

Delta Utility Services Limited

Interim Report

For the six months ended

31 December 2021

Delta Utility Services Limited

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Directors' report

The Directors of Delta Utility Services Limited present their interim report for the six months ended 31 December 2021.

Review of operations

The principal activity of the Company is the provision of contracting services, which encompasses a broad range of energy and greenspace services to local authority and private sector customers. Our core business centres on the construction, operation and maintenance of essential energy and community infrastructure.

During the first half of financial year 2022 (FY22), Delta continued to experience strong demand for its core services. Despite ongoing disruption with COVID-19, Delta remained a fundamental part of the communities we operate in. Delta are pleased with our response to high workloads during this period and were grateful for contributing factors, such as settled weather, working in our favour.

Contract wins such as Network Tasman power systems contracting services contract, Nelson Electricity maintenance & faults contract and the Dunedin City Council parks & reserves 10-year maintenance contract, all commenced on 1 July 2021. Our first six-months have been steady and productive. Customer engagement has been a major focus for Delta and a key strategic pillar. Delta prides itself on the relationships it builds and our ability to meet or exceed the expectations of our customers. On several occasions during the first half of FY22, Delta received community accolades for exceeding customer or contractual obligations.

Our people are the core of our business, and every day, many of them are exposed to critical risks. This is why our safety vision of 'Everyone Home Safe, Every Day' is of utmost importance. The Company's total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) of 3.08 per 200,000 hours worked is significantly lower than in the same period last year and the year ended 30 June 21 (FY21: 4.34, HY20: 4.48). We are continuing to make gains based on small continuous improvements in all targeted areas. Currently we complete over 99% of all work packages without harm; however, we are well aware of the potentially life changing risk we work with every day and are always looking to get better.

Delta's commitment to safety, quality, and environmental sustainability was emphasised in the first half of FY22, when we received ISO 45001, ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 accreditation across the business. In addition, Delta received SiteWise Gold Status and Tōtika Supplier Licensing Certification during this period.

Total operating revenues of \$52.159 million were \$3.493 million (7%) higher than for the same period last year. A large portion of this increase relates to the DCC Parks and Reserves maintenance contract as well as the ramp up in Aurora maintenance works.

Staff resourcing has proved problematic in recent times with border closures and low unemployment rates making it harder to attract and retain skilled staff. This has led to the Company forming partnerships with both PowerNet and Netcon, allowing us to boost resource on major projects or where we have spikes in workload. This increase in subcontractor usage is reflected in Other Operating Expenses on the Statement of Comprehensive income.

The Company's net profit after income tax of \$575,000 (FY21: \$4.624 million, HY20: \$1.262 million) provided a return on average shareholder's equity of 4% (FY21: 19%, HY20: 11%). The decrease on prior year reflects the impact the COVID-19 level 4 lockdown had on operations during this period.

Delta is pleased to report that in September 2021 the company's historic debt related to infrastructure services provided for the Yaldhurst Village subdivision was repaid in full.

From July to December 2021, Delta continued to invest significant time and resource into ensuring its business management processes and its underpinning systems were robust and fit for purpose. In October 2021, Delta launched its new core financial system, NetSuite, and an accompanying payroll system, MyPay. This concluded Stage One of a two-stage project. During the remainder of FY22, Stage Two will implement field mobilisation and allow better visibility between workflow and expenditure.

The Directors are continuing to focus on achieving budget targets.

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Directors' report *continued*

Result

\$000

Operating profit before income tax	800
Less Income tax expense	224
	576

Seasonality

There is limited seasonality of earnings within the Company.

Dividends

A dividend of \$1,000,000 was declared and paid during the period.

Change of Directors

Mr T J Kempton retired as a Director on 31 October 2021.
Ms J George was appointed as a Director on 1 November 2021.

Events after balance sheet date

There were no significant events after the reporting period that would require adjustment or disclosure.

Statement of responsibility

The Directors accept responsibility for the preparation of the interim financial statements and the judgements used in them.

