

HIGHLIGHTS

- Consolidated revenues increased to \$66.7 million, up from \$64.9 million in the previous financial year.
- Reported a net loss after tax of \$38,000, an improvement from the net loss after tax of \$0.5 million in the same period in 2004.
- November 2004 - Investment of \$5.23 million by RECT Funds Management which currently holds 14.2 percent of the issued capital of the company.
- December 2004 - Acquisition of Victoria Ave Dental Centre in Auckland.
- December 2004 – 1:10 share consolidation reducing the number of shares on issue from approximately 260 million to 26 million.
- February 2005 - Acquisition of 40 percent holding in Ascot Radiology in Auckland, with an option to take a further 40 percent by May 2007.
- February 2005 - Acquisition of 100 percent of Auckland Dental Group and 100 percent of Dargaville Dental.
- May 2005 – Announced conditional sale of Abano’s aged care business, ElderCare, to The Macquarie Group for \$63.5 million.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS POST-YEAR END

- June 2005 – Abano Diagnostics announced preliminary discussions with Sonic Healthcare to merge Wellington Laboratory’s community practice with Sonic’s Hutt Valley-based community practice.
- June 2005 – Abano Dental announced acquisition of dental practices in Hamilton and Te Awamutu.
- July 2005 – Sale of ElderCare approved by shareholders at a special meeting on 6 July, with subsequent settlement on 13 July 2005.
- July 2005 – Announced one-off cash return of \$10 million to shareholders through an off market, pro-rata voluntary 1:6 share buyback.
- July 2005 – Announced conditional agreement to acquire 70 percent of Bay Audiology in 2005, with an option to acquire the remaining 30 percent in 2010, subject to shareholder approval at the annual meeting in September 2005. Bay Audiology is a national organisation with 12 branches and 17 satellite clinics.

\$ MILLION	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005
Revenue	34.1	40.4	58.3	64.9	66.7
EBITDA before non-core and unusuals	4.5	5.5	8.5	7.1	7.6
Non-core and unusuals	(6.0)	(1.8)	0.9	(0.3)	-
EBITDA	(1.5)	3.7	9.4	6.8	7.6
Depreciation	(1.7)	(1.9)	(2.5)	(3.1)	(3.3)
Amortisation of goodwill	(0.7)	(0.4)	(0.8)	(1.0)	(1.1)
EBIT	(3.9)	1.4	6.1	2.7	3.2
Interest	(3.9)	(3.8)	(3.7)	(3.2)	(2.9)
Taxation	-	-	0.4	-	(0.3)
Minority interest in surplus of subsidiary	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.8)	-	-
Net (loss) / profit after tax	(8.2)	(2.8)	2.0	(0.5)	(0.0)
No. of shares	157,032,387	193,681,527	194,835,832	219,953,744	27,105,432
Net debt	41.1	32.5	32.4	36.5	33.7
Total assets	76.0	80.7	81.4	84.6	87.3
EBITDA before non-core and unusuals / share	2.9 cents	2.8 cents	4.4 cents	3.2 cents	28.1 cents
Earnings per share	(5.2) cents	(1.4) cents	1.0 cents	(0.2) cents	(0.2) cents