this facility has been redesignated as a drawing under the new term facility described above in (c), and the remaining \$3.0 million has been redesignated to a drawing under the new subordinated facility. The new subordinated facility of \$33.0 million attracts no interest and expires on 31 March 2014.

#### (e) Working capital facility

\$30.0 million (2010: \$24.0 million) working capital facility. As at 30 June 2011, the facility expiry date was 31 July 2011, however subsequent to year end this facility has been extended to 30 September 2011. The facility attracts interest at a margin over BBSY. Based on the BBSY at 30 June 2010, the effective interest rate would be 10.24%. The drawdown of this facility will be based on available debtor balances. Subsequent to year end, this entire facility has been redesignated to the new subordinated facility as described in (d) above.

#### (f) Assets pledged as security in respect of secured liabilities

#### Existing facilities

The finance lease obligation is secured against the underlying finance lease assets with net book value of \$0.015 million (2010: nil). The cash advance facility, cash advance acquisition facility, working capital facility and the bank overdraft facility are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the parent and subsidiaries together with a mortgage over all shares held by the parent entity in the consolidated entities.

#### (g) Other facilities

These relate to bank guarantees in respect of rental properties.

### **14. Borrowings (continued)** (b) Financing arrangements

(h) Financing arrangements	2011	2010
	\$000	\$000
Restricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit: Loan facilities		
Cash advance facility (c)	24,150	26,750
Cash advance acquisition facility (d)	27,000	27,000
	51,150	53,750
Used at balance date		
Cash advance facility (c)	24,150	26,750
Cash advance acquisition facility (d)	27,000	27,000
	51,150	53,750
Unused at balance date		
Cash advance facility (c)	-	_
Cash advance acquisition facility (d)		_
		-
Credit standby arrangements		
Bank overdraft (b)	7,000	7,000
Other facilities (g)	2,750	2,604
Working capital facility (e)	30,000	24,000
	39,750	33,604
Used at balance date		
Bank overdraft (b)	2,395	48
Other facilities (g)	2,186	1,921
Working capital facility (e)	30,000	24,000
	34,581	25,969
Unused at balance date		
Bank overdraft (b)	4,605	6,952
Other facilities (g)	564	683
Working capital facility (e)		
	5,169	7,635

#### **15. Provisions**

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Current Non-current	1,841 994	1,910 969
	2,835	2,879
Current Employee benefits Straight-lining of rent provision	1,672 169	1,757 153
	1,841	1,910
Non-current Employee benefits Make good Straight-lining of rent provision	281 492 221	198 479 292
	994	969

#### (a) Make good provision

The Group is required to restore the leased premises to their original condition at the end of the respective lease terms. A provision has been recognised for the value of the estimated expenditure required to remove any leasehold improvements. These costs have been capitalised as part of the cost of leasehold improvements and are amortised over the shorter of the term of the lease or the useful life of the assets.

#### (b) Straight-lining of rent provision

The Group has office space leases that are recorded as operating leases. A number of the lease contracts have rent-free periods. The total of rent payments due under the lease is being recognised on a straight-line basis in profit or loss. Accordingly, there is a liability recorded for accrued rent equal to the difference between the rent expense charged against income and actual cash payments required under the terms of the lease.

#### (c) Movement in provisions

Movement in each class of provision during the financial year, other than employee benefits, is set out below:

	Straight-lining	Straight-lining of rent		ovision
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Carrying amount at beginning of year	445	550	479	565
(Decrease)/increase in provision	(55)	(105)	13	(86)
Carrying amount at end of year	390	445	492	479

h100

0040

#### 16. Other liabilities

This represents extension fees incurred in respect of extending the debt facilities in August 2010. The extension is subject to a fee of 3% of the facilities amounting to \$2.4 million. The fee is payable on the first date that the fee is able to be paid, provided that in the reasonable opinion of the Board of Directors, the payment of the fee will not likely cause the Company to be unable to comply with the terms of the facility documents and there is sufficient excess in the working capital facilities.

Conversely, in the event that any of the following conditions occur, the fee is payable on the earlier of:

- (a) any date on which any of the facilities is repaid using proceeds advanced or provided by an external party; or
- (b) any date on which any member of the Group disposes of assets or a business with an aggregate value equal to or greater than \$2.5 million; or
- (c) the date payment is requested while a default subsists; or
- (d) the date on which all the facilities are repaid in full,

subject to the same provisos as noted above.

#### **17. Contributed equity**

	Note	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
109,610,814 (2010: 109,610,814) fully paid ordinary shares Treasury shares	33	65,343 (738)	65,343 (738)
		64,605	64,605

Changes to the then Corporations Law abolished the authorised capital and par value concept in relation to share capital from 1 July 1998. Therefore, the Company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital and issued shares do not have a par value.

