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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2003 (February 13, 2003)

Commission File Number: 0-15850

ANSELL LIMITED
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Level 3, 678 Victoria Street, Richmond, Victoria 3121, Australia
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on
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F-3 Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
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undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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ANSELL LIMITED
(Registrant)

By: /s/ DAVID M. GRAHAM

Name: DAVID M. GRAHAM

Title: GROUP TREASURER

Date: February 13, 2003

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NEWS RELEASE

13/th/ February, 2003

Ansell Ltd. First Half Results
Strong Cash Flow Underpins Interim Result

Performance Highlights Ansell Limited:

- .. Profit attributable to shareholders was up strongly in the operating currency U.S. dollars to US\$10.8 million from a prior year loss of US\$47.3 million. In Australian dollars (AUD), profit attributable to shareholders was A\$19.5 million compared with a loss of A\$92.8 million last year.
- .. Earnings per share (EPS) were positive USD 5.8CENTS (AUD10.4CENTS) vs. prior year negative USD 25.3CENTS (AUD 49.7CENTS).
- .. Cash generated (reduction in Net Debt) was US\$30.6 million (A\$54.3 million).
- .. Gearing improved further to 25.7%, from 29.5% at June 30, 2002.
- .. Directors recognise the Company's cash generation potential, and are undertaking a comprehensive review of Ansell's capital management strategies. In the light of this review, the Board, has determined there will be no interim dividend declared.

Ansell Healthcare Business Segment:

- .. Sales were US\$363.1 million, up 1% on prior year. The stronger AUD vs. the USD translated this result to A\$653.8 million, down 7.5% on prior year.
- .. Earnings Before Interest Tax and Amortisation (EBITA) were US\$43.1 million, up 4.1% on prior year. The stronger AUD vs. the USD translated this result to A\$77.5 million, down 4.7% from last year.
- .. Cash generated, before interest but after capital expenditure and taxes was a healthy US\$46.9 million (A\$84.5 million), up from US\$40.4 million (A\$86.8 million).

Outlook

- .. The Board and management currently believe Ansell is on track to achieve double digit EBITA growth in U.S. dollars for the full year.

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Ansell Ltd First Half 2003 Results
Strong Cash Flow Underpins Interim Result

	31/st/ December, 2002		31/st/ December, 2001	
	US\$ m	A\$ m	US\$ m	A\$ m
Operating Revenue - Healthcare Segment	363.1	653.8	*360.0	*706.8
Operating Profit (Segment EBITA)	43.1	77.5	41.4	81.3
Profit Attributable	10.8	19.5	(47.3)	(92.8)
Net Operating Assets - Ansell Ltd.	686.5	1,212.0	718.9	1,406.0
Net Operating Assets - Healthcare Segment	596.2	1052.6	654.5	1280.1
Depreciation - Healthcare Segment	8.9	16.0	10.9	21.2
Earnings Per Share	5.8CENTS	10.4CENTS	(25.3)CENTS	(49.7)CENTS

*Excludes Discontinued Businesses. With Discontinued Businesses US\$770.8 million and A\$1,513.3 million.

Ansell today announced a first half Profit Attributable to Shareholders of US\$10.8 million (A\$19.5 million), a significant improvement on the previous year's loss of US\$47.3 million (A\$92.8 million).

The Chairman of Ansell, Dr Ed Tweddell, commented; "There has been a tremendous focus on restructuring the company and improving shareholder returns. Today's release demonstrates progress towards the goal of improving results to the level rightfully expected and demanded by shareholders. It is also pleasing to have earnings per share for the half of US5.8CENTS (A10.4CENTS), up on the previous year's negative US25.3CENTS (A49.7CENTS), an improvement of US31.1CENTS (A60.1CENTS) per share".

In a difficult global economic environment, sales were up 1% in the operating currency, U.S. dollars, at US\$363.1 million. However, the appreciation of the AUD against the USD translated to a 7.5% decline in sales (A\$653.8 million). Strong sales performances in the Occupational and Consumer divisions were offset by surgical glove availability and examination glove pricing issues in the Professional division (see discussion below).

Significant progress was also made in reducing total Unallocated Corporate costs from last year's US\$8.0 million (A\$15.7 million) to US\$6.7 million (A\$12.1 million). Of the current period's total Unallocated costs, US\$2.9 million related to Operation Full Potential start-up costs.

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Ansell's Chief Executive Officer, Harry Boon, said; "EBITA for the Healthcare business at US\$43.1 million was up 4.1% in the operating currency, U.S. dollars, though lower at A\$77.5 million when translated into the stronger AUD". He also noted, "The Occupational and Consumer divisions showed strong revenue and EBITA growth in the first half. Occupational continued to build momentum with strong

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sales of the HyFlex™ family of gloves, and condom sales rose strongly within Consumer. We are also seeing reduced product costs and greater efficiencies following the completion of manufacturing transfers to Asia for these key products."

Professional Healthcare

	31/st/ December, 2002		31/st/ December, 2001	
	US\$ m	A\$ m	US\$ m	A\$ m
Operating Revenue	124.7	224.6	142.2	279.1
Operating Profit (Segment EBITA)	15.9	28.6	23.0	45.2
Assets Employed	220.5	389.3	223.9	438.0
Depreciation	4.5	8.1	5.0	9.7

In the first half, this division accounted for approximately 34% of Ansell's total revenues and 37% of segment EBITA.

The period saw continuing strong worldwide demand for the division's flagship product, powder free surgeons gloves. The ramp-up of production from Ansell's Shah Alam, Malaysia facility following the transfer of production from the U.S. took longer than anticipated, but is now complete. This reduced supply of surgeons gloves was exacerbated by a regulatory Detention imposed on Shah Alam by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in October 2002. The FDA action was lifted in early January, 2003 and shipments are now returning to normal levels.