The Directors accept responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting; and in the opinion of the Directors, the interim financial statements fairly reflect the financial position and operations of Delta Utility Services Limited.

The Board of Directors of Delta Utility Services Limited present the interim financial statements, set out on pages 4 to 13, for the six months ended 31 December 2021 and authorises them for issue on 1 February 2022.



Brian Wood Chairman



Tony Allison Director

Delta Utility Services Limited

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the six months ending 31 December 2021

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Operating revenue	52,159	48,666	104,166
COVID-19 Wage Subsidy	684	-	-
Gain on sale of assets	33	140	151
Interest revenue	89	360	1,074
Total revenue	52,965	49,166	105,391
Less expenses:			
Audit fees	37	36	73
Employee remuneration and benefits	25,154	23,993	47,964
Materials	10,098	9,206	16,742
Depreciation on fixed assets	2,089	2,028	4,077
Depreciation on right of use asset	1,336	1,286	2,627
Directors' fees	107	106	213
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Doubtful Debts	(39)	-	64
Bad debts written off / written back	-	-	(508)
Donations	5	6	11
Interest to Dunedin City Treasury Limited	171	310	531
Interest other	-	5	2
Interest leases	135	91	208
Other operating expenses	13,072	10,444	27,746
Total expenses	52,165	47,511	99,750
Net profit before tax	800	1,655	5,641
Income tax expense / (refund)	224	393	1,017
Net profit after tax	576	1,262	4,624
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	576	1,262	4,624

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the six months ending 31 December 2021

	Share capital \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Unaudited			
Equity as at 1 July 2021	17,000	8,918	25,918
Total comprehensive income	-	576	576
Distribution to owners	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Equity as at 31 December 2021	<u>17,000</u>	<u>8,494</u>	<u>25,494</u>
Unaudited			
Equity as at 1 July 2020	17,000	6,044	23,044
Total comprehensive income	-	1,262	1,262
Distribution to owners	-	(875)	(875)
Equity as at 31 December 2020	<u>17,000</u>	<u>6,431</u>	<u>23,431</u>
Audited			
Equity as at 1 July 2020	17,000	6,044	23,044
Total comprehensive income	-	4,624	4,624
Distribution to owners	-	(1,750)	(1,750)
Equity as at 30 June 2021	<u>17,000</u>	<u>8,918</u>	<u>25,918</u>

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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2021

	Note	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		260	1,728	147
Trade and other receivables		11,722	10,673	14,621
Work in progress		11,425	8,031	5,974
Inventories - materials and stores		3,510	2,978	3,504
Total current assets		26,917	23,410	24,246
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	5	24,388	23,873	23,161
Term Receivable		-	9,497	6,021
Right-of-use asset	7	9,736	7,622	7,846
Deferred tax asset		966	1,044	966
Intangible assets	6	4,065	2,728	3,204
Total non-current assets		39,155	44,764	41,198
Total assets		66,072	68,174	65,444
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables		6,827	6,802	8,418
Borrowings		45	92	22
Provisions		5,485	5,202	4,950
Lease liability current		2,492	2,433	2,387
Taxation payable		1,317	2,011	1,093
Total current liabilities		16,166	16,540	16,870
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	8	16,750	22,250	16,500
Provisions		467	641	471
Lease liability term		7,195	5,312	5,685
Total non-current liabilities		24,412	28,203	22,656
Total liabilities		40,578	44,743	39,526
Equity				
Share capital		17,000	17,000	17,000
Retained earnings		8,494	6,431	8,918
Total equity		25,494	23,431	25,918
Total liabilities and equity		66,072	68,174	65,444

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Statement of Cash Flows For the six months ending 31 December 2021