#### Ordinary shares

2010 and 2011	Number of shares	\$000
Balance at 1 July 2009 Treasury shares	110,628,015 (1,017,201)	65,343 (738)
Balance at 30 June 2010 and 2011	109,610,814	64,605

Ordinary shares confer on their holders the right to participate in dividends declared by the Board. Ordinary shares confer on their holders an entitlement to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

#### 18. Reserves

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Option reserve (a) Foreign currency translation reserve (b)	554 (851)	526 (26)
	(297)	500

#### (a) Option reserve

This reserve is to recognise the value of options recognised to date.

#### (b) Foreign currency translation reserve

This reserve is to recognise the value of translation differences of foreign entities.

The movement in each reserve during the financial year is set out below:

	Option reserve		Foreign currency translation reserve	
	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Balance 1 July Option expense Options exercised during the year Currency translation differences arising during the year	526 31 (3)	447 92 (13)	(26) - - (825)	(195) - 169
Balance 30 June	554	526	(851)	(26)
19. Accumulated losses			2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Accumulated losses at the beginning of the period Net loss attributable to members of the parent entity Minority interest on acquisition of controlled entities			(57,821) (5,808) –	(49,408) (8,350) (63)

#### Balance 30 June

#### 20. Cash flow information

#### (a) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations to loss after income tax

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Net loss for the year	(5,446)	(8,199)
Non-cash flows in loss Amortisation of intangible assets Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Share-based payments expense Amortisation of borrowing costs Interest on Vendor earn-out liability Impairment of non-current assets	3,217 - 826 28 2,180 1,430 1,300	5,629 3 1,044 79 1,470 1,872 200
Changes in operating assets and liabilities Decrease/(Increase) in trade and term receivables Decrease/(Increase) in other assets (Decrease)/Increase in trade payables and accruals (Decrease)/Increase in income tax payable Increase in deferred taxes Increase in provisions	839 166 (2,453) (256) (1,025) (44)	(1,741) (622) 4,560 1,390 (1,333) (395)
Cash flow from operations	762	3,957

(63,629)

(57,821)

#### 21. Controlled entities

	Country of	Percentage owned	Percentage owned
Name	incorporation	2011	2010
Parent entity			
Rubicor Group Limited	Australia	-	—
Subsidiaries of parent entity			
Locher and Associates Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Locher Holdings Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Gel Group Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Cadden Crowe Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Apsley Nominees Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
JGA Employment Services Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Apsley Recruitment Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Cadden Crowe (Victoria) Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Cadden Crowe (Queensland) Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Skillsearch Contracting Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Careers Unlimited Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
SMF Recruitment Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Xpand Group Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
CIT Professionals Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Rubicor CRS Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Wizard Personnel and Office Services Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Dolman Group Pty Limited (iii)	Australia	100	100
Challenge Recruitment Limited	Australia	100	100
Steelweld Personnel Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Rubicor Gemteq Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Orbis Recruitment Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Ensure Recruitment Pty Limited (iv)	Australia	50.1	50.1
Rubicor (T1) Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Rubicor Services Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Rubicor New Zealand Limited	New Zealand	100	100
Wheeler Campbell Consulting Limited (i)	New Zealand	100	100
Health Recruitment NZ Limited (ii)	New Zealand	100	100
Gaulter Russell NZ Limited	New Zealand	100	100
Numero (NZ) Limited	New Zealand	100	100
Powerhouse People Ltd	New Zealand	100	100
Rubicor Group Pte Limited (Singapore)	Singapore	100	100
Rubicor Hong Kong Limited	Hong Kong	100	100

(i) Includes Wheeler Campbell Management Leasing Limited and Intersearch NZ Limited.

(ii) Includes Care Direct Limited.

(iii) Includes subsidiary Dolman F-Lex Pty Limited, and Dolman Pty Limited.

(iv) Rubicor Group has immediate control over 50.1% of the economic benefits arising from Ensure Recruitment Pty Limited. Rubicor has control over the strategic running of the Company and has consolidated the Company in full and disclosed the non-controlling interest.

#### 22. Parent entity disclosures

(a) Financial	position
---------------	----------

(a) Financial position	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Assets Current assets Non-current assets	74,183 104,910	48,992 104,184
Total assets	179,093	153,176
Liabilites Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	200,799 4,064	158,671 7,936
Total liabilities	204,863	166,607
Net liabilities	(25,770)	(13,431)
Equity Share capital Reserves Accumulated losses	64,605 397 (90,772)	64,605 369 (78,405)
Total equity	(25,770)	(13,431)
(b) Financial performance	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Loss for the year Other comprehensive income	(12,367)	(12,893)
Total comprehensive loss	(12,367)	(12,893)

(c) Guarantees entered into by the parent entity in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries The parent entity and Challenge Recruitment Limited are parties to a deed of cross-guarantee under which each company guarantees the debt of others (refer Note 23).