In the hospital examination glove market, continued price competition and oversupply eroded selling prices and gross margins.

Offsetting these factors, the Professional division achieved factory cost savings from the relocation of production from the USA to Asia. In line with previously announced strategy, powder-free surgeons glove capacity has been added in Sri Lanka by converting two under-utilised examination glove production lines.

Mr Boon further commented, "Notwithstanding the supply disruption to the U.S. and European markets in Shah Alam surgeons gloves, the results of the Professional division were sound and we are in a better supply position for the second half. With no supply constraint in the U.S. and cost benefits of manufacturing in Asia flowing through, we are regaining momentum in sales and earnings in Professional division."

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Occupational Healthcare

	31/st/ December, 2002		31/st/ December, 2001	
	US\$ m	A\$ m	US\$ m	A\$ m
Operating Revenue	177.4	319.4	161.6	317.3
Operating Profit (Segment EBITA)	15.0	27.0	10.5	20.6
Assets Employed	210.8	372.2	222.9	436.0
Depreciation	3.1	5.5	4.5	8.7

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In the first half, this division accounted for 49% of Ansell's total revenues and 35% of segment EBITA.

Sales increased by 9.8%, with solid performance across all geographic regions, despite the difficult external economic environment. Outstanding profit growth in U.S. dollars of 43% was driven by worldwide HyFlex™ sales (up 51%), initial benefits from the transition of manufacture to Asia, and real growth in Europe. Importantly, division EBITA does not yet reflect expected benefits from the transition of knitting operations from the U.S. to Juarez, Mexico, where solid progress has been made, with over 80% of knitting machines now operational, and daily production in December up 59% compared with July.

The Occupational Value Proposition (OVP) medium term growth initiative has made an encouraging start, with initial business proposals well received by eight large multi-nationals. Management anticipates the first major OVP contract to be signed in the second half, in accordance with the timing previously announced.

Management expects continued momentum for the Occupational business into the second half, as the HyFlex™ family of gloves continues to gain new market share, OVP secures its first contracts, and benefits flow from the transition of manufacturing to Asia and Mexico.

Consumer Healthcare

	31/st/ December, 2002		31/st/ December, 2001	
	US\$ m	A\$ m	US\$ m	A\$ m
Operating Revenue	61.0	109.8	56.2	110.4
Operating Profit (Segment EBITA)	12.2	21.9	7.9	15.5
Assets Employed	71.5	126.2	76.6	149.8
Depreciation	1.3	2.4	1.4	2.8

In the first half, this division accounted for 17% of Ansell's revenues and 28% of segment EBITA.

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Retail condom sales grew strongly with a double-digit increase in the United States. Wal-Mart presented an award to Ansell for high overall service satisfaction levels. Our worldwide condom tender and private label businesses also grew strongly. Reduced condom manufacturing costs have been realised following the successful plant transfer to Asia and capacity is expected to be increased to keep pace with growing demand. Retail household gloves also showed good gains in Europe and Australia.

Operation Full Potential (OFP)

This three-year program was launched in July, and has made steady progress. The first wave of OFP initiatives was focused on recruiting additional resources, identifying cost reduction opportunities, re-structuring Europe, and launching program measurement and tracking systems. All have been implemented on schedule.

The second wave is now underway and is focused on medium-term strategic issues, such as surgical glove growth, pricing analysis, distribution partnerships, implementation of the Occupational Value Proposition, marketing channel management, and accelerating product innovation.

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The OFP team is now fully in place to support the business plans that will drive Ansell's sales and earnings growth. Management is confident that OFP will help Ansell deliver the forecast benefits over the course of the program.

Sale of Non-Core Investments

Good progress continues to be made on the sale of non-core investments. During the first half, two investments were sold; Pacific Marine Batteries and BT Equipment. These sales generated US\$9.4 million (A\$16.7 million) of cash, of which US\$3.4 million (A\$6.0 million) was received on January 31, 2003. The proceeds from these divestments represent a premium to the total book value of Ansell's investments in these companies.

Numerous legacy issues were resolved during the first half, moving the Company closer towards its goal of being a global business, focussed on protective products and solutions in the broad healthcare context. Management is committed to resolving all significant legacy issues in the shortest possible time.

South Pacific Tyres

Ansell's only significant continuing non-healthcare business, South Pacific Tyres, a 50/50 Joint Venture with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, maintained its progress in restructuring and returning to profitability. The Joint Venture is accounted for as an investment and, as such, operating results are not included in Ansell's accounts.

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As previously reported, the Joint Venture Partners have an Agreement enabling Ansell to "put" its investment in SPT to Goodyear during the twelve month period from August 2005. If that option is not exercised, Goodyear has a "call" option exercisable in the following six months. As part of this restructuring agreement, Ansell is not required to contribute any further cash to the Joint Venture.

At this stage, SPT is performing broadly in line with the restructure plan developed and approved in 2001.

Corporate Costs

As foreshadowed, the continued resolution of legacy issues carried over from the old company structure has enabled us to progressively reduce Statutory Head Office activity and related costs. Ongoing Corporate Costs were more than halved from US\$8.0 million in the prior year to US\$3.8 million in the first half of F'03 (excluding Operation Full Potential start up costs of US\$2.9 million).

Head count at the Statutory Head Office has reduced from 35 to 25 over the 12 months to December 2002. Further cost reductions are planned, as activities are further integrated with the Healthcare business. The Company intends shortly to relocate its Asia Pacific regional office to share the existing Statutory Head Office facilities in Richmond, Melbourne, and to sub-lease the surplus building space.

