

# APPENDIX 4D

## HALF-YEAR REPORT

11 February 2009

Boral Limited



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Name of Entity: **Boral Limited**  
ABN: **13 008 421 761**  
For the half year ended: **31 December 2008**

### Results for announcement to the market

				A\$ Millions
Revenues from ordinary activities	down	(1.2%)	to	2,594.4
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	down	(43.5%)	to	74.8
Net profit for the period attributable to members	down	(43.5%)	to	74.8
<b>Dividends</b>	Amount per security		Franked amount per security at 30% tax	
Current period				
Interim - ordinary	7.5 cents		7.5 cents	
Previous corresponding period				
Interim - ordinary	17 cents		17 cents	
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend			27 February 2009	

### Commentary on the results for the period

The commentary on the results of the period is contained in the "Results Announcement for the half-year ended 31 December 2008 - Management Discussion and Analysis" dated 11 February 2009.



Boral Limited

Half-Year Financial Report  
31 December 2008

ABN 13 008 421 761

The half-year financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, it is recommended that this report be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2008 and any public announcements made by Boral Limited during the half-year in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules of the Australian Securities Exchange.

## Directors' Report

The Directors of Boral Limited ("the Company") report on the consolidated entity, being the Company and its controlled entities, for the half-year ended 31 December 2008 ("the half-year"):

### 1. Review of Operations

The Directors review of the operations of the consolidated entity during the half-year and the results of those operations are as set out in the attached Results Announcement for the half-year.

### 2. Names of Directors

The names of persons who have been Directors of the Company during or since the end of the half-year are:

Kenneth J Moss (Chairman)  
Rodney T Pearse (Managing Director and CEO)  
Elizabeth A Alexander  
J Brian Clark  
E John Cloney  
Robert L Every  
Richard A Longes  
Paul A Rayner  
J Roland Williams

All of those persons, other than Ms Alexander and Mr Rayner, have been Directors at all times during and since the end of the half-year.

Mr Rayner was appointed a Director on 5 September 2008.

Ms Alexander was a Director from 1 July 2008 to 24 October 2008 on which date she retired from the Board.

### 3. Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration made under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 2 and forms part of this Directors' Report.

### 4. Rounding of Amounts

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 and, in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial report and Directors' Report have been rounded to the nearest one hundred thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



**Rodney T Pearse**  
Director

Sydney, 11 February 2009

## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration

under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Boral Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of the half-year ended 31 December

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Partner

Sydney, 11 February 2009

## Income Statement

BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Note	Half-Year 31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions	
Revenue	3	<b>2,594.4</b>	2,625.9	
Cost of sales		<b>(1,733.1)</b>	(1,710.1)	
Distribution expenses		<b>(420.2)</b>	(409.4)	
Selling and marketing expenses		<b>(104.7)</b>	(104.6)	
Administrative expenses		<b>(193.4)</b>	(178.6)	
		<b>(2,451.4)</b>	(2,402.7)	
Other income		<b>8.1</b>	5.9	
Other expenses		<b>(2.3)</b>	(0.2)	8.1

## Balance Sheet

### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Note	Consolidated	
		31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	30 Jun 2008 \$ millions
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		89.3	47.4
Receivables		810.9	881.7
Inventories		689.8	600.1
Other		57.2	41.6
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,647.2</b>	<b>1,570.8</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Receivables		56.3	39.8
Inventories		64.6	59.8
Investments accounted for using the equity method		350.2	298.2
Other financial assets	9	350.5	430.8
Property, plant and equipment		3,269.7	3,088.9
Intangible assets	10	390.8	326.1
Other		87.9	80.6
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>4,570.0</b>	<b>4,324.2</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>6,217.2</b>	<b>5,895.0</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables		650.0	686.4
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	11	65.2	47.2
Current tax liabilities		19.5	96.9
Provisions		181.2	194.8
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>915.9</b>	<b>1,025.3</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables		44.3	81.0
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	11	2,208.6	1,515.3
Deferred tax liabilities		203.9	316.9
Provisions		74.1	46.9
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,530.9</b>	<b>1,960.1</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,446.8</b>	<b>2,985.4</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Issued capital	12	1,673.6	1,673.1
Reserves		20.7	113.0
Retained earnings	13	1,075.0	1,121.5
<b>Total parent entity interest</b>		<b>2,769.3</b>	<b>2,907.6</b>
Minority interests		1.1	2.0
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	14	<b>2,770.4</b>	<b>2,909.6</b>

The balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form an integral part of the half-year financial report.

## Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

## Statement of Cash Flows

### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Note	Consolidated	
		Half-Year 31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from customers		2,927.5	2,833.9
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,699.9)	(2,545.7)
Dividends received		20.3	25.2
Interest received		3.6	2.9
Borrowing costs paid		(72.7)	(62.0)
Income taxes paid		(37.8)	(31.3)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>141.0</b>	<b>223.0</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(124.1)	(179.6)
Purchase of intangibles		(0.6)	-
Purchase of controlled entities and businesses (net of cash acquired)		(3.0)	(98.5)
Purchase of other investments		(0.6)	(1.4)
Loans to associates		(26.4)	(11.0)
Proceeds on disposal of businesses and non-current assets		11.2	5.3
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(143.5)</b>	<b>(285.2)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from issue of shares		0.1	1.5
Share buy-back (on-market)		(31.5)	-
Dividends paid (net of dividends reinvested under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan \$31.9 million (2007: \$22.0 million))		(67.7)	(80.2)
Proceeds from borrowings		436.2	236.9
Repayment of borrowings		(304.8)	(23.5)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>32.3</b>	<b>134.7</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>29.8</b>	<b>72.5</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		47.4	11.4
Effects of exchange rate fluctuations on the balances of cash and cash equivalents held in foreign currencies		12.1	(3.1)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	17	89.3	80.8

The statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form an integral part of the half-year financial report.



# Notes to the Financial Statements

BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Boral Limited (the "Company") is a company domiciled in Australia. The consolidated half-year financial report of the Company as at and for the half-year ended 31 December 2008 comprises the Company and its controlled entities (the "Group").

### (a) Basis of Preparation

The half-year consolidated financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the recognition and measurement requirements of applicable AASB standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The half-year report does not include full note disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report. As a result the half-year financial report should be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2008 Annual Financial Report and any public announcements by Boral Limited and its controlled entities during the half-year in accordance with

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BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

## 2. SEGMENTS

	<b>Half-Year</b> <b>31 Dec 2008</b> <b>\$ millions</b>	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions	<b>Half-Year</b> <b>31 Dec 2008</b> <b>\$ millions</b>	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions	<b>Half-Year</b> <b>31 Dec 2008</b> <b>\$ millions</b>	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions
<b>BUSINESS SEGMENTS</b>						

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

#### 2. SEGMENTS (Continued)

GEOGRAPHIC SEGMENTS	Half-Year	Half-Year	Half-Year	Half-Year	Half-Year	Half-Year
	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007
	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions
Revenue*						
Australia	2,151.1	2,141.0				
United States of America	313.5	381.0				
Asia	122.8	97.4				
Other	7.0	6.5				
	<b>2,594.4</b>	<b>2,625.9</b>				
	Operating profit (excluding associates)		Equity accounted results of associates		Operating profit before tax	
Australia	173.3	214.2	16.0	15.5	189.3	229.7
United States of America	(22.6)	23.7	(14.1)	(13.9)	(36.7)	9.8
Asia	2.1	(5.1)	4.7	9.7	6.8	4.6
Other	6.4	6.0	-	-	6.4	6.0
Corporate	(10.4)	(9.9)	-	-	(10.4)	(9.9)
	<b>148.8</b>	<b>228.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>155.4</b>	<b>240.2</b>
Net financing costs	(69.0)	(57.2)	-	-	(69.0)	(57.2)
	<b>79.8</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>183.0</b>
	Segment assets (excluding investments in associates)		Equity accounted investments in associates		Total assets	
	Half-Year	Full Year	Half-Year	Full Year	Half-Year	Full Year
	31 Dec 2008	30 Jun 2008	31 Dec 2008	30 Jun 2008	31 Dec 2008	30 Jun 2008
	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions
Australia	4,162.6	4,181.9	22.2	19.6	4,184.8	4,201.5
United States of America	1,115.8	820.6	90.7	76.7	1,206.5	897.3
Asia	143.1	112.7	237.3	201.9	380.4	314.6
Other	227.4	405.2	-	-	227.4	405.2
Corporate	128.8	29.0	-	-	128.8	29.0
	<b>5,777.7</b>	<b>5,549.4</b>	<b>350.2</b>	<b>298.2</b>	<b>6,127.9</b>	<b>5,847.6</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	89.3	47.4	-	-	89.3	47.4
	<b>5,867.0</b>	<b>5,596.8</b>	<b>350.2</b>	<b>298.2</b>	<b>6,217.2</b>	<b>5,895.0</b>

\* Revenue represents external sales from operating activities. It excludes intersegment sales as they are not considered material.