#### (d) Contingent liabilities of the parent entity

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Bank guarantees in respect of leased premises totalling (refer Note 28):	1,875	1,753

(e) Commitments for expenditure for the parent entity The parent had nil committed expenditure as at 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2010.

#### 23. Deed of cross-guarantee

Rubicor Group Limited and Challenge Recruitment Limited are parties to a deed of cross-guarantee under which each company guarantees the debt of others. By entering into the deed, the wholly owned entities have been relieved from the requirement to prepare a financial report and Directors' report under Class Order 98/1418 (as amended) issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

#### (a) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

The above companies represent a 'Closed Group' for the purposes of the Class Order.

Set out below is a consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the years ended 30 June 2011 and 2010 of the Closed Group consisting of Rubicor Group Limited and Challenge Recruitment Limited.

#### Statement of comprehensive income

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Revenue On hired labour costs Employee benefits expense Rental expense on operating leases Other expenses	88,908 (80,157) (9,399) (801) (4,009)	104,771 (96,013) (8,806) (1,019) (4,064)
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of intangible assets Finance costs Impairment losses relating to non-current assets	(5,458) (284) (58) (10,318) (6)	(5,131) (238) (309) (9,809) (46)
Loss before income tax expense Income tax	(16,124) 4,283	(15,533) 2,793
Loss for the year	(11,841)	(12,740)
Other comprehensive income	-	_
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(11,841)	(12,740)

## (b) Statement of financial position

Set out below is a consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011 and 2010 of the Closed Group consisting of Rubicor Group Limited and Challenge Recruitment Limited.

## Statement of financial position

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Assets Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets	- 83,582 981	1,698 59,061 1,205
Total current assets	84,563	61,964
Non-current assets Trade and other receivables Other financial assets Property, plant and equipment Deferred tax assets Intangible assets	60,213 88,311 511 1,756 317	35,672 88,699 664 1,582 207
Total non-current assets	151,108	126,824
Total assets	235,671	188,788
Liabilities Current liabilities Trade and other payables Borrowings Provisions	7,623 249,605 729	9,504 185,343 541
Total current liabilities	257,957	195,388
Non-current liabilities Borrowings Provisions	3,955 331	7,838 321
Total non-current liabilities	4,286	8,159
Total liabilities	262,243	203,547
Net liabilities	(26,572)	(14,759)
Equity Share capital Reserves Accumulated losses	64,605 396 (91,573)	64,605 368 (79,732)
Total equity	(26,572)	(14,759)

## 24. Commitments for expenditure

The Group had nil committed expenditure as at 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2010.

### 25. Segment information

Our internal reporting system produces reports in which business activities are presented in a variety of ways. Based on these reports, the Executive Board, which is responsible for assessing the performance of various Company components and making resource allocation decisions as our Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), evaluates business activities in a number of different ways. The Group's reportable segments under AASB 8 are as follows:

- Australia;
- New Zealand; and
- Other.

The Australian and New Zealand reportable segments supply recruitment services to the Australian and New Zealand geographical regions respectively.

'Other' is the aggregation of the Group's other operating segments that are not separately reportable. Included in 'Other' are operating segments for the Group's activities in supplying recruitment services in Singapore.

There have been no changes in basis of segmentation or basis of segmental profit or loss since the previous financial report.

### Segment revenues and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and result by reporting operating segment for the periods under review:

0	2			5 1	0 1	0 0	'			
(a) Revenue	Aus	tralia	New Ze	ealand	Oth	er	Unalloc	ated	Econom	iic entity
	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
	265,006	260,243	25,301	18,924	1,415	1,446	-	_	291,722	280,613
Total segment revenue	265,006	260,243	25,301	18,924	1,415	1,446	-	_	291,722	280,613
(b) Result	Aus	tralia	New Ze	ealand	Oth	er	Unalloc	ated	Econom	iic entity
	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Segment results before depreciation and amortisation Depreciation	17,088 (726)	12,738 (904)	1,609 (81)	2,638 (121)	231 (19)	315 (19)	-		18,928 (826)	15,691 (1,044)
Segment results after depreciation and before amortisation Amortisation Central administration	16,362	11,834	1,528	2,517	212	296	-	_	18,102 (3,217)	14,647 (5,629)
costs and directors' salaries Interest revenue Finance costs Interest on vendor									(7,730) 53 (10,653)	(6,756) 73 (9,329)
earn-out liabilities Impairment losses									(1,430) (1,300)	(1,872) (200)
Loss before tax Income tax benefit									(6,175) 729	(9,066) 867
Loss after tax									(5,446)	(8,199)

### (c) Segment assets and liabilities

The Group is not required to disclose information regarding segment assets and liabilities where that information is not reported to the CODM.