Board and Senior Staff

During the half, Ms Carolyn Kay resigned as a Director, after two and a half years of dedicated service. At the same time, Mr Dale Crandall joined the Board. Mr Crandall comes with a strong international finance and accounting background, having been a Senior Partner with Price Waterhouse in the U.S. and more recently, President and Chief Operating Officer of a major American healthcare

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company.

The senior executive team was further strengthened with the recruitment to Ansell of Mr Rustom Jilla (Chief Financial Officer), Mr Scott Papier (Vice President, Sourcing & Supply), Mr Duane Dickson (Director, Operation Full Potential), and Dr Michael Zedalis (Senior Vice President, Science & Technology). All are based in Red Bank, New Jersey, and bring many years of management experience at highly regarded multi-national companies such as the BOC Group, Wyeth/American Home, Union Carbide and Honeywell/Allied Signal.

Finance

Cash flow continues to be strong, with the Company converting over 84% of EBITA to cash. Capital expenditure in the half was US\$4.2 million (A\$7.6 million), with no major new projects, while Ansell Healthcare's working capital was further improved by a reduction of US\$7.0 million (A\$12.4 million). Consequently, net debt was reduced by US\$30.6 million (A\$54.3 million) during the half to US\$176.4 million (A\$311.4 million). Liquidity remains strong, with US\$140.4 million (A\$247.8 million) of cash on deposit and an unused US\$100 million bank borrowing facility.

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This strong cash performance enabled gearing (Net Interest Bearing Debt to Net Interest Bearing Debt plus Equity) to be further reduced to a conservative 25.7%, compared to 29.5% at June 30, 2002. Interest cover has improved to 5.0x, up from 4.2x at June 30, 2002.

Ansell's global business is exposed to movements in various exchange rates, particularly the Euro vs. the USD. The Company's operating profit benefited in the half from the strengthening of the Euro, after taking into account the smoothing effect of a pre-existing currency hedging program. The Company manages its exchange rate exposure in a variety of ways, and anticipates further benefits in the second half should the Euro maintain its recent strength vs. the USD.

As a result of restructuring Ansell's U.S. entities, the Company decided to accelerate the recovery of deferred tax assets held on the balance sheet relating to previous U.S. tax losses. During the half, US\$4.9 million was recognised as a non-cash tax expense, which increased the effective or book tax rate for the period to 44.7%. In the second half, the tax rate is anticipated to revert to below 20% through utilisation of unbooked tax losses.

There were no material non-recurring write-downs for the half.

Capital Structure

Ansell's strategic vision is to be a global leader in broad-based healthcare protection. From an investor perspective, the commitment is to significantly enhance shareholder returns over time. Progress has been made on re-focusing the company around the core healthcare business.

The Board, having noted Ansell's return to profitability, strong free cash flow and conservative gearing, believes it is an appropriate time to undertake a comprehensive review of Ansell's capital management philosophy and strategies. This will be carried out over coming months.

Pending this review, the Board has determined that no interim dividend would be declared for the first half.

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Introduced 30/6/02

Name of entity

ANSELL LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

ACN	Half yearly (tick)	Preliminary final (tick)	Half year ('current period')
ACN 004 085 330	[X]	[]	31 December 2002

For announcement to the market

Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1). A\$ millions

Revenues from ordinary activities (item 1.1a)	up/(down)	(56.4)% to 669.4
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (item 1.22)	up/(down)	121.0% to 19.5
Profit from extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 2.5(d))	gain (loss) of	N/A Nil
Net profit for the period attributable to members (item 1.11)	up/(down)	121.0% to 19.5

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Interim dividend (item 15.6)	0.0 CENTS	N/A
Previous corresponding period (item 15.7)	0.0 CENTS	N/A

+ Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend (see item 15.2)

N/A

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Brief explanation of any figures reported above and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:

N/A

 This half yearly report is to be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report.
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Condensed consolidated statement of financial performance

	31 December A\$ million -----
1.1a Revenues from ordinary activities (see items 1.23 - 1.25a)	669.4
1.1b Proceeds from sale of businesses, net of disposal costs (see item 1.25b)	--
1.2a Expenses from ordinary activities (see items 1.26b, c, e & 1.27)	(611.7)
1.2b Net assets of businesses disposed (see item 1.26a)	--
1.3 Borrowing costs (see item 1.26d)	(20.4)
1.4 Share of net profit of associates and joint venture entities (see item 16.7)	0.3

1.5 Profit from ordinary activities before tax	37.6
1.6 Income tax expense on ordinary activities	16.9

1.7 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	20.7
1.8 Profit from extraordinary items after tax (see item 2.5)	--

1.9 Net profit (loss)	20.7
1.10 Net profit attributable to outside equity interests	1.2

1.11 Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members	19.5

Non-owner transaction changes in equity	
1.12 Increase (decrease) in revaluation reserve	--
1.13 Net exchange differences recognised in equity	4.6
1.14 Other revenue, expense and initial adjustments recognised directly in equity (refer below for details)	--
1.15 Initial adjustments from UIG transitional provisions	--

1.16 Total transactions and adjustments recognised directly in equity (item 1.12 to 1.15)	4.6

1.17 Total changes in equity not resulting from transactions with owners as owners	24.1

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Earnings per share (EPS)

	31 December cents

1.18 Basic EPS/(a)/	10.4c
1.19 Diluted EPS/(a)/	10.3c

/(a)/ Effective 24 April 2002, Ansell Limited reduced the number of ordinary shares and exercisable options on issue by means of a 1 for 5 share consolidation. The 31 December 2001 Basic and Diluted EPS and Net Tangible Assets Backing calculations have been revised to take into account the effect of the share consolidation.

