



Half Yearly Report

(equity accounted)

Name of entity

Origin Energy Limited

ACN

000 051 696

Half year ended ('current period')

31 December 2000

Equity accounted results for announcement to the market (refer note * below)

		\$'A'000
Sales revenue (item 1.1)		671,978
Operating profit after tax (before abnormal items) attributable to members (items 1.4 - 1.7(i) - 1.9(i))		49,528
Abnormal items after tax attributable to members (item 2.5)		-
Operating profit after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members (item 1.26)		52,307
Operating profit after tax attributable to members (item 1.10)		49,528
Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 1.13)		-
Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 1.16)		49,528
Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Interim dividend (item 15.6)	Nil	Nil
Previous corresponding period (item 15.7)	15 cents **	Nil
Date for determining entitlements to the dividend (see item 15.2)	N/A	
Brief explanation of omission of directional and percentage changes to profit in accordance with Note 1:		
<p>* Directional and percentage changes are not included because the demerger of the building and construction materials businesses from the Company in February 2000 renders comparisons with prior periods misleading. Current period figures (as shown above) are six months results from the Company's continuing energy businesses.</p>		
Short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:	Nil	
** Dividends per security have been adjusted for the 1 for 2 consolidation in February 2000.		

Consolidated profit and loss account

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
	\$A'000	\$A'000
1.1 Sales revenue	671,978	2,590,151
1.2 Share of associates' net profit attributable to members' (item 16.7)	2,392	11,327
	674,370	2,601,478
1.3 Other revenue	118,127	165,656
Total revenue	792,497	2,767,134
1.4 Operating profit before abnormal items and tax	72,829	182,941
1.5 Abnormal items before tax (detail in item 2.4)	-	(23,279)
1.6 Operating profit before tax (items 1.4 + 1.5)	72,829	159,662
1.7 (i) Less tax expense on operating profit	20,632	55,072
(ii) Less tax expense/(benefit) on abnormal items	-	(29,118)
1.8 Operating profit after tax but before outside equity interests	52,197	133,708
1.9 (i) Less outside equity interest applicable to operating profit	2,669	3,002
(ii) Less outside equity interest applicable to abnormal items	-	520
1.10 Operating profit after tax attributable to members	49,528	130,186
1.11 Extraordinary items after tax	-	-
1.12 Less outside equity interests	-	-
1.13 Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members	-	-
1.14 Total operating profit and extraordinary items after tax (items 1.8 + 1.11)	52,197	133,708
1.15 Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax attributable to outside equity interests (items 1.9 + 1.12)	2,669	3,522
1.16 Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (items 1.10 + 1.13)	49,528	130,186
1.17 Retained profits at beginning of financial period	926,561	958,393
1.18 Adjustment to retained profits at the beginning of the year on initial adoption of AASB 1041 "Revaluation of Non-Current Assets"	-	-
1.19 Aggregate of amounts transferred from reserves	(19)	(14,875)
1.20 Total available for appropriation	976,070	1,073,704
1.21 Dividends provided for or paid	43	85,268
1.22 Aggregate of amounts transferred to reserves	-	-
1.23 Retained profits at end of financial period	976,027	988,436
Operating profit after tax (before abnormal items) attributable to members (items 1.4 - 1.7(i) - 1.9(i))	49,528	124,867

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** "Previous corresponding period" includes six months results for both the building and construction materials businesses and the energy businesses.

Refer Directors' Report for pro forma comparison of the energy businesses' results.

Profit restated to exclude amortisation of goodwill

		Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
		\$A'000	\$A'000
1.24	Operating profit after tax before outside equity interests (item 1.8) and amortisation of goodwill	54,976	145,812
1.25	Less outside equity interests	2,669	3,522
1.26	Operating profit after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members	52,307	142,290

Intangible, abnormal and extraordinary items

		Consolidated - current period *			
		Before tax	Related tax (expense) / benefit	Related outside equity interests	Amount (after tax) attributable to members
		\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	2,779	-	-	2,779
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	4,934	-	-	4,934
2.3	Total amortisation of intangibles	7,713	-	-	7,713