### (d) Information about major customers

Included in revenues are revenues of \$72.8 million (2010: \$64.9 million) which arose from sales to 2 (2010: two) of the Group's customers whose individual revenue exceeds 10% of total revenue in the Australian segment.

### 26. Related party transactions

### Group/Company transactions with related parties outside the Group

There have been no transactions with related parties outside the Group during the financial years ended 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2010, other than key management personnel disclosures in Note 6.

### 27. Secured liabilities

The following security is held by the parent company's and consolidated entity's bankers:

- fixed and floating charge over all assets of the parent entity;
- fixed and floating charge over all assets of the controlled entities; and
- mortgage over all the shares held by the parent entity in the controlled entities.

Security provided in respect of other secured liabilities is disclosed in Note 14(g).

### 28. Contingent liabilities

The Group had contingent liabilities at 30 June 2011 in respect of bank guarantees for leases (refer to Note 30), as set out below:

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Contingent liabilities Bank guarantees in respect of leased premises totalling	2,186	1,921
	2,186	1,921

Security for borrowing and leases is detailed in Note 14.

## 29. Financial instruments

### (a) Significant accounting policies

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### (b) Capital risk management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balances.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debt, which includes the borrowings disclosed in Note 14, cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, comprising issued capital, reserves, other equity and retained earnings (accumulated losses) as disclosed in Notes 17, 18 and 19 respectively.

### (c) Financial risk management objectives

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's financial management framework. The Board has an established Audit and Risk Management Committee which is responsible for developing and monitoring the Group's financial management policies. The committee provides regular reports to the Board of Directors on its activities.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are market risk (including currency risk and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The Board reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks.

## 29. Financial instruments (continued)

### (c) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

The Board has approved written principles on foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, the use of financial derivatives and non-derivative financial instruments, and the investment of excess liquidity. The Audit and Risk Management Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks. The Group does not enter into or trade financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments, for speculative purposes.

### (d) Market risk

The Group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Group may enter into a variety of derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to interest rate and foreign currency risk, including:

- foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge the exchange rate risk arising from transactions not recorded in an entity's functional currency; and
- interest rate swaps to mitigate the risk of rising interest rates.

### (e) Foreign currency risk management

The Group undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies that are different to the functional currencies of the respective entities undertaking the transactions, hence exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise. Exchange rate exposures are managed within approved policy parameters utilising forward foreign exchange contracts.

The carrying amount of the Group's foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities at the reporting date that are denominated in a currency that is different to the functional currency of the respective entities within the Group is as follows:

		Consolidated			
	Liabilities Ass		Liabilities Assets		
	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2010 \$000	
US dollar	-	27	84	73	
	-	27	84	73	

### (f) Interest rate risk management

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk associated with borrowed funds at floating interest rates. During the financial year, risks associated with interest rate movements were monitored by the Board; however, no hedging instruments were considered necessary to manage this risk.

The Group's exposures to interest rates on financial assets and financial liabilities are detailed in the liquidity risk management section of this note.

#### Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates at the reporting date and the stipulated change taking place at the beginning of the financial year and held constant throughout the reporting period. A 100 basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the possible change in interest rates.

At the reporting date, if interest rates had been 100 basis points higher or lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's loss before tax would decrease/increase by \$0.84 million (2010: loss before tax decrease/increase by \$0.78 million). This is mainly attributable to the Group's exposure to interest rates on its variable rate borrowings.

### (g) Credit risk management

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations, resulting in financial loss to the Group. The Group has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

Trade receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas. Ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial condition of accounts receivable.

The carrying value of trade receivables recorded in the financial statements, net of any impairment allowances, represents the Group's maximum exposure to credit risks.

The Group does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The maximum credit risk exposure of financial assets is their carrying amount in the financial statements.

### (h) Liquidity risk management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the CFO and Board of Directors, who have built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's short-, medium- and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements.

The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities by continuously forecasting and comparing actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. Included in Note 14(h) is a listing of additional undrawn facilities that the Group has at its disposal to further reduce liquidity risk.

### Liquidity and interest risk tables

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The table has been presented based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group may be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

## Financial liabilities

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	0-3 months \$000	3 months to 1 year \$000	1-5 years \$000	5+ years \$000	Total \$000
<b>2011</b> Trade and other payables	_	12,149	_	_	_	12,149
Bank overdraft	11.19	2,395				2,395
Finance lease liability	11.80	2,000	3	19	_	2,000
Working capital facility	10.49	787	2,360	33,672	_	36,819
Cash advance facility	8.24	1,147	3,402	23,912	-	28,461
Cash advance acquisition facility	8.24	556	1,669	29,596	-	31,821
Vendor earn-out liability	12.34	305	6,327	5,916	-	12,548
Total		17,340	13,761	93,115	-	124,216
2010						
Trade and other payables	_	11,418	_	_	_	11,418
Bank overdraft	7.3	48	_	_	_	48
Finance lease liability	11.8	3	7	1	—	11
Working capital facility	10.39	623	1,870	24,259	—	26,752
Cash advance facility	8.14	1,194	3,543	24,310	_	29,047
Cash advance acquisition facility	8.14	549	1,648	27,179	_	29,376
Vendor earn-out liability	12.34	592	7,229	11,791	_	19,612
Total		14,427	14,297	87,540	_	116,264

### Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities is determined as follows:

- the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets is determined with reference to quoted market prices;
- the fair value of other financial assets and liabilities is determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis using prices from observable current market transactions; and
- the fair value of derivative instruments is calculated using quoted prices. Where such prices are not available, use is made of discounted cash flow analysis using the applicable yield curve for the duration of the instruments for non-optional derivatives, and option pricing models for optional derivatives.

The Directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

### **30. Operating lease arrangements**

Leases as lessee

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Leases as lessee Less than one year	3,351	3,656
Between one and five years More than five years	4,827	7,240
Total	8,178	11,169

The Group leases a number of offices under operating leases. The leases run over varying periods, some with option periods. Some of the leases have fixed rate rental periods, and some have market rate rental adjustments.

## **31. Finance and hire purchase leases**

The present value of finance lease liabilities is as follows:

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Less than one year	6	11
Between one and five years	21	1
Minimum future lease payments <sup>1</sup> Less future finance charges	27 (4)	12 (1)
Present value of minimum lease payments	23	11
Recognised in the financial statements as:		
Borrowings:	4	10
Current (Note 14)	4	10
Non-current (Note 14)	19	I
Total	23	11

The finance and hire purchase leases are secured against the underlying assets, with a net book value of \$14,603 (2009: nil) (Note 11).

1 Minimum future lease payments include the aggregate of all lease payments and any guaranteed residual.

## 32. Events after the balance date

Subsequent to year end, the Group's debt facilities have been restructured (see Note 14). The Tranche A, B and C facilities will be redesignated into two new facilities as follows:

(a) A non-interest bearing subordinated debt facility of \$33.0 million expiring on 31 March 2014.

(b) A term debt facility of \$54.75 million, with quarterly amortisation payments of \$650,000, expiring on 31 March 2014.

These facilities are subject to annual review on 31 March, however if the review does not reveal any default or review events, the terms of the facilities will remain unchanged. In addition the bank overdraft facility has been increased by \$3.0 million to \$10 million and remains subject to annual review.

The vendor payments of \$6.3 million payable in November 2011 will be funded from the term debt facility. The debt restructure will incur a loan approval fee of \$0.25 million.

### **33. Senior Executive Share Plan**

The Company established the Senior Executive Share Plan on 24 April 2007. The Senior Executive Share Plan is intended to provide incentives to attract, retain and motivate key executives whose present and potential contributions are important to the success of the Company and its subsidiaries by offering them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the Company. The Senior Executive Share Plan is administered by the Board in its discretion. The terms and conditions of the Senior Executive Share Plan are summarised below.

Plan Shares were made available under the Senior Executive Share Plan to the following key executives of the Company in August and November 2007:

Key executive	Amount
Wayman Chapman	\$300,000
Kevin Levine	\$180,000
Jane Beaumont	\$150,000
Sharad Loomba	\$120,000

The Plan Shares were acquired at a price equal to the weighted average market price for shares for the five trading days prior to acquisition of the Plan Shares. The Company provided a loan to participants under the Share Plan for 100% of the purchase price of the Plan Shares to enable the participant to acquire the Plan Shares (Loan). The Loan has been provided on an interest-free basis. The Loan is repayable on the fifth anniversary of the date when the Loan was provided or otherwise in accordance with its terms (although the Board may vary the repayment period). If the performance conditions attaching to Plan Shares issued under the Share Plan have been satisfied, the Board will waive the loan repayment except for the portion equal to the fringe benefits tax payable on the Loan. The Loans from the Company to the above key executives will be repayable and the Plan Shares will become transferable by the key executive upon the satisfaction of certain performance hurdles based on the performance of the Company measured by:

- earnings per share growth over the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2010; and
- total shareholder return ranking against the SandP/ASX Small Ordinaries index.

The number of ordinary shares acquired is in relation to the services to be performed for three years up to 30 June 2010:

Key executive	2008 shares
Wayman Chapman	423,204
Kevin Levine	235,088
Jane Beaumont	195,906
Sharad Loomba	163,003
Total	1,017,201

As required by AASB 2, the fair value of the shares issued is determined as the market price at grant date.

\$5,582 has been recognised as a share-based payment expense on a graded vesting pattern for the year ended 30 June 2011 (2010: expense of \$50,029) in relation to the Senior Executive Share Plan (refer to Note 17).