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Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of financial performance Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members

	31 December A\$ million

1.20 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (item 1.7)	20.7
1.21 Less outside equity interests	1.2

1.22 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax, attributable to members	19.5
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Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

	31 December A\$ million

1.23 Revenue from the sale of goods	653.
1.24 Interest revenue	5.
1.25a Other revenue from ordinary activities	9.

Revenues from ordinary activities	669.
1.25b Proceeds on sale of businesses, net of disposal costs	-

Total revenue	669.

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1.26a Net assets of businesses disposed	-
1.26b Cost of goods sold	(424.)

1.26c Selling, distribution and administration expenses	245.
1.26d Borrowing costs	(171.)
1.26e Write-down of assets	(20.)
1.27 Depreciation and amortisation excluding amortisation of intangibles (see item 2.3)	-
1.26f Other	(16.)

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	0.

	37.

Capitalised Outlays

1.28 Interest costs capitalised in asset values	-
1.29 Outlays capitalised in intangibles (unless arising from an acquisition of a business)	-

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Consolidated retained profits

	31 December
	A\$ million

1.30 Accumulated losses at beginning of the financial period	(417.0)
1.31 Net profit (loss) attributable to members (item 1.11)	19.5
1.32 Net transfers to reserves	(0.1)
1.33 Net effect of changes in accounting policies	--
1.34 Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	--

1.35 Accumulated losses at end of the financial period	(397.6)

Changes in equity and individually significant items included in profit from ordinary activities

	31 December
	A\$ million

Total equity at the beginning of the year	876.0

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Net profit (loss) attributable to members (item 1.11)	19.5

Non-owner transaction changes in equity	
Net exchange differences on translation of financial statements of self-sustaining foreign operations	4.6

Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners	24.1

Contributions of equity	0.8
Total changes in outside equity interest	(0.4)

Total equity at the end of the period (item 4.39)	900.5
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Individually significant items included in profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax:	31 December A\$ million

Write-down of Exide receivable/investment	--
Write-down of Ansell fixed assets	--
Net gain on sale of controlled entities and businesses	--
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Intangible and extraordinary items	Consolidated - current period			Amortisation
	Before tax A\$ millions (a)	Related tax A\$ millions (b)	Related outside equity interests A\$ millions (c)	

2.1 Amortisation of goodwill	13.1	(4.9)	--	
2.2 Amortisation of other intangibles	--	--	--	

2.3 Total amortisation of intangibles	13.1	(4.9)	--	
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2.4 Extraordinary items	--	--	--	
N/A	--	--	--	

2.5 Total extraordinary items	--	--	--	
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Comparison of half year profits 31 December

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A\$ mill

3.1 Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members reported for the 1st half year (item 1.22 in the half yearly report)	N/A
3.2 Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members for the 2nd half year	N/A

Prima facie tax reconciliation 31 December

A\$ mill

Prima facie income tax expense calculated at 30% (2001: 30%)
on the profit (loss) from ordinary activities 11.3

Add increased taxation arising from:

Goodwill amortisation	0.4
Income tax under provided in previous years	0.4
Other permanent differences not deductible or tax effected	7.1

Deduct reduced taxation arising from:

Income tax over provided in previous years	--
Investment and export incentive allowances	3.6
Net (higher)/lower overseas tax rates	(1.3)
Other allowable permanent differences	--
Share of associates' net profit	--

Income tax expense on the profit (loss) from ordinary activities
before individually significant income tax items 16.9

Individually significant income tax items:

Write off of tax balances attributable to Australian operations	--
Net gain on sale of businesses	--
Write-down of investments	--
Restructuring costs	--

Income tax expense attributable to profit (loss) from ordinary activities 16.9

Income tax provided comprises:

Provision attributable to current year	8.1
Under/(over) provision in respect of previous years	0.4
Provision attributable to future years	
Deferred tax liability	0.4
Tax assets	8.0

16.9

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Condensed consolidated statement of financial position	31 December 2002 A\$ millions	30 June 2001 A\$ millions
Current assets		
4.1 Cash	247.8	258.5
4.1a Cash - restricted deposits	16.0	18.4
4.2 Receivables	270.2	293.7
4.3 Investments	--	--
4.4 Inventories	240.8	235.1
4.5 Tax assets	--	--
4.6 Prepayments	27.6	15.8
4.7 Total current assets	802.4	821.5
Non-current assets		
4.8 Receivables	49.4	66.7
4.9 Investments in associates and partnerships (equity accounted)	--	13.3
4.10 Other investments	147.1	145.8
4.11 Inventories	--	--
4.12 Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	--	--
4.13 Development properties	--	--
4.14 Other property, plant and equipment (net)	320.2	332.5
4.15 Intangibles (net)	390.7	403.2
4.16 Tax assets	41.7	49.7
4.17 Other	--	--
4.18 Total non-current assets	949.1	1,011.2
4.19 Total assets	1,751.5	1,832.7
Current liabilities		
4.20 Payables	172.4	192.7
4.21 Interest bearing liabilities	79.2	107.6
4.22 Tax liabilities	--	1.9
4.23 Provisions excluding tax liabilities	60.1	85.4
4.24 Other (Amounts due under contractual arrangements and deferred income)	3.9	1.2
4.25 Total current liabilities	315.6	388.8
Non-current liabilities		
4.26 Payables	3.7	3.7
4.27 Interest bearing liabilities	480.0	516.5
4.28 Tax liabilities	24.0	24.4
4.29 Provisions excluding tax liabilities	27.7	23.3
4.30 Other (Amounts due under contractual arrangements and deferred income)	--	--
4.31 Total non-current liabilities	535.4	567.9
4.32 Total liabilities	851.0	956.7
4.33 Net assets	900.5	876.0

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	evaluation	N/A	N/A
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period		
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.		
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties		