		Consolidated - previous corresponding period**			
		Before tax	Related tax (expense) / benefit	Related outside equity interests	Amount (after tax) attributable to members
		\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	13,273	1,169	-	12,104
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	5,204	-	-	5,204
2.3	Total amortisation of intangibles	18,477	1,169	-	17,308
2.4	Abnormal items:				
	Profit on sale of businesses	6,000	1,170	-	7,170
	GST implementation costs	(4,160)	1,498	-	(2,662)
	Change in tax rate	-	23,000	(520)	22,480
	Provision for write down of assets	(25,119)	3,450	-	(21,669)
2.5	Total abnormal items	(23,279)	29,118	(520)	5,319

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Consolidated balance sheet

	At end of current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000	As in last half yearly report * \$A'000	
Current assets				
4.1	Cash	11,799	18,641	109,907
4.2	Receivables	269,564	341,324	951,521
4.4	Inventories	39,625	37,358	444,550
4.5	Other	30,081	26,707	97,651
4.6	Total current assets	351,069	424,030	1,603,629
Non-current assets				
4.7	Receivables	50,586	48,794	133,565
4.8	Investments in associates	7,391	6,166	99,700
4.9	Other investments	144,529	139,979	129,595
4.11	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	55,354	52,483	47,270
4.12	Development properties (oil and gas interests)	27,218	26,138	24,329
4.13	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	916,853	918,180	3,311,619
4.14	Intangibles (net)	465,644	473,275	731,692
4.15	Other	151,570	142,206	336,094
4.16	Total non-current assets	1,819,145	1,807,221	4,813,864
4.17	Total assets	2,170,214	2,231,251	6,417,493
Current liabilities				
4.18	Accounts payable	171,888	221,876	591,607
4.19	Borrowings	39,119	19,566	482,112
4.20	Provisions	58,662	77,529	379,947
4.22	Total current liabilities	269,669	318,971	1,453,666
Non-current liabilities				
4.23	Accounts payable	38,720	45,592	51,798
4.24	Borrowings	370,000	430,000	1,309,329
4.25	Provisions	186,925	196,251	449,831
4.27	Total non-current liabilities	595,645	671,843	1,810,958
4.28	Total liabilities	865,314	990,814	3,264,624
4.29	Net assets	1,304,900	1,240,437	3,152,869
Equity				
4.30	Capital	178,457	167,156	1,962,195
4.31	Reserves	116,881	115,133	166,832
4.32	Retained profits	976,027	926,561	988,436
4.33	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	1,271,365	1,208,850	3,117,463
4.34	Outside equity interest in controlled entities	33,535	31,587	35,406
4.35	Total equity	1,304,900	1,240,437	3,152,869

* Includes building and construction materials businesses.

Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period **	
	\$A'000	\$A'000	
Cash flows related to operating activities			
7.1	Receipts from customers	845,322	2,638,005
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	(694,978)	(2,312,062)
7.3	Dividends received from associates	1,221	2,504
7.4	Other dividends received	394	493
7.5	Interest and other items of similar nature received	1,341	32,225
7.6	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(17,478)	(90,029)
7.7	Income taxes paid	(14,248)	(15,832)
7.9	Net operating cash flows	121,574	255,304
Cash flows related to investing activities			
7.10	Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(35,990)	(122,890)
7.11	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	10,506	90,818
7.12	Payment for purchases of equity investments	(4,550)	(45,831)
7.13	Proceeds from sale of equity investments	-	37,070
7.16	Other (payments for exploration and development)	(34,335)	(33,211)
7.17	Net investing cash flows	(64,369)	(74,044)
Cash flows related to financing activities			
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	7,884	1,751,974
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	(38,384)	(2,190,756)
7.21	Dividends paid	(23,219)	(66,921)
7.22	Other (loan repaid by external party)	-	304,500
7.23	Net financing cash flows	(53,719)	(201,203)
7.24	Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	3,486	(19,943)
7.25	Cash at beginning of period	99	100,307
7.26	Exchange rate adjustments to 7.25	(360)	456
7.27	Cash at end of period (see reconciliation of cash)	3,225	80,820

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Non-cash financing and investing activities

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

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|-------|---|
| (i) | Capital expenditure acquired by finance leases \$Nil (1999: \$86,000) |
| (ii) | Issue of shares in respect of dividend reinvestment plans \$11,301,000 (1999: \$19,520,000) |
| (iii) | Deferred proceeds on sale of assets \$Nil (1999: \$19,974,000) |