#### 34. Share-based payments Key Employee Share Option Plan

In the 2006 financial year, Rubicor Group Limited established the Key Employee Share Option Plan (the Plan). The Plan was established to retain and motivate eligible persons whose present and potential contributions are important to the success of the parent and its controlled entities by offering them an opportunity to participate in the Group's future performance through the awarding of share options. Eligible persons are full-time or part-time employees of the consolidated entity or other such persons as approved by the Board of Directors.

Vesting of the share options awarded takes place over a five-year period, with the first of the options vesting after two years and the rest vesting in tranches thereafter. The options cannot be exercised until the occurrence of a specified liquidity event.

On exercise, each share option entitles the eligible person holding that option to one ordinary share in the parent entity, ranking equally with all other shares. The exercise price of an option will be determined by the Board of Directors and set out in the Award Invitation.

The maximum number of shares to be issued to eligible persons on exercise of the share options is 5% of the issued share capital of the parent entity on a diluted basis at the valuation date.

The expiry date of the options is the earlier of:

- five years following the vesting period for options issued before July 2010, and 30 June 2017 for options issued from July 2010;
- the expiration date set out in the relevant Award Invitation;
- the date on which any condition relating to the exercise of the options can no longer be satisfied; or
- the date that the relevant participant ceased to be employed or engaged by the consolidated entity.

The fair value at grant date is independently determined using a Monte Carlo option pricing model.

The key model inputs for options granted before July 2010 include:

- (a) Options are granted for no consideration, will vest over a five-year period, with 40% vesting after two years, and the rest vesting in three equal tranches.
- (b) The grant dates were 27 May 2008, 28 April 2008, 31 August 2006 and 31 October 2005.
- (c) The expected dividend yield is 6%.
- (d) The risk-free interest rate varied between 5.34% and 5.48%.
- (e) The expected price volatility of the Company's shares is 45%, based on historical experience of similar companies.

The key model inputs for options granted from July 2010 include:

- (a) Options are granted for no consideration, and will vest three years from the grant date.
- (b) The grant date was 1 July 2010.
- (c) The expected dividend yield is 0%.
- (d) The risk-free interest rate varied between 5.10% and 5.48%.
- (e) The expected price volatility of the Company's shares is 65%, based on historical experience of similar companies.

\$25,872 has been recognised as a share-based payment expense on a graded vesting pattern for the year ended 30 June 2011 (2010: \$42,000) and \$3,544 has been exercised during the year (2010: \$12,500) (refer to Note 18).

The following share-based payment arrangements were in existence during the current and comparative reporting periods:

Options series	Number	Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price \$	Fair value at grant date \$
Issued October 2005	1,847,459	October 2005	December 2015	Nil	0.37
Issued August 2006	1,028,843	August 2006	December 2015	Nil	0.58
Issued April 2008	957,415	April 2008	December 2018	0.37	0.11
Issued May 2008	170,000	May 2008	December 2018	0.26	0.04
Issued July 2010	1,548,800	July 2010	June 2017	0.05	0.02
Issued July 2010	1,210,000	July 2010	June 2017	0.05	0.02

The following table reconciles the outstanding share options granted under the Employee Share Option Plan at the beginning and end of the financial year:

	2011		201	10
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,912,790	0.07	2,825,451	0.11
Granted during the year	2,758,800	0.05	_	_
Exercised during the financial year (i)	(73,295)	Nil	(265,631)	Nil
Expired during the financial year		-	(647,030)	0.12
Balance at end of the financial year (ii)	4,598,295	0.08	1,912,790	0.10
Exercisable at end of the financial year	1,538,920	0.10	1,178,848	0.07

## (i) Exercised during the financial year

The following share options granted under the Employee Share Option Plan were exercised during the financial year:

	Number exercised	Exercise date	Share price at exercise date \$
Issued August 2006	47,342	19 July 2010	0.05
Issued August 2006	10,381	12 August 2010	0.04
Issued August 2006	15,572	22 November 2010	0.05

### (ii) Balance at the end of the financial year

The share options outstanding at the end of the financial year had an average exercise price of \$0.08 (2010: \$0.11), and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 5.8 years (2009: 6.5 years).

## 35. Loss per share

	2011 cents	2010 cents
(a) Basic loss per share Loss attributable to the equity holders of the Parent	(5.3)	(7.6)
(b) Diluted loss per share Loss attributable to the equity holders of the Parent	(5.3)	(7.6)
	2011 number	2010 number
(c) Weighted average number of shares used as the denominator Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic earnings per share	109,610,814	109,610,814
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and potential ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating diluted earnings per share	109,610,814	109,610,814

### Information concerning the classification of securities

### (i) Options

Options granted to employees under the Employee Share Option Plan are considered to be potential ordinary shares and have been included in the determination of diluted earnings per share to the extent to which they dilute. The options have not been included in the determination of basic earnings per share. Details relating to the options are set out in Note 34.