6.7	Closing balance as shown in the consolidated statement of financial position (item 4.13)	--	--
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Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

		31 Dec A\$ m
	Cash flows related to operating activities	
7.1	Receipts from customers (excluding non recurring and Accufix Research Institute)	6
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees (excluding non recurring and Accufix Research Institute)	(6)

7.3	Net receipts from customers (excluding non recurring and Accufix Research Institute)	
7.4	Income taxes paid	
7.5	Dividends received	

7.6	Net cash provided by operating activities (excluding non recurring and Accufix Research Institute)	
7.7	Non recurring payments to suppliers and employees	(
7.8	Payments to suppliers and employees net of customer receipts (Accufix Research Institute)	

7.9	Net cash provided by operating activities	

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Cash flows related to investing activities

7.10	Payments for businesses, net of cash acquired	
7.11	Payments for property, plant and equipment	
7.12	Proceeds from sale of businesses, net of cash disposed	
7.13	Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment in the ordinary course of business	
7.14	Loans repaid	
7.15	Proceeds from sale of other investments	

7.16	Net cash provided by investing activities	

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Cash flows related to financing activities

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7.17	Proceeds from borrowings	
7.18	Repayments of borrowings	(

7.19	Net repayments of borrowings	(
7.20	Proceeds from issues of shares	
7.21	Dividends paid	
7.22	Interest received	
7.23	Interest and borrowing costs paid	(

7.24	Net cash used in financing activities	(
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7.25	Net (decrease)/increase in cash held	(
7.26	Cash at beginning of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	2
7.27	Effects of exchange rate changes on the balances of cash held in foreign currencies at the beginning of the financial year	

7.28	Cash at the end of period (see Reconciliation of cash)	2
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Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows.

Nil

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	31 December 2002 A\$ millions

8.1 Cash on hand and at bank	59.9
8.2 Deposits at call	203.9
8.3 Bank overdraft	(10.2)
8.4 Other (provide details)	--

8.5 Total cash at end of the financial year (item 7.28)	253.6
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Other notes to the condensed financial statements
Ratios

31 December 2002
%

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Profit before tax / revenue		
9.1	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (item 1.5) as a percentage of revenue from ordinary activities (item 1.1a)	5.6%
Profit after tax / equity interests		
9.2	Consolidated net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (item 1.11) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.37)	2.2%

Earnings per security (EPS) /(a)/

10 Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 9 and 18 of AASB 1027 'Earnings Per Share' are as follows: 31 December 2002
A\$ millions

Earnings Reconciliation		
	Net profit (loss)	20.7
	Net profit attributable to outside equity interests	1.2
	Basic earnings	19.5
	After-tax effect of interest on converting financial instruments	--
	Diluted earnings	19.5

Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator No. Shares

Number for basic earnings per share		
	Ordinary shares	186,957,448
	Effect of partly paid Executive Plan Shares	713,199
	Number for diluted earnings per share	187,670,647

Partly paid Executive Shares have been classified as potential ordinary shares issued for no consideration and have been included in diluted earnings per share.

NTA backing /(a)/ 31 December 2002
cents

11.1 Net tangible asset backing per ordinary share \$2.66

Discontinuing Operations
12.1 Discontinuing Operations

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N/A

 /(a)/Refer footnote to items 1.18 - 1.19 for effect of share consolidation
 during the year ended 30 June 2002

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 Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	Consideration \$Millions

NIL	

13.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was acquired	N/A

13.3 Date from which such profit has been calculated	N/A

13.4 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A

2001 The economic entity did not gain control over any businesses in the prior corresponding year.	
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Loss of control of entities having material effect

14.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	Consolidated Entity's Interest	Consideration (net of disposal costs) \$Millions

NIL	NIL	

14.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control		

14.3 Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated		N/A

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14.4 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A
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14.5 Contribution to consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	N/A
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2001 The economic entity lost control of the Pacific Automotive and Pacific Brands businesses in the prior corresponding half-year.

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Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	N/A
15.2	Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if securities are not CHESSE approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if securities are CHESSE approved)	N/A
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? (Preliminary final report only)	N/A

Amount per security

	Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax (previous year 34%)
(Preliminary final report only)		
15.4 Final Dividend: Current year	N/A	N/A
15.5 Previous year	N/A	N/A
(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)		
15.6 Interim Dividend: Current year	--	N/A

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15.7 Previous year -- N/A

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim plus final)
(Preliminary final report only)

	31 December 2002	31 December 2001
15.8 Ordinary securities	N/A	N/A
15.9 Preference securities	N/A	N/A

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	31 December 2002 A\$ millions	31 December 2001 A\$ millions
15.10 Ordinary securities	--	--
15.11 Preference securities	--	--
15.12 Other equity instruments	--	--
15.13 Total	--	--

The dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

Not Applicable

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the dividend or
distribution plans

N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions).

Not Applicable

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Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and
joint venture entities

	31 December 2002 A\$ millions	31 December 2001 A\$ millions
Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':		
16.1 Profit from ordinary activities before income tax		
- associates	0.4	
- joint venture entities	--	

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16.2	Income tax on ordinary activities - associates	0.4 0.1
16.3	Profit from ordinary activities after income tax	0.3
16.4	Extraordinary items net of tax	--
16.5	Net profit	0.3
16.6	Adjustments	--
16.7	Share of net profit of associates and joint venture entities	0.3

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities
The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities.

	Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Con
		31 December 2002 %	31 December 2001 %	
17.1	Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities			31 D A\$
	Associates:			
	Pacific Marine Batteries Pty. Ltd. (a)	0%	50%	
17.2	Total			
17.3	Other material interests			
	Associates:			
	South Pacific Tyres N.Z. Ltd.	50%	50%	
	Partnerships:			
	South Pacific Tyres	50%	50%	
17.4	Total			

(a) The economic entity disposed of its interest in Pacific Marine Batteries Pty. Ltd. as at 30 November 2002.