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:

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
	\$A'000	\$A'000
8.1 Cash on hand and at bank	9,023	57,918
8.2 Deposits at call	-	2,356
8.3 Bank overdraft	(8,574)	(29,087)
8.4 Other (term deposits)	2,776	49,633
8.5 Total cash at end of period (item 7.27)	3,225	80,820

Ratios

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period**
Profit before abnormals and tax/sales		
9.1 Consolidated operating profit before abnormal items and tax (item 1.4) as a percentage of sales revenue (item 1.1)	10.8%	7.1%
Profit after tax/equity interests		
9.2 (i) Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members but before abnormal items as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period.	3.9%	4.0%
(ii) Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members (item 1.10) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.33).	3.9%	4.2%

Earnings per security (EPS)

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period**
10.1 Calculation of basic and fully diluted EPS in accordance with AASB 1027 "Earnings per share".		
(a) Basic EPS	8.7 cents	11.5 cents
(b) Diluted EPS are not materially different from basic earnings per share.		
(c) Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in calculation of the Basic EPS	570,137,369	1,130,778,034

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NTA Backing

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	\$ 1.40	\$ 2.10

Details of specific receipts/outlays, revenues/expenses

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
	\$A'000	\$A'000
12.1 Interest revenue included in determining item 1.4	1,288	25,473
12.2 Interest revenue included in item 12.1 but not yet received	29	1,790
12.3 Interest expense included in item 1.4	16,916	83,947
12.4 Interest costs excluded from item 12.3 and capitalised in asset values	-	-
12.5 Outlays (except those arising from the acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles.	-	-
12.6 Depreciation and amortisation (excluding amortisation of intangibles).	59,003	153,575

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Control gained over entities having material effect

Not applicable

Loss of control of entities having a material effect

Boral Limited (renamed "Origin Energy Limited" on 18 February 2000), "the entity", separated its building and construction materials businesses from its energy businesses, effective 1 January 2000.

Upon the separation, Blue Circle Southern Cement Limited and its controlled entities, carrying on building and construction materials businesses, was demerged from the entity. The entity retained the energy businesses and was renamed "Origin Energy Limited" on 18 February 2000. Blue Circle Southern Cement Limited, which was renamed "Boral Limited" on 18 February 2000, was separately listed on the Australian Stock Exchange on 21 February 2000.

14.1 Name of entity	Blue Circle Southern Cement Limited and Controlled Entities
14.2 Consolidated operating profit/(loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity since the start of the period to the date of loss of control.	Not applicable
14.3 Date to which the profit/(loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated.	Not applicable
14.4 Consolidated operating profit/(loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period.	\$93,476,000
14.5 Contribution to consolidated operating profit/(loss) and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control.	\$Nil