# **36. Dividends** (a) Ordinary shares

(a) Ordinary shares	20	2011		2010	
	Cents per share	Total \$000	Cents per share	Total \$000	
Ordinary shares Interim dividend:					
Franked to 100%		-	_	-	

## (b) Series B redeemable preference shares

Dividends totalling \$0.22 million (2010: \$0.33 million) paid in November 2010 have been applied against the Vendor earn-out liability as the liability includes the present value of future dividend payments (refer to Note 14(a)).

## (c) Franking credits

	2011 \$000	2010 \$000
Franking credits available for subsequent financial years based on a tax rate of 30% (2010: 30%)	9,778	9,704

The balance of the franking account includes:

(i) franking credits that arose from the payment of the amount of the provision for income tax;

(ii) franking debits that arose from the refund of the amount of the provision for income tax;

(iii) franking debits that arose from the payment of dividends recognised as a liability at the reporting date; and

(iv) franking credits that arose from the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables at the reporting date.

# Shareholder Information as at 16 September 2011

## Number of security holders and securities on issue

### **Quoted equity securities**

Rubicor has on issue 110,628,015 fully paid ordinary shares which are held by 955 shareholders.

### Unquoted equity securities

Rubicor has 175 Series B redeemable preference shares on issue which are held by 40 shareholders.

Rubicor has 5,384,388 options on issue under the Employee Option Plan and these are held by 44 optionholders.

### Voting rights

### **Quoted equity securities**

The voting rights attached to fully paid ordinary shares are that on a show of hands, every member present, in person or proxy, has one vote and upon a poll, each share shall have one vote.

#### Unquoted equity securities

There are no voting rights attached to Series B redeemable preference shares.

Optionholders do not have any voting rights on the options held by them.

### **Distribution of security holders Quoted equity securities** Ordinary fully paid ordinary shares

100,001 and over	168	92,396,484	83.52
5,001 – 10,000 10,001 – 100,000	165 429	1,509,381 16,077,425	1.36 14.53
1,001 – 5,000	172	630,354	0.57
1 – 1,000	21	14,371	0.01
Holding	Number of shareholders	Number of shares	%

## Unquoted equity securities

Holding	Number of shareholders	Number of shares	%
1 – 1,000	40	175	100
1,001 – 5,000	_	_	_
5,001 – 10,000	_	_	_
10,001 – 100,000	_	_	_
100,001 and over	_	_	_
Total	40	175	100

## Rubicor employee options

Options granted on various dates with various vesting dates and various expiry dates – all vested options may be converted to fully paid ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis with a nil exercise price:

Holding	Number of optionholders	Number of options	%
1 – 1,000	_	_	_
1,001 – 5,000	_	_	_
5,001 – 10,000	2	12,976	3
10,001 – 100,000	14	510,860	97
100,001 and over	_	_	_
Total	16	523,836	100

# Shareholder Information as at 16 September 2011

Options granted on various dates with various vesting dates and various expiry dates – all vested options may be converted to fully paid ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis with a 37 cent exercise price:

Holding	Number of optionholders	Number of options	%
1 – 1,000		_	_
1,001 – 5,000	_	_	_
5,001 – 10,000	_	_	_
10,001 – 100,000	7	380,512	100
100,001 and over	-	_	_
Total	7	380,512	100

Options granted on various dates with various vesting dates and various expiry dates – all vested options may be converted to fully paid ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis with a 26 cent exercise price:

Holding	Number of optionholders	Number of options	%
1 – 1,000	-	_	_
1,001 – 5,000	_	_	_
5,001 – 10,000	_	_	_
10,001 – 100,000	2	95,000	100
100,001 and over		_	_
Total	2	95,000	100

Options granted on various dates with various vesting dates and various expiry dates – all vested options may be converted to fully paid ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis with a 5 cent exercise price:

Holding	Number of optionholders	Number of options	%
1 – 1,000	_	_	_
1,001 – 5,000	_	_	_
5,001 – 10,000	_	_	_
10,001 – 100,000	12	790,000	18
100,001 and over	7	3,595,040	82
Total	19	4,385,040	100

### Unmarketable parcel of shares

The number of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel of fully paid ordinary shares is 444. 16,667 fully paid ordinary shares comprise a marketable parcel at Rubicor's closing share price of \$0.030.

Number

5,667,941

%

5.17<sup>1</sup>

### **Substantial shareholders**

The number of securities held by substantial shareholders and their associates is set out below:

### Fully paid ordinary shares

Name

Salmary Pty Limited, Pathold No. 107 Pty. Limited, George P Miltenyi, Mary E. Miltenyi, Peter J. Lewis and Susan E. Flynn

1 As notified to the Company on 21 June 2011.

# Shareholder Information as at 16 September 2011

## Unquoted equity securities

## Series B redeemable preference shares

There are 175 Series B redeemable preference shares on issue to 40 shareholders.