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Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

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Category of securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issued per (
18.1 Preference securities (description)	N/A	N/A	
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions	N/A	N/A	
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18.3 Ordinary securities			
Ordinary shares (fully paid)	186,572,346		
Ordinary - Executive Plan Shares	1,001,000		va
Ordinary - Employee Plan Shares	212,637		va
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18.4 Changes during current period			
(a) Increases through issues			
Ordinary - converted from Executive Plan Shares	173,600		va
Ordinary - converted from Employee Plan Shares	3,546		va
(b) Decrease through cancellation			
Ordinary - Employee plan shares	462,117		
=====			
18.5 Convertible debt securities (description and conversion factor)	N/A	N/A	
18.6 Changes during current period	N/A	N/A	
(a) Increases through issues			
(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted			
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18.7 Options (description and conversion factor)			Ex
Nil	N/A	N/A	p
18.8 Issued during current period.	Nil	Nil	
18.9 Exercised during current period	Nil	Nil	
18.10 Expired during current period	207,000	Nil	1
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18.11 Debentures (description)	N/A	N/A	
18.12 Changes during the current period			
(a) Increases through issues			
(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted			
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18.13 Unsecured notes (description)	N/A	N/A	
18.14 Changes during current period			
(a) Increases through issues			

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(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted

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 /\ Ordinary shares, Ordinary shares - Employee Plan Shares and Ordinary Shares converted during the year from the Executive Plan are fully paid.

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 Industry Segments

of Ansell Limited and Controlled Entities for the six months ended 31 December 2002

	Operating Revenue				Operating Re		
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	20
	December	December	December	December	December	December	US
	A\$m	A\$m	US\$m	US\$m	A\$m	A\$m	US
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY							
Ansell Healthcare							
Occupational Healthcare	319.4	317.3	177.4	161.6	27.0	20.6	15
Professional Healthcare	224.6	279.1	124.7	142.2	28.6	45.2	15
Consumer Healthcare	109.8	110.4	61.0	56.2	21.9	15.5	12
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Ansell Healthcare	653.8	706.8	363.1	360.0	77.5	81.3	43
Unallocated Items	15.6	20.6	8.6	10.6	(12.1)	(15.7)	(6
					-----	-----	-----
					65.4	65.6	36
Discontinued Businesses							
Trading		806.5		410.8		58.4	
					-----	-----	-----
Operating EBITA					65.4	124.0	36
NON RECURRING							
Discontinued Businesses							
Net gain on sale of interests in Associated Companies					5.5		3
Proceeds/ Net gain on sale of Controlled Entities & Businesses		980.5		499.5		20.3	
Rationalisation/Restructuring							
Ansell Healthcare						(8.2)	
Other					(5.5)	(8.5)	(3
Write-down of assets							
Ansell Healthcare						(64.7)	
Exide Investment						(61.5)	
Other						(9.4)	
					-----	-----	-----
Goodwill amortisation					65.4	(8.0)	36
					(13.1)	(15.4)	(7

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Earnings before Net Interest & Tax					52.3	(23.4)	29
Borrowing Costs net of Interest Revenue					(14.7)	(35.6)	(8)
Operating Profit before Tax					37.6	(59.0)	20
Tax					(16.9)	(32.6)	(9)
Outside Equity Interests					(1.2)	(1.2)	(0)
Total Consolidated	669.4	2,514.4	371.7	1,280.9	19.5	(92.8)	10
REGIONS							
Australia & S.E. Asia	86.7	88.7	48.1	45.2	18.6	15.1	10
America	347.5	412.7	193.0	210.2	46.8	60.5	26
Europe	219.6	205.4	122.0	104.6	12.1	5.7	6
	653.8	706.8	363.1	360.0	77.5	81.3	43

	2002		Assets Employed		2001		Dec 2001
	December A\$m	June A\$m	December A\$m	December US\$m	June US\$m	December US\$m	
INDUSTRY							
Ansell Healthcare							
Occupational Healthcare	372.2	376.0	436.0	210.8	212.8	222.9	125
Professional Healthcare	389.3	404.3	438.0	220.5	228.9	223.9	112
Consumer Healthcare	126.2	140.8	149.8	71.5	79.7	76.6	59
Total Ansell Healthcare	887.7	921.1	1,023.8	502.8	521.4	523.4	297
Unallocated Items	42.3	49.0	98.8	24.0	27.8	50.5	532
Automotive							
SPT Investment	137.9	136.5	135.4	78.1	77.3	69.2	
Discontinued Businesses	29.1	46.0	72.0	16.5	26.0	36.8	21
Goodwill and Brand names	390.7	403.2	457.5	221.3	228.2	233.9	
Cash	263.8	276.9	460.7	149.4	156.7	235.5	
Total Consolidated	1,751.5	1,832.7	2,248.2	992.1	1,037.4	1,149.3	851
REGIONS							
Australia & S.E. Asia	324.2	318.4	356.0	183.6	180.2	182.0	81
America	371.8	398.6	483.7	210.6	225.7	247.3	194
Europe	191.7	204.1	184.1	108.6	115.5	94.1	21
	887.7	921.1	1,023.8	502.8	521.4	523.4	297

	Liabilities		
	2002	2001	
	December US\$m	June US\$m	December US\$m
INDUSTRY			
Ansell Healthcare			
Occupational Healthcare	71.1	70.6	61.3
Professional Healthcare	63.9	64.7	53.4

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Consumer Healthcare	33.6	30.9	29.0

