

Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd

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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

For the half year ended 30 June 2012

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**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT
For the half year ended 30 June 2012**

This interim management report is presented together with the interim financial report of Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd ("the Company") for the half year ended 30 June 2012.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company during the half year ended 30 June 2012 were the importation, marketing and distribution of passenger and commercial motor vehicles and their component parts.

The Company is also involved in financing activities on behalf of related parties of the local Daimler group.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Company's activities during the year.

Operating and financial review

The Company made a profit, after income tax, from continuing operations for the half year ended 30 June 2012 of \$26.945 million (2011: \$26.179 million).

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the half year under review.

Likely developments

Operations

The Company will continue to pursue its policy of increasing its key market share as well as maintaining its contribution to the Daimler global organisation.

The Company's financing activities for other related parties of the local Daimler group are expected to continue depending on the requirements of these related parties.

Risk Report

Many factors could directly or indirectly affect the Company's business, financial position, financial performance and cash flows. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in economic and market conditions, credit risk and currency risk. Further information regarding the Company's risk management strategies are described in the Company's 2011 Annual Financial Report.

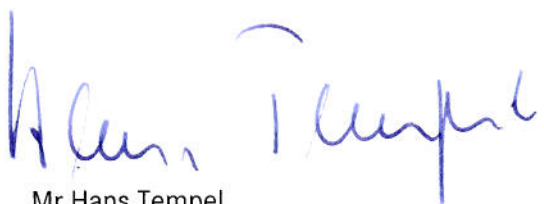
Rounding off

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 (updated by CO 05/641 effective 28 July 2005) and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial report and interim management report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated

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RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

To the best of my knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles, the condensed interim financial statements of Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd ("the Company") provide a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance for the half year ended on that date. The Company's interim management report provides a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the company for the half year ended 30 June 2012, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Company.



Mr Hans Tempel
CEO and Director
Melbourne, 13 August 2012



Mr Peter Grogan
Acting CFO and Company Secretary
Melbourne, 13 August 2012

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	30 June 2012 \$'000	31 Dec 2011 \$'000
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	41,422	65,215
Trade and other receivables	1,541,790	1,564,897
Inventories	711,114	716,675
Derivative financial instruments	5,720	10,389
Total current assets	<u>2,300,046</u>	<u>2,357,176</u>
Non-current assets		
Trade and other receivables	1,275,000	1,133,164
Deferred tax assets	46,231	45,718
Property, plant and equipment	150,871	146,555
Derivative financial instruments	3,774	12,505
Total non-current assets	<u>1,475,876</u>	<u>1,337,942</u>
Total assets	<u>3,775,922</u>	<u>3,695,118</u>
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	407,431	406,444
Loans and borrowings	1,354,309	1,454,588
Derivative financial instruments	32,979	37,884
Provisions and other liabilities	116,148	127,242
Deferred income	29,517	11,879
Total current liabilities	<u>1,940,384</u>	<u>2,038,037</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Loans and borrowings	1,280,642	1,119,581
Derivative financial instruments	5,699	1,226
Provisions and other liabilities	52,001	66,023
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,338,342</u>	<u>1,186,830</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,278,726</u>	<u>3,224,867</u>
Net assets	<u>497,196</u>	<u>470,251</u>
Total equity	<u>497,196</u>	<u>470,251</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 7 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE**

	2012	2011
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue	1,209,530	1,141,980
Cost of sales	(1,070,145)	(1,005,917)
Gross profit	<u>139,385</u>	<u>136,063</u>
Other income	6,155	2,434
Employee expenses	(47,563)	(46,202)
Depreciation expenses	(2,417)	(2,656)
Other expenses	(46,536)	(43,026)
Results from operating activities	<u>49,024</u>	<u>46,613</u>
Net finance costs	<u>(7,578)</u>	<u>(8,108)</u>
Profit before income tax	41,446	38,505
Income tax expense	(14,501)	(12,326)
Profit for the period	<u>26,945</u>	<u>26,179</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 7 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd ("the Company") is a company domiciled in Australia. The address of the Company's registered office is Lexia Place, Mulgrave, Victoria 3170.

The Company is primarily involved in the importation, marketing and distribution of passenger and commercial motor vehicles and their component parts.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of compliance

The condensed interim financial report has been prepared in order to meet certain requirements set out in Article 4 of the law of 11 January 2008 on transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market (the "Transparency Law") and the Luxembourg Grand-Ducal decree dated 11 January 2008 on transparency requirements for issuers of securities (the "Transparency Regulation").

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Management on 13 August 2012.

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the statement of financial position:

- derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value
- liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment arrangements are measured at fair value
- the defined benefit asset is measured as the net total of the plan assets, plus unrecognised past service cost and unrecognised actuarial losses, less unrecognised actuarial gains and the present value of the defined benefit obligation.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the Company's functional currency.

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 (updated by CO 05/641 effective 28 July 2005) and in accordance with that Class Order, all financial information presented in Australian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied by the Company in these condensed interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Company in its financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2011.

4. DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUES

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods.

(a) Trade and other receivables

The fair value of trade and other receivables is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

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4. DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUES (cont.)

(b) Loans and borrowings

Fair value of loans and borrowings is determined for disclosure purposes. The fair value of loans and borrowings that are readily traded are revalued at reporting date to market value using quoted market prices or, if not readily traded, are measured based on present value of future expected principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

(c) Derivatives

The fair value of forward exchange contracts is based on their listed market price, if available. If a listed market price is not available, then fair value is estimated by discounting the difference between the contractual forward price and the current forward price for the residual maturity of the contract using a risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds).

The fair value of interest rate swaps is based on market values which approximate estimated future cash flows based on the terms of maturity of each contract and using market interest rates for a similar instrument at the measurement date.

Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instrument and include adjustments to take account of the credit risk of the entity and counterparty when appropriate.