	Note	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Cash flow from operating activities				
<i>Cash was provided from</i>				
Receipts from customers		48,306	51,583	105,203
Interest received		-	-	-
COVID-19 Wage Subsidy		684	-	-
Net GST refund / (paid)		342	171	128
		49,332	51,754	105,331
<i>Cash was disbursed to</i>				
Payments to suppliers & employees		50,275	44,394	92,888
Intra-group tax payments		-	-	1,463
Interest paid		148	287	574
		50,423	44,681	94,925
Net cash flow from operating activities	3	(1,091)	7,073	10,406
Cash flow from investing activities				
<i>Cash was provided from</i>				
Sale of property, plant and equipment		79	167	172
Receipts from loans		7,674	-	4,698
		7,753	167	4,870
<i>Cash was disbursed to</i>				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		4,365	3,242	4,879
		4,365	3,242	4,879
Net cash flow from investing activities		3,388	(3,075)	(9)
Cash flow from financing activities				
<i>Cash was provided from</i>				
Receipts from borrowings		45,200	42,200	88,600
		45,200	42,200	88,600
<i>Cash was disbursed to</i>				
Repayment of borrowings		44,950	42,500	94,650
Repayments of lease liabilities		1,434	1,315	2,670
Dividends paid		1,000	875	1,750
		47,384	44,690	99,070
Net cash flow from financing activities		(2,184)	(2,490)	(10,470)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		113	1,508	(73)
Opening cash and cash equivalents		147	220	220
Closing cash and cash equivalents		260	1,728	147

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Notes to the Financial Statements (unaudited) For the six months ending 31 December 2021

1 Reporting entity

The financial statements presented here are for the reporting entity Delta Utility Services Limited.

Delta Utility Services Limited ("the Company") is a Council Controlled Trading Organisation as defined in the Local Government Act 2002. The Company, incorporated in New Zealand under the Companies Act 1993, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dunedin City Holdings Limited. Dunedin City Holdings Limited is wholly owned by Dunedin City Council.

The financial statements of Delta Utility Services Limited are for the six months ended 31 December 2021 and comply with the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (the functional currency of the Company) and have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

The Company is a Tier 1 for-profit entity as defined by the External Reporting Board (expenses over \$30 million).

2 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021 are unaudited.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with NZ IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those published in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The judgements, estimates and assumptions used to prepare these interim financial statements are consistent with those used at 30 June 2021.

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3 Reconciliation of Operating Surplus to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Net profit after tax	576	1,262	4,624
<i>Items not involving cash flows</i>			
Depreciation	2,089	2,028	4,077
Depreciation - RoU Asset	1,336	1,286	2,627
Other non-cash items	(221)	(37)	(314)
<i>Impact of changes in working capital items</i>			
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	8,959	4,437	4,046
(Increase) / decrease in work in progress	(5,451)	(1,207)	849
(Increase) / decrease in inventories	(6)	92	(434)
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	(1,568)	(1,221)	356
Increase / (decrease) in provision for tax	224	551	(367)
Increase / (decrease) in employee entitlements	536	453	31
<i>Items classified as investing or financing activities</i>			
Net gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(33)	(140)	(151)
Investment in Financial Instrument	(7,674)	(360)	(4,698)
Movement in capital creditors in accounts payable	142	(71)	(240)
Net cash inflows from operating activities	(1,091)	7,073	10,406

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4 Related Party Transactions

Transactions with Dunedin City Council

The Company undertakes transactions with Dunedin City Council (DCC) and other DCC controlled entities.

During the year, the Company provided services and traded with the DCC Group in respect of the following transactions:

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
<i>Sales of Services to DCC Group Entities:</i>			
Capital works constructed	10,936	12,775	31,145
Network maintenance and contracting services	7,497	10,022	19,385
Rent	235	214	442
	18,668	23,011	50,972
<i>Sales of Services to DCC:</i>			
Other contracting	4,405	2,631	5,961
<i>Amounts Receivable by the Company at period end from DCC Entities:</i>			
Receivable from DCC	841	544	652
Receivable from DCC Group Entities	4,666	4,065	5,827
	5,507	4,609	6,479
<i>Intragroup Transfers:</i>			
Tax Compensation paid	-	-	719
<i>Purchases of Goods and Services from DCC Group Entities:</i>			
Interest	171	315	531
Contracting services and supplies	1	686	1,145
Rent / Administration	185	427	836
Tax Compensation / Tax loss offsets	-	12	305
	357	1,440	2,817
<i>Purchases of Goods and Services from DCC:</i>			
Contracting services and supplies	46	56	95
Other	39	48	96
	85	104	191
<i>Amounts Payable by the Company at period end to DCC Entities:</i>			
Payable to DCC	9	12	19
Payable to Dunedin City Council entities	961	1,197	1,124
	970	1,209	1,143