Total Ansell Healthcare	168.6	166.2	143.7
Unallocated Items	301.5	352.1	472.8
Automotive			
SPT Investment			
Discontinued Businesses	11.9	23.2	36.3
Goodwill and Brand names			
Cash			

Total Consolidated	482.0	541.5	652.8
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REGIONS			
Australia & S.E. Asia	46.3	47.0	41.2
America	109.9	103.0	91.9
Europe	12.4	16.2	10.6

	168.6	166.2	143.7
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Prior year comparatives have been adjusted for reclassification of former Industry Segment businesses which have been sold or abandoned and hence classified as Discontinued Businesses. The above industry segments report should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Industry Segments Report

Translation of amounts from Australian dollars into US dollars for Operating Revenue and Operating Result have been made for the convenience of the reader at US\$ 0.55534 = A\$1, being the average of the 10.00am mid buy/sell rate for Australian dollars as quoted by Reuters on the last working day of the month for the 7 months period June 2002 to December 2002 (December 2001 US\$ 0.50937 = A\$1).

Translation of amounts from Australian dollars into US dollars for Assets Employed and Liabilities have been made for the convenience of the reader at the 10.00am mid buy/sell rate for Australian dollars as quoted by Reuters, on Tuesday 31 December 2002, at US\$ 0.56635 = A\$1 (June 2002 US\$ 0.56605 = A\$1, December 2001 US\$ 0.51125 = A\$1).

(a) Operating Revenue

The Operating Revenue of Discontinued Businesses represents the external sales to the date of disposal and the cash received / receivable from the sale of such businesses (net of disposal costs).

(b) Unallocated Revenue and Costs

Represents costs of Statutory Head Office, part of the costs of Ansell's Corporate Head Office and non-sales revenue.

(c) Tax

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Six months to December 2001 includes the write off of tax balances attributable to Australian operations of A\$15.2 million (US\$7.7 million) and tax attributable to Discontinued Businesses.

(d) Cash

Cash also includes Accufix Pacing Leads restricted deposits.

(e) Inter-Segment Transactions

Significant inter-segment sales were made by Australia & SE Asia - A\$125.7 million (US\$69.8 million) (2001 - A\$147.7 million; US\$75.2 million) and America - A\$107.8 million (US\$59.9 million) (2001 - A\$125.5 million; US\$63.9 million). Inter-segment sales are generally made at the same prices as sales to major customers. Operating revenue is shown net of inter-segment values. Accordingly, the operating revenues shown in each segment reflect only the external sales made by that segment.

(f) Industry Segments

The consolidated entity comprises the following main business segments:

Occupational Healthcare - manufacture and sale of occupational health and safety gloves.

Professional Healthcare - manufacture and sale of medical, surgical and examination gloves for hand barrier protection and infection control.

Consumer Healthcare - manufacture and sale of condoms, household gloves and other personal products.

Discontinued Businesses - represents former Industry Segment businesses which have been sold or abandoned.

(g) Regions

The allocation of operating revenue and operating results reflect the geographical regions in which the products are sold to external customers. Assets Employed are allocated to the geographical regions in which the assets are located.

Australia & S.E. Asia - manufacturing facilities in 4 countries and sales.

America - manufacturing facilities in USA and Mexico and significant sales activity.

Europe - principally a sales region with one manufacturing facility in the UK.

	2002 December A\$m	2002 December US\$m	2001 December A\$m
	-----	-----	-----
(h) Segment Capital Expenditure (including finance leases)			
Occupational Healthcare	1.5	0.8	4.0
Professional Healthcare	5.4	3.0	7.0
Consumer Healthcare	0.5	0.3	1.0
Discontinued Businesses	--	--	12.0

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(i) Region Capital Expenditure (including finance leases)			
Australia & S.E. Asia	5.9	3.3	8.
America	1.0	0.6	4.
Europe	0.5	0.3	1.
(j) Segment Depreciation (including amortisation of finance leases)			
Occupational Healthcare	5.5	3.1	8.
Professional Healthcare	8.1	4.5	9.
Consumer Healthcare	2.4	1.3	2.
Discontinued Businesses	--	--	11.
(k) Segment Other Non Cash Expenses (excluding Provision for Rationalisation and Write-down of Assets separately disclosed)			
Occupational Healthcare	4.0	2.2	4.
Professional Healthcare	0.7	0.4	1.
Consumer Healthcare	2.7	1.5	2.
Discontinued Businesses	--	--	14.

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Comments by Directors

This half yearly report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. It should be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2002 and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period. The financial statements in this report are 'condensed financial statements' as defined in AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. This report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report.

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period.

Refer to the accompanying media release for further details.

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and is not related to matters already reported in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

Since the end of the current period no matters or circumstances have arisen that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations, results of operations or state of affairs of the Group in future periods.

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked

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dividends for at least the next year.

The balance of available franking credits in the franking account as at 31 December 2002 was Nil (2001 - Nil). No further franking credits are expected to arise during the year ending 30 June 2003.

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Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this report are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows.

N/A

Revision in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous annual reports of those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

N/A

Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last annual report.

Refer attached.

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Contingent Liabilities

Indemnities and Guarantees

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Ansell Limited ('the Company') has previously entered into Deeds of Indemnity with each of the Directors of the Company and certain officers of controlled entities, in relation to liabilities that they may incur (other than to Group companies) as Directors of the Company and Directors of certain controlled entities respectively, to the extent permitted by law and the Company's Constitution.

The Company has also guaranteed the performance of certain wholly-owned controlled entities which have negative shareholders' funds.

At this time, no liabilities the subject of any such indemnity have been identified and, accordingly, it is not possible to quantify any financial obligation of the consolidated entity under these indemnities and of the Company pursuant to its guarantee.

