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TCNZ Finance Limited

# Annual Report

For the year ended 30 June 2012

## Directors' report

For the year ended 30 June 2012

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TCNZ Finance Limited ('TCNZ Finance' or 'the Company') is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited ('Telecom') and is the principal finance company for the Telecom group. TCNZ Finance was incorporated in 1991, established an Australian branch in 2001 and a Bermudian branch in 2004. These branches closed their operations in the period ended 30 June 2012 as part of a group restructure following Telecom's demerger of Chorus Limited ('demerger').

These financial statements include the activities of TCNZ Finance, the Australian Branch and the Bermudian Branch (each branch up to the date of closure) and have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993, the Securities Act 1978 and the Securities Regulations 2009.

### Principal activities

TCNZ Finance raises debt funding in New Zealand and internationally. The majority of these funds are then advanced to other members of the Telecom group in order to assist in funding their operations.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risks to TCNZ Finance are foreign exchange rate, interest rate, credit, liquidity, and equity risks. A summary of those risks and TCNZ Finance's risk management objectives and policies are set out in notes 15 to 17 to these financial statements. The directors of TCNZ Finance do not believe there is any significant net risk to TCNZ Finance as financial assets are matched by financial liabilities with similar characteristics. There have been no material events or circumstances that have occurred subsequent to balance date that require disclosure.

TCNZ Finance enters into derivative financial instruments in order to manage the foreign exchange and interest rate risk associated with its borrowings as well as to manage the foreign exchange risk associated with the operations of the Telecom group. As the proceeds of debt are advanced to other members of the Telecom group, the ability of TCNZ Finance to meet its obligations under the debt issues depends upon the payment of the principal and interest due from the other Telecom group companies.

### Business review

TCNZ Finance recorded a net loss for the year ended 30 June 2012 of \$403 million compared to a net profit of \$303 million for the year ended 30 June 2011. The majority of the loss related to debt forgiveness of \$546 million of debentures and other loans from a fellow subsidiary. Volatility in earnings is also caused by TCNZ Finance's exposure to movements in foreign exchange rates on derivative financial instruments that are held on behalf of the Telecom group. Additionally, \$170 million of the current period's loss arose from debt restructuring following demerger, which gave rise to the novation of part of the Company's pounds sterling (GBP) notes, repayment of Swiss Francs (CHF), Canadian dollars (CAD), and US dollars (USD) notes, and novation and closure of the associated derivatives. The net foreign exchange loss for the year ended 30 June 2012 was \$32 million aside from costs arising as part of the demerger, compared to a net gain of \$115 million in the year ended 30 June 2011.

The net assets of TCNZ Finance as at 30 June 2012 were \$1,423 million compared to \$1,808 million as at 30 June 2011. The share capital of TCNZ Finance is \$883 million (30 June 2011: \$883 million), consisting of 882,872,600 issued and fully paid shares, of which 342,872,600 are ordinary shares. TCNZ Finance did not acquire any of its own shares during the year ended 30 June 2012 (30 June 2011: nil).

The directors of TCNZ Finance consider the results of the Company to be satisfactory and the Company to be in a sound financial position.

TCNZ Finance solely lends to other companies within the Telecom group and accordingly, its financial performance should be considered in conjunction with the financial performance of the Telecom group. A copy of the Telecom group's results for the year ended 30 June 2012 can be found at <http://investor.telecom.co.nz> or a copy can be requested from the registered office of TCNZ Finance.

### General

Based on current expectations TCNZ Finance will continue to operate as the principal finance company for the Telecom group. TCNZ Finance does not engage in research and development activities.

On behalf of the Board



John van Woerkom  
DIRECTOR  
24 August 2012



Mark Laing  
DIRECTOR

## Directors' report

For the year ended 30 June 2012

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### Declaration pursuant to Article 3 (2) (c) of the Transparency Law dated 11 January 2008

We, John van Woerkom and Mark Laing, both directors of TCNZ Finance (herein after the 'Issuer'), hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge, the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012, which have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and income statement of the Issuer and that the Directors' report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Issuer, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Issuer faces.



John van Woerkom  
DIRECTOR



Mark Laing  
DIRECTOR

24 August 2012

## Other information

For the year ended 30 June 2012

### Directors

The directors of TCNZ Finance as at 30 June 2012 were:

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Tristan Gilbertson | Telecom's Group General Counsel              |
| Nick Olson         | Telecom's Chief Financial Officer            |
| John van Woerkom   | Telecom's Group Controller                   |
| Mark Laing         | Telecom's General Manager of Capital Markets |

The directors of TCNZ Finance are all employees of the Telecom group and accordingly are not independent directors.