There are no shareholders who hold 20% or more of the Series B redeemable preference shares.

### Rubicor employee options

There are 523,836 (with a nil exercise price) unquoted options on issue to 16 optionholders under the Employee Option Plan.

There are 380,512 (with a 37 cent exercise price) unquoted options on issue to seven optionholders under the Employee Option Plan.

There are 95,000 (with a 26 cent exercise price) unquoted options on issue to two optionholders under the Employee Option Plan.

There are 4,385,040 (with a 5 cent exercise price) unquoted options on issue to 19 optionholders under the Employee Option Plan.

There are no optionholders who hold 20% or more of the options under the Employee Option Plan.

### **On-market buy-back**

There is no current on-market buy-back.

## Twenty largest shareholders

#### Fully paid ordinary shares

Details of the 20 largest shareholders of quoted securities (grouped) by registered shareholding are:

Nan	ne	Number of shares	%
1	Ria Super Pty Ltd	5,108,397	4.62
2	Salmary Pty Limited	5,019,178	4.54
З	Mr Steven Petrovski and Mrs Katrina Petrovski	3,000,000	2.71
4	Mr Michael McLagan and Mrs Pat McLagan	2,775,400	2.51
5	MRJ Capital Pty Limited	2,550,000	2.31
6	Mrs Ruth Winifred Chapman	2,544,660	2.30
7	Maurtray Pty Limited	2,287,300	2.07
8	Mr Victor John Plummer	2,194,100	1.98
9	Daleford Way Pty Ltd	2,000,000	1.81
10	Wilson Funds Limited	1,935,793	1.75
11	Hatch Investments Pty Ltd	1,683,282	1.52
12	Mr Richard Frank Agnew Wills	1,500,000	1.36
13	Mr Andrew Timothy Thompson	1,421,000	1.28
14	Donna Rose Braunthal	1,326,658	1.20
15	Mr James Malackey	1,326,150	1.20
16	Blackwood Investments Pty Limited	1,310,000	1.18
17	Eatonia Holdings Pty Limited	1,287,397	1.16
18	Brownvalley Investments Pty Ltd	1,202,897	1.09
19	Mr Steven Bruce Troughton and Mrs Wendy Ann Troughton	1,200,000	1.08
20	LS Group Nominees Pty Ltd	1,170,000	1.06
Tot	al	42,842,212	38.73

This page has been left blank intentionally.

# **Corporate Directory**

## Directors

**Executive Director** Jane Beaumont Chief Executive Officer

## Non-Executive Directors

John Pettigrew, Chairman Robert Aitken Russel Pillemer

## Chief Financial Officer Kevin Levine

Company Secretary Sharad Loomba

## **Registered Office**

Level 16, 1 York Street Sydney NSW 2000 T : +61 2 8061 0000 F : +61 2 8061 0001

Australian Company Number

110 913 365

## Australian Business Number

74 110 913 365

## Auditors

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Grosvenor Place 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

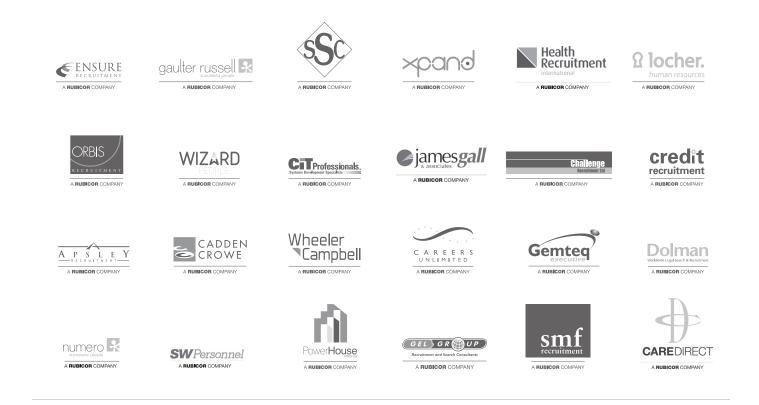
## Share Registry

Link Market Services Limited Level 12, 680 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

T : +61 2 8280 7111 F : +61 2 9287 0303 www.linkmarketservices.com.au

Website www.rubicor.com.au

ASX Code RUB



## **Our Brands**

Each Rubicor operating company has its own brand which is well recognised by clients and candidates in the particular sector or geographic market that it serves. Unlike many of our listed competitors who operate a single generic brand, Rubicor's decentralised business model allows our operating companies to act as specialists, focusing on their market niches while preserving their own brand identity and culture. At the same time they benefit from synergies, financial discipline and operational controls as part of a large listed entity. There are also increased career opportunities across the Group. We think this approach provides the best of both worlds and is an important differentiating factor.