Segments

	Current Period		Previous Corresponding Period		Current Period		Previous Corresponding Period		Current Period		Previous Corresponding Period	
	\$A'000	%	\$A'000	%	\$A'000	%	\$A'000	%	\$A'000	%	\$A'000	%
INDUSTRY SEGMENTS	Revenue*				Operating profit**				Earnings before interest, abnormal items and tax ****			
Exploration and Production	142,315	21.1	131,805	23.4	61,706	73.1	46,468	109.0	65,038	73.4	48,742	106.6
Retail and Trading	506,926	75.2	426,155	75.6	9,346	11.1	(6,026)	(14.1)	10,217	11.6	(6,025)	(13.2)
Generation	25,129	3.7	5,566	1.0	8,910	10.6	(606)	(1.4)	8,911	10.1	(611)	(1.3)
Network	-	-	-	-	10,325	12.2	9,013	21.2	10,339	11.7	9,039	19.8
Corporate	-	-	-	-	(5,934)	(7.0)	(6,245)	(14.7)	(6,048)	(6.8)	(5,451)	(11.9)
SEGMENT TOTAL	674,370	100	563,526	100	84,353	100	42,604	100	88,457	100	45,694	100
Energy Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Non-current Assets	-				4,104		2,461					
Energy Net Interest Expense					15,628		13,741					
Energy Segment Total	674,370		563,526		72,829		31,324		88,457		45,694	
Discontinued Activities #	-		2,037,952		-		151,617		-		195,721	
	674,370		2,601,478		72,829		182,941		88,457		241,415	
	Depreciation, depletion and amortisation				Earnings before depreciation, depletion, amortisation, interest, abnormal items and tax				Capital expenditure			
Exploration and Production	40,883	61.3	44,063	65.2	105,921	68.2	92,805	81.8	57,751	82.1	45,824	51.6
Retail and Trading	19,442	29.1	20,751	30.6	29,659	19.1	14,726	13.0	6,413	9.1	17,542	19.7
Generation	3,741	5.6	1,848	2.7	12,652	8.2	1,237	1.1	2,238	3.2	22,808	25.7
Network	917	1.4	1,050	1.5	11,256	7.3	10,089	8.9	201	0.3	173	0.2
Corporate	1,733	2.6	31	-	(4,315)	(2.8)	(5,420)	(4.8)	3,722	5.3	2,498	2.8
Total	66,716	100	67,743	100	155,173	100	113,437	100	70,325	100	88,845	100
Discontinued Activities #	-		104,309		-		300,030		-		67,342	
	66,716		172,052		155,173		413,467		70,325		156,187	
	Current Period		Previous Corresponding Period		As shown in last annual report							
	Assets											
Exploration and Production	771,967	37.9	867,078	40.9	764,580	36.7						
Retail and Trading	911,061	44.8	915,571	43.2	941,253	45.0						
Generation	115,488	5.7	96,955	4.6	117,146	5.6						
Network	59,012	2.9	73,590	3.5	69,335	3.3						
Corporate	177,719	8.7	164,588	7.8	197,278	9.4						
Total	2,035,247	100	2,117,782	100	2,089,592	100						
Discontinued Activities #	-		4,066,223		-							
Cash and investments ***	134,967		233,488		141,659							
	2,170,214		6,417,493		2,231,251							

* Revenue represents external sales from operating activities and equity accounted profit. It excludes intersegment sales as they are considered not material.

** Operating profit represents profit before abnormal items and income tax expense.

*** Cash and investments excludes investments in associates and interests in partnerships.

**** Earnings before interest, abnormal items and tax includes profit on sale of non-current assets.

Discontinued activities - previous corresponding period includes the half year results of the building and construction materials businesses to 31 December 1999.

The major products and services from which the above segments derive revenue are:

Industry Segements:	Products and Services:
Exploration and Production	Natural gas and oil
Retail and Trading	Natural gas, LPG, electricity, energy related products and services
Generation	Natural gas-fired cogeneration and power generation
Network	Energy asset management services
Discontinued activities	Bricks, plasterboard, timber products, roof tiles, aluminium products, concrete products. Quarrying, road surfacing, premix concrete, flyash, cement, transport, concrete placing, scaffolding. Tyre retreading and retailing, natural stone.

Geographical Segments

The continuing energy operations of the consolidated entity operate predominantly in Australia. More than 90% of revenue, operating profit and assets relate to operations in Australia. The revenue, operating profit and assets relating to the demerged building and construction materials businesses are treated as discontinued activities for both industry and geographical segment reporting.

Dividends

15.1 Date the dividend is payable

N/A

15.2 Date to determine entitlements to the dividend (ie on the basis of registrable transfers received up to 5.00pm if paper based, or by "end of day" if a proper SCH transfer)

N/A

Amount per security *

Franking rate applicable	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
15.6 Interim dividend: Current year	Nil	Nil
15.7 Interim dividend: Previous year	15 cents	Nil

Interim dividend

15.10 Ordinary securities

Add: Dividend satisfied pursuant to bonus share election plan

Add: Final prior year dividend (over)/under provided

Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period \$A'000
-	85,205
-	-
43	63
43	85,268

The dividend plans shown below are in operation.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The last date for receipt of election notices for the dividend

N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends

Nil

* Dividends per security have been adjusted for the 1 for 2 consolidation in February 2000.