The following directors resigned during the year ended 30 June 2012:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Anthony Parker | resigned as director effective 8 August 2011 |
| Paul Reynolds  | resigned as director effective 31 May 2012   |

The following director was appointed during the year ended 30 June 2012:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Mark Laing | appointed as director effective 8 August 2011 |
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The following director was appointed subsequent to 30 June 12:

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Simon Moutter | appointed as director effective 13 August 2012 |
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### Corporate governance

The board of Telecom is committed to ensuring that the Telecom group maintains international best practice governance structures and adheres to the highest ethical standards. TCNZ Finance operates within the corporate governance policies, practices and processes of the Telecom group. A full description of these are provided in the corporate governance section of the Telecom group annual report, which can be found at: <http://investor.telecom.co.nz>.

### Interest register

Deeds of indemnity have been given to the directors of TCNZ Finance in relation to potential liabilities and costs that they may incur for acts or omissions in their capacities as directors of TCNZ Finance and as employees of the Telecom group. In addition, the directors of Telecom have approved directors and officers liability insurance to cover risks normally covered by such policies arising out of acts or omissions of directors of Telecom and of its subsidiaries, including TCNZ Finance and of employees of the Telecom group. The insurance does not cover dishonest, fraudulent, malicious or wilful acts.

### Credit rating

Telecom (which guarantees TCNZ Finance's debt) has credit ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service on its indebtedness. Details of current ratings as at 30 June 2012 are as follows:

#### **Standard & Poor's**

Long-term senior debt: A-  
Short-term debt: A-2  
Outlook: Stable

#### **Moody's Investors Service**

Long-term senior debt: A3  
Short-term debt: P-2  
Outlook: Stable

## **Other information**

*For the year ended 30 June 2012*

### **Other statutory information**

As at 30 June 2012 TCNZ Finance had no employees (30 June 2011: one).

TCNZ Finance made no charitable donations during the year.

### **Net tangible assets per security**

Net tangible assets per security as at 30 June 2012 are \$1.61 (30 June 2011: \$2.05).

### **Net earnings per security**

Net earnings per security for the year ended 30 June 2012 (net of one off demerger costs) were \$0.324 (30 June 2011: \$0.343)

### **NZDX Waivers applicable to 30 June 2012**

Waiver from NZDX Listing Rule 11.1.1 (granted on 20 June 2008) to allow TCNZ Finance to refuse a transfer of Telebonds if it is not for a minimum of a principal amount of \$2,000 Telebonds of one maturity date, and in multiples of \$500 thereafter.

**Income Statement***For the years ended 30 June 2012 and 2011*

| Year ended 30 June                           | Notes | 2012<br>\$m  | 2011<br>\$m |
|--|-------|--------------|-------------|
| Finance income                               | 2     | 831          | 902         |
| Finance expense                              | 2     | (464)        | (648)       |
| <b>Net finance income</b>                    |       | <b>367</b>   | <b>254</b>  |
| Other income                                 | 3     | 60           | 132         |
| Other expenses                               | 3     | (53)         | (12)        |
| Debt restructuring costs                     | 4     | (170)        | -           |
| Fellow subsidiary debt forgiveness           | 5     | (546)        | -           |
| <b>Net earnings/(loss) before income tax</b> |       | <b>(342)</b> | <b>374</b>  |
| Income tax expense                           | 6     | (61)         | (71)        |
| <b>Net earnings/(loss) for the year</b>      |       | <b>(403)</b> | <b>303</b>  |

**Statement of Comprehensive Income***For the years ended 30 June 2012 and 2011*

| Year ended 30 June  | Notes | 2012<br>\$m  | 2011<br>\$m |
|---|-------|--------------|-------------|
| Net earnings/(loss) for the year                                      |       | (403)        | 303         |
| Other comprehensive income  |       |              |             |
| Translation of foreign branches                                       |       | -            | (2)         |
| Cash flow hedges  |       | 67           | (44)        |
| Reclassification to income statement of disposal of foreign operation | 3     | (28)         | -           |
| Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income       | 13    | (21)         | 25          |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax            |       | 18           | (21)        |
| <b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>                 |       | <b>(385)</b> | <b>282</b>  |

*The accompanying notes from part of and are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.*

**Statement of Changes in Equity***For the years ended 30 June