#### Geographic segments

Australia	Bricks, plasterboard, timber products, roof tiles, aluminium products, concrete products, quarries, road surfacing, premix concrete, precast concrete, fly ash, cement, quarry end use, transport, concrete placing and scaffolding.
United States of America	Bricks, roof tiles, fly ash, premix concrete, quarries and masonry.
Asia	Plasterboard, premix concrete and quarries.
Other	Investments in listed shares and non-trading operations.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Consolidated	
	Half-Year 31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions
<b>3. OPERATING PROFIT</b>		
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Sale of goods	2,559.7	2,589.5
Rendering of services	27.7	29.9
	<b>2,587.4</b>	2,619.4
<b>Other revenues</b>		
Dividends received from other parties	7.0	6.5
	<b>2,594.4</b>	2,625.9
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	129.4	119.7

### 4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The income tax expense for the six months to 31 December 2008 reflects the tax effect of losses in the US businesses during the period and the higher tax rate that applies to that jurisdiction.

### 5. EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### Classification of securities as ordinary shares

Only ordinary shares have been included in basic earnings per share.

#### Classification of securities as potential ordinary shares

Options outstanding under the Executive Share Option Plan and Share Performance Rights have been classified as potential ordinary shares and are included in diluted earnings per share only.

#### Earnings reconciliation

Net profit attributable to members of the parent entity	74.8	132.4
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	Consolidated	
	Half-Year 31 Dec 2008	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator</b>		
Number for basic earnings per share	585,578,160	601,005,572
Effect of potential ordinary shares	1,472,747	2,057,568
<b>Number for diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>587,050,907</b>	603,063,140
Basic earnings per share - ordinary shares	12.8c	22.0c
Diluted earnings per share - ordinary shares	12.7c	22.0c

The average market value of the Company's shares for the purpose of calculating the dilutive effect of share options was based on quoted market prices for the period that the options were outstanding.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

### 6. DIVIDENDS

	Amount per share	Total amount \$ millions	Franked amount per share	Date of payment
<b>For the half-year ended 31 December 2008</b>				

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

#### 7. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

Name	Principal Activity		31 Dec 2008 %	30 Jun 2008 %
<b>DETAILS OF INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES ARE AS FOLLOWS</b>				
Caribbean Roof Tile Company Limited	Rooftiles	31-Dec	50	50
Flyash Australia Pty Ltd	Flyash collection	30-Jun	50	50
Gypsum Resources Australia Pty Ltd	Gypsum mining	30-Jun	50	50
Highland Pine Products Pty Ltd	Timber	30-Jun	50	50
Lafarge Boral Gypsum in Asia Ltd	Plasterboard	31-Dec	50	50
Monier Lifetile LLC	Rooftiles	31-Dec	50	50
Monier Lifetile S.R.L. de C.V.	Rooftiles	31-Dec	50	50
Penrith Lakes Development Corporation Pty Ltd	Quarrying	30-Jun	40	40
Rondo Building Services Pty Ltd	Rollform system	30-Jun	50	50
South East Asphalt Pty Ltd	Asphalt	30-Jun	50	50
Sunstate Cement Ltd	Cement manufacturer	30-Jun	50	50
Tile Service Company LLC	Rooftiles	31-Dec	50	50
US Tile LLC	Rooftiles	31-Dec	50	50

	Half-Year 31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	Half-Year 31 Dec 2007 \$ millions
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#### RESULTS OF ASSOCIATES

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BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

<b>Half-Year</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
<b>31 Dec 2008</b>	<b>30 Jun 2008</b>
<b>\$ millions</b>	<b>\$ millions</b>

## 9. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

### NON-CURRENT

Listed shares - at fair value

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Consolidated	
	Half-Year 31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	Full Year 30 Jun 2008 \$ millions
<b>11. INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Bank overdrafts - unsecured	-	-
Bank loans - unsecured	4.7	2.9
Other loans - unsecured	60.1	43.5
Finance lease liabilities	0.4	0.8
	<b>65.2</b>	<b>47.2</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Other loans - secured	-	0.2
Bank loans - unsecured	502.8	50.0
Other loans - unsecured	1,705.8	1,465.0
Finance lease liabilities	-	0.1
	<b>2,208.6</b>	<b>1,515.3</b>
	<b>2,273.8</b>	<b>1,562.5</b>

### TERM AND DEBT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

Terms and conditions of outstanding loans were as follows:

	Consolidated				
	Currency	Effective interest rate			Year of maturity
<b>CURRENT</b>					
US senior notes - unsecured	USD	6.62%	2009	60.1	43.5
Bank loans - unsecured	THB	3.97%	2009	4.6	2.5
Bank loans - unsecured	AUD	4.62%	2009	0.1	0.4
Finance lease liabilities	AUD	6.84%	2009	0.4	0.8
				<b>65.2</b>	<b>47.2</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>					
US senior notes - unsecured	USD	6.42%	2012-2020	1,580.1	1,086.8
US commercial paper - unsecured	USD	-	-	-	131.4
Term credit facility - unsecured	USD	3.14%	2011	160.3	-
Term credit facility - unsecured	AUD	5.83%	2011	275.6	-
AUD notes - unsecured	AUD	5.58%	2011	125.5	246.6
Bank loans - unsecured	THB	3.71%	2010	66.9	50.0
Other loans - secured	AUD	-	-	-	0.2
Other loans - unsecured	AUD	7.00%	2011	0.2	0.2
Finance lease liabilities	AUD	-	-	-	0.1
				<b>2,208.6</b>	<b>1,515.3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>2,273.8</b>	<b>1,562.5</b>



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### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Half-Year 31 Dec 2008 \$ millions	Full Year 30 Jun 2008 \$ millions
<b>12. ISSUED CAPITAL</b>		
585,756,955 (30 Jun 2008: 585,735,263) ordinary shares, fully paid	<b>1,673.6</b>	1,673.1
<b>MOVEMENTS IN ISSUED CAPITAL</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the period	<b>1,673.1</b>	1,688.1
4,950,202 (30 Jun 2008: 6,067,169) shares issued under the dividend reinvestment plan	<b>31.9</b>	41.4
21,692 (30 Jun 2008: 280,950) shares issued upon the exercise of executive options	<b>0.1</b>	1.5
4,950,202 (30 Jun 2008: Nil) share buy-back (on-market)	<b>(31.5)</b>	-
Nil (30 Jun 2008: 20,019,889) share buy-back (off-market)	-	(57.9)
Balance at the end of the period	<b>1,673.6</b>	1,673.1
<b>13. RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the period	<b>1,121.5</b>	1,148.2
Net profit attributable to members of the parent entity	<b>74.8</b>	242.8 Balance a

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### BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

#### 15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has given to its bankers letters of responsibility in respect of accommodation provided from time to time by the banks to controlled entities.

A number of sites within the 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, estimated clean-up costs have been expensed or provided for. For some sites, the requirements cannot be reliably assessed at this stage.

Certain entities within the Group are subject to various lawsuits and claims in the ordinary course of business.

Consistent with other companies of the size and diversity of Boral, the Group is the subject of periodic information requests, investigations and audit activity by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and tax authorities in other jurisdictions in which Boral operates.

During the half-year, ongoing enquiries were made by the ATO relating to a transaction occurring at the time of the demerger. Whilst assessments have not been issued by the ATO, it is undertaking further work in relation to the matter including its internal review processes.

In the US, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is reviewing two transactions which occurred prior to the demerger which it believes may result in additional assessable income to the Group. No assessments have been issued in relation to these matters and the Group is in continuing dialogue with the IRS with a view to settling these matters.

A deed was entered into at the time of the demerger which contained certain indemnities and other agreements between the Company and Origin Energy Limited and their respective controlled entities covering the transfer of the businesses, investments, tax, other liabilities, debt and assets of the Group and some temporary shared arrangements. A wholly owned subsidiary of Origin has received an amended assessment from the ATO for the year ended 30 June 1999. The amounts assessed consist of \$27.5 million of primary tax and a general interest charge of \$15.8 million. This assessment has been objected to and Origin has been in discussions with the ATO with a view to settling this matter. To the extent that the settlement results in a payment, Origin is likely to rely on indemnities contained in the demerger deed. The company believes that any payment will be within the current

# Notes to the Financial Statements

BORAL LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

## 16. ACQUISITIONS/DISPOSALS

## Statutory Statements



## Independent auditor's review report to the members of Boral Limited

### Report on the Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Boral Limited, which comprises the consolidated half-year balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, income statement, statement of recognised income and expense and cash flow statement for the half-year ended on that date, a statement of accounting policies, other selected explanatory notes 1 to 17 and the Directors' Declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during the half-year.

### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001. As auditor of Boral Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

### Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Boral Limited is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

**KPMG**

**David Rogers**  
Partner

Sydney, 11 February 2009