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

Entity's share of associates' and joint venture entities':		Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
		\$A'000	\$A'000
16.1	Operating profit before income tax	4,979	17,244
16.2	Income tax expense	2,587	5,917
16.3	Operating profit after income tax	2,392	11,327
16.4	Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
16.5	Net profit	2,392	11,327
16.6	Outside equity interests	-	-
16.7	Net profit attributable to members	2,392	11,327

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Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The consolidated entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities.

Name of entity

	Percentage of ownership interest held at the end of the period		Contribution to operating profit and extraordinary items after tax (item 1.14)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period A\$'000	Previous corresponding period A\$'000
17.1 Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities				
No material interests				
17.2 Total			-	-
17.3 Other material interests				
Envestra	19.9%	19.9%	6,524	5,528
17.4 Total			6,524	5,528

Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

Category of securities		Number issued	Number quoted	Issue price (cents)	Amount paid-up (cents)
18.3	Ordinary securities	574,345,967	574,345,967	-	-
18.4	Changes during current period				
	(a) Increases through issues	6,295,789	6,295,789	-	-
	(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions, consolidations	-	-	-	-
18.7	Options (after 1 for 2 consolidation) #			Exercise price	Expiry date
		880,000	-	\$ 4.04	18 Jan 2001
		150,000	-	\$ 4.04	27 Feb 2001
		125,000	-	\$ 4.04	16 Aug 2001
		213,000	-	\$ 4.04	22 Oct 2001
		1,195,000	-	\$ 5.02	11 Dec 2002
		30,000	-	\$ 5.02	2 Mar 2003
		965,000	-	\$ 1.50	4 Dec 2003
		160,000	-	\$ 1.50	19 Jan 2004
		1,250,000	-	\$ 3.12	1 Feb 2004
		1,754,250	-	\$ 1.78	6 Dec 2004
		750,000	-	\$ 1.27	1 Mar 2005
		1,080,000	-	\$ 1.27	1 Mar 2005
		400,000	-	\$ 1.27	1 Mar 2005
18.8	Issued during current period	400,000	-	\$ 1.27	1 Mar 2005
18.9	Exercised during current period	-			
18.10	Expired during current period	15,000		\$ 5.02	11 Dec 2002
		30,000		\$ 1.50	4 Dec 2003
		40,250		\$ 1.78	6 Dec 2004

The executive options are yet to be split between the Company and New Boral. This will be completed by 30 June 2001 and as detailed in the "Scheme of Arrangement between Boral Limited and the holders of its ordinary shares" issued 15 December 1999, will result in the options being treated in a similar manner to the share split.

Additional notes to Appendix 4B

1. Income tax expense

	Current period *	Previous corresponding period **
	\$A'000	\$A'000
Income tax expense on operating profit (item 1.7(i))	20,632	55,072
Income tax expense/(benefit) on abnormal items (item 1.7(ii))	-	(29,118)
Income tax expense for the period	20,632	25,954
Income tax expense on pretax accounting profit:		
(i) at Australian tax rate	24,762	57,478
(ii) adjustment for difference between Australian and overseas tax rates	(1,881)	1,272
Income tax expense on pretax accounting profit at standard rates	22,881	58,750
Add/(subtract) tax effect of major items causing permanent differences:		
Rebateable dividend income	(673)	(1,050)
Past tax losses and exploration expenditure recouped	-	(11,400)
Current losses not tax effected	33	4,148
Depreciation and amortisation	4,038	7,280
Capital (profits)/losses	(206)	(4,577)
Under/(over) provision for tax in previous years	1,303	(40)
Abnormal items not tax effected	-	5,436
Share of associates' net profit	(813)	(4,078)
Tax rate change	(1,242)	(23,000)
Tax losses acquired at a discount	(5,651)	(10,532)
Other items	962	5,017
	(2,249)	(32,796)
Income tax expense for the period	20,632	25,954

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Additional notes to Appendix 4B

2. SHARE CAPITAL

Issued and paid-up capital

574,345,967 (June 2000: 568,050,178)

ordinary shares, fully paid

Movements in share capital:

Balance at the beginning of the financial year

Shares issued:

6,295,789 (June 2000: 7,944,422) shares in accordance with the

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Consolidation of every 2 shares into 1 share in February 2000

Reduction in share capital #

Current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000
178,457	167,156
167,156	1,942,675
11,301	19,520
-	-
-	(1,795,039)
178,457	167,156

Reduction in issued capital for the in-specie distribution of Blue Circle Southern Cement Limited (renamed Boral Limited) shares to existing shareholders, pursuant to the "Scheme of Arrangement between Boral Limited and the holders of its ordinary shares", dated 15 December 1999 (568,050,178 shares in Blue Circle Southern Cement Limited @ \$3.16 were issued).