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4 Related Party Transactions *continued*

Transactions with Companies in which Directors have an interest

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
<i>Services provided to Companies in which Directors have an interest:</i>			
Mainpower New Zealand (Mr B J Wood is a Director)	60	-	-
A.G. Foleys Limited (Ms J George is a Director)	2	5	6
Sicon Limited (Mr SW Grave is Chairman)	11	-	101
Dunedin International Airport Limited (Mr T D Allison was the Chairman)	20	20	53
Naylor Love Construction (Mr T J Kempton is the Chairman and a Shareholder)	1	1	25
<i>Amounts receivable from Companies in which Directors have an interest:</i>			
A.G. Foleys Limited (Ms J George is a Director)	1	-	-
Sicon Limited (Mr SW Grave is Chairman)	10	-	20
Dunedin International Airport Limited (Mr T D Allison was the Chairman)	4	4	18
Naylor Love Construction (Mr T J Kempton is the Chairman and a Shareholder)	1	-	7
<i>Purchases from Companies in which Directors have an interest:</i>			
Mainpower New Zealand (Mr B J Wood is a Director)	3	3	6
E-Spatial Limited (Mr B J Wood is a Director)	-	3	3
Harrison Grierson Consultants Limited (Mr B J Wood is a Director)	-	-	5
A.G. Foleys Limited (Ms J George is a Director)	10	7	8
Whitestone Contracting Limited (Mr S W Grave is a Director)	-	-	12
<i>Amounts payable to Companies in which Directors have an interest:</i>			
A.G. Foleys Limited (Ms J George is a Director)	1	2	-

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5 Property, Plant and Equipment

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Additions	3,211	2,224	3,425
Disposals (Book Value)	27	27	50
Capital commitments	-	358	129

There have been no material changes to the fair value assessment methods for property, plant and equipment asset classes between 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2021.

6 Intangible Assets

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Additions	993	1,089	1,724
Disposals (Book Value)	-	-	-

There have been no material changes to the fair value assessment method for intangible assets between 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2021.

7 Right-of-use Asset

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Additions	3,226	3,433	5,055
Disposals (Book Value)	-	56	113

There have been no material changes to the fair value assessment method for right-of-use assets between 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2021.

8 Term Borrowings

There has been no material changes to the accounting treatment of the term loan from Dunedin City Treasury Limited between 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2021.

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9 Financial Instruments

All financial assets are recognised at cost/face value while financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost except derivative financial instruments which are recognised at fair value.

10 Contingent Liabilities

	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2021 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months to 31 Dec 2020 \$'000	Audited 12 months to 30 Jun 2021 \$'000
Performance Bonds	585	1,006	1,157

The performance bonds issued are principally in favor of South Island Local Authorities for contract work. There is no indication that any of these contingent liabilities will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

In January 2021 the Labour Inspectorate office opened an investigation into the Company's leave processes and payments. This investigation is still ongoing and as at 31 December 2021, the financial consequences of this matter (if any) were not known.

Delta Utility Services Limited

Directory

Directors

Brian Wood
Jane George
Steven Grave
Tony Allison

Registered Office

33 Sturdee St
Dunedin
New Zealand

Bankers

Westpac Banking Corporation

Solicitors

Gallaway Cook Allan
Anderson Lloyd

Tax Advisors

Deloitte

Auditor

Audit New Zealand on behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General

DELTA UTILITY SERVICES LIMITED

Statement of Service Performance update
for the period ended
31 December 2021

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

for the period ended 31 December 2021 - continued

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
The Shareholder			
• Consult with the Shareholder on matters to be included in the Company's Statement of Intent	Shareholder approval of the Company's Statement of Intent	On track	Draft Statement of Intent provided to DCHL in line with timetable.
• Consult with the Shareholder at the earliest possible time on matters where conflict may or could result	No unnotified potential conflicts	On track	Nothing to note.
• Keep the Shareholder informed of all substantive matters	Report all substantive matters to the Shareholder within 24 hours	On track	Nothing to note.
Community			
• Maintain community support through local sponsorship/donations	\$25,000 of sponsorship/ donations per annum	Behind target	\$5,000 in sponsorship / donations was provided to community groups during the period.
• Support community recreation and visitor experience in Dunedin	Achieve KPIs on service contracts	On track	Target KPIs were maintained or exceeded on average throughout the period.
• Maintain essential infrastructure to support Dunedin City Council's strategy to be one of the world's great small cities	Deliver maintenance services per contractual arrangements	On track	Delta generally met or exceeded its KPI's on maintenance contracts held with Aurora Energy and the Dunedin City Council throughout the period.

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

for the period ended 31 December 2021 - continued

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
People			
Reduce harm to employees and contractors	≤ 3.50 total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) per 200,000 hours worked	On track	TRIFR for the period was 3.08 per 200,000 hours worked.
	≤ 1.00 total lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR) per 200,000 hours worked	Behind target	LTIFR for the period was 1.12 per 200,000 hours worked.
Implement and maintain a certified and well recognised occupational health and safety management system	Implement and maintain International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System accreditation	On track	ISO45001 accreditation achieved in August 2021
Maintain the health and wellbeing of staff	Lower than 2.5% sick leave based on hours	On track	Staff sick leave was 1.2% of total hours during the period.
	Implement/maintain an employee wellbeing programme	On track	An employee wellbeing programme was maintained during the period.
Develop skill sets and succession planning through Delta's apprenticeship scheme	Average number of apprentices in the scheme of 20 or more per annum	On track	Apprenticeship numbers averaged over 26 during the period.
Maintain a positive and satisfying working environment with low levels of voluntary staff turnover	Below 13.0% staff turnover	On track	Voluntary staff turnover is 12.8% over the period.

As at 31 December 2021, 97% of the staff employed by the Company received above the living wage (as calculated by the New Zealand Family Centre Social Policy Unit). The Company has committed to pay all employees at or above the living wage by 30 June 2022.

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

for the period ended 31 December 2021 - continued

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Environment			
• Ensure a well-recognised environmental accreditation is maintained	Maintain Enviro-mark Gold accreditation for all Delta depots. Transition to the more widely recognised International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 14001 Environmental Management Systems	On track	Enviro-mark Gold accreditation maintained across all depots. ISO 14001 Accreditation achieved in September 2021.
• Maintain full compliance with the Resource Management Act (RMA)	0 – number of breaches	On track	There were no breaches of the RMA during the period.
• Maintain or lower fuel efficiency in the Company's light commercial / passenger fleet	≤ 9.25 litres fuel used per 100 kilometres	On track	Fuel efficiency across the Delta light commercial /passenger fleet was calculated at 9.00 litres per 100 kilometres during the period.
• Contribute to the Dunedin City Council's Carbon Neutrality initiatives	Develop an emissions and waste reduction strategy and associated targets for inclusion in our 2022/2023 Statement of Intent.	On track	The company is working closely with Lumen and DCHL to establish targets and a standard/strategy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET \$000	STATUS	AS AT 31 DECEMBER \$000
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FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES

• EBITDA	≥12,742	Behind target	4,530
• Net profit after income tax	≥3,273	Behind target	576
• Shareholder's equity	≥25,641	On Track	25,494
• Return on Shareholder's funds	≥13%	Behind target	4%
• Cash flow from operations	≥10,145	Behind target	(1,091)
• Capital expenditure	≤5,995	On Track	4,204
• Term debt	≤14,600	On Track	16,750
• Dividends	≥2,000	On Track	1,000
• Shareholder's equity to total assets	≥41%	On Track	39%