Accufix Litigation

Claims have been made against Accufix Research Institute, Inc. (formerly TPLC, Inc.) ('ARI'), certain other wholly-owned controlled entities of the Company and, in some instances, the Company (then called Pacific Dunlop Limited) relating to the Accufix Pacing leads manufactured by ARI, which leads were withdrawn in late 1994 (the 'Accufix Pacing Leads').

The only outstanding claims in relation to the Accufix Pacing Leads as at 31 December 2002 are as follows:

- 2 lawsuits in France: one involving 3 individual claimants and a second lawsuit recently initiated by 1 claimant; and
- claims subsequently made by any of the 150 persons who opted out of the class settlement in the United States.

A French court entered judgment against ARI in December 2002 in relation to the claim involving 19 plaintiffs' and 16 corresponding subrogated insurers' claims, a proportion of which will be borne by ARI's insurers and the balance paid out of the provisions referred to below. ARI is appealing this decision.

The settlement in the United States requiring payments totalling US\$62.4 million (consisting of a fund established for the benefit of persons entitled to the settlement, and a fund for the benefit of persons who opted out of the settlement), and the sums required for the earlier settlements in Australia and elsewhere in the world, were fully covered by the provisions made in the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 1998. The balance of these provisions as at 31 December 2002 (approximately \$16.2 million) represents the balance of cash held by ARI and its related companies, and is considered adequate to address any remaining liability of members of the Ansell Group to claims made by individuals with respect to the manufacture of the Accufix Pacing Leads, including any amount to ultimately be paid pursuant to the French judgment referred to above.

Latex Allergy Litigation

Ansell Healthcare Products Inc., Ansell Protective Products Inc., the Company and other Group companies (collectively 'the Ansell Defendants') (along with a wide variety of manufacturers and distributors of natural rubber latex gloves), are defendants in lawsuits filed in the United States since 1993 on behalf of individuals alleging wrongful death, personal injuries and lost wages as a result of their exposure to natural rubber latex gloves. The lawsuits claim, among other things, that the Ansell Defendants, and other manufacturers of natural rubber latex gloves, were negligent in the design and manufacture of the gloves and failed to give adequate warnings of the possibility of allergic reactions.

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As of 31 December 2002, there were approximately 356 such cases pending against one or more of the Ansell Defendants, representing some 45 percent of cases filed against all defendants. Of these cases 269 were consolidated for discovery pursuant to the rules of multi-district litigation before the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The remaining 87 cases are spread through state courts in 45 states, with the greatest concentration in New York (20 cases).

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Contingent Liabilities (Continued)

Latex Allergy Litigation (continued)

The Company remains a defendant in one Australian case and one case in the United States. Since the inception of this litigation, the Ansell Defendants have been dismissed as a defendant from approximately 124 cases in the United States without payment. The Ansell Defendants have settled approximately 16 additional cases.

The Ansell Defendants have tried one case to verdict in Alameda County, California. Following a seven week trial, a jury returned a verdict in favour of the Ansell Defendant on 19 October 2002. Post trial motions are pending.

With this pattern of dismissal and with the complications, case by case, caused by the multiplicity of defendants and variability of factual situations, it is not possible to predict which, if any, of the cases they currently face, the Ansell Defendants will have to defend at trial. In those circumstances the liability of the Ansell Defendants, if any, in relation to these claims cannot be quantified.

Business and Asset Sales

The Company and various Group Companies have, as part of the Group's asset and business sale program, provided warranties, indemnities and other undertakings and, in some instances, the Company has guaranteed the warranties, indemnities and other obligations of various Group companies, to the purchasers of Group assets and businesses. At this time, it is not possible to quantify the potential financial impact of those warranties, indemnities, undertakings or guarantees upon the economic entity. In particular, a Group company has received a notice from a purchaser of one of its businesses in relation to an indemnity under a sale agreement. No formal proceedings have been initiated and, accordingly, it is not possible at this time to quantify the potential financial impact on the Group.

Proceedings instituted by Simplot Australia Pty Ltd against the Company and other Group companies continued in the Supreme Court of Victoria in relation to the sale of the Edgell-Birds' Eye and Herbert Adams Bakeries businesses. Simplot has claimed \$20.8 million in damages in relation to alleged breaches of warranty and sought unspecified damages in respect of separate alleged breaches of the Trade Practices Act. The matter remains at the preliminary stage and the substantive issues of the claim are unlikely to proceed to trial this year. The Company believes that it has good grounds for resisting these protracted claims.

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Environmental Matters

The Company and various Group Companies as the occupiers of property receive, from time to time, notices from relevant authorities pursuant to various environmental legislation. On receiving such notices, the Company evaluates potential remediation options and the associated costs. At this time, the Company does not believe that the potential financial impact of such remediation upon the economic entity is material.

In the ordinary course of business, the Ansell Group has maintained comprehensive general liability insurance policies covering its operations and assets. Generally such policies exclude coverage for most environmental liabilities.

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Additional disclosure for trusts

20.1 Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties	-----	N/A

20.2 A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity	-----	N/A
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Identify:

* initial service charges	-----	N/A
* management fees		N/A
* other fees		N/A

Annual meeting
(Preliminary final report only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	-----	N/A

Date		N/A

Time		N/A

Approximate date the annual report will be available		N/A

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Compliance statement

1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgents Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX.

Identify other standards used

Not applicable

2 This report, and the accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

4 This report is based on accounts to which one of the following applies. (tick one)

The accounts have been audited.

The accounts have been subject to review.

The accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.

The accounts have not yet been audited or reviewed.

5 The audit report or review by the auditor is attached.

6 The entity has a formally constituted audit committee.

Signed: /s/ R J Bartlett

Company Secretary

Date 13 February 2003

Name: R J Bartlett

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