3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Unsecured bank guarantees

Current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000
21,946	13,179

Origin Energy Limited has given to its bankers letters of responsibility in respect of accommodation provided from time to time by the banks to Origin Energy Limited's wholly or partly-owned controlled entities.

Warranties and indemnities have been given by entities in the consolidated entity in relation to environmental liabilities for certain properties as part of the terms and conditions of divestments.

A number of sites within the Origin Energy Group have been identified as contaminated, generally as a result of prior activities conducted at the sites, and review and appropriate implementation of clean-up requirements for these is ongoing. For sites where the requirements can be assessed and costs estimated, clean-up costs have been expensed or provided for. For some sites, the requirements cannot be accurately assessed at this stage.

Certain entities within the consolidated entity are subject to various lawsuits and claims including native title claims. Any liabilities arising from such lawsuits and claims are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial statements.

The "Scheme of Arrangement between Boral Limited and the holders of its ordinary shares" issued 15 December 1999 contemplated the need for short term arrangements between Origin and New Boral. A Demerger Deed was entered into containing certain indemnities and other agreements between Origin and New Boral and their respective controlled entities covering the transfer of the businesses, investments, debt and assets of New Boral and some temporary shared arrangements.

Comments by directors

Basis of accounts preparation

This half-year consolidated financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Law, Accounting Standard 1029 "Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts", Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. It is recommended that this half-year financial report be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2000 Annual Report, Financial Statements and any public announcements by Origin Energy Limited and Controlled Entities during the half-year in accordance with continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Law.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by each entity in the consolidated entity and, except where there is a change in accounting policy, are consistent with those of the previous financial year .

The carrying amount of non-current assets are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount at the end of the half-year. If the carrying amount of a non-current asset exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount. In assessing recoverable amounts the relevant cash flows have been discounted to their present value.

For the purpose of preparing the half-year financial report, the half-year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

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

Refer attached Directors' Report

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.

Nil

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least a year.

The balance of the franking account as at 31 December 2000 is \$71,000 after adjusting for expected franking debits that will arise. The Company anticipates being able to pay a one or two cents fully franked dividend per share over the next 12 months.

Changes in accounting policies since the last annual report are disclosed as follows.

Revaluation of Non-current Assets

The consolidated entity has applied AASB 1041 "Revaluation of Non-current Assets for the first time from 1 July 2000. The standard requires each class of non-current asset, other than inventories, foreign currency monetary assets, goodwill, investments valued using the equity method and other assets measured at net market value where the market value movements are recognised in the profit and loss statement, to be measured at either the cost or fair value basis.

The consolidated entity has applied AASB 1041 as follows:

Land and Buildings

The consolidated entity has adopted the cost basis for land and buildings and has deemed the cost of the land and buildings to be equal to their carrying value as at 1 July 2000. The net carrying value brought forward as at 1 July 2000 comprised of \$7,765,000 carried at cost of acquisition, \$20,898,000 carried at independent valuations and \$10,015,000 carried at Directors' valuation.

The change in accounting policy has no financial effect in the current or prior periods.

Other Non-current Assets

The consolidated entity has continued to adopt the cost basis for other non-current assets such as receivables, plant and equipment, mine properties, investments other than investments valued using the equity method, intangibles other than goodwill, prepayments, and exploration, evaluation and development.

Compliance statement

1 This report has been prepared under the accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law.

2 This report is prepared in accordance with the Corporations Law.

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.

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 review report is attached.

6 The entity has a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here:

(Company secretary)

Date:

28 February 2001

Print name:

D. T. SMART

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Origin Energy Limited:

1. the financial report, set out on pages 1 to 15, are in accordance with the Corporations Law, including:
 - i). giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity as at 31 December 2000 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - ii). complying with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts" and the Corporations Regulations; and
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

H. Kevin McCann
Chairman

Sydney, 28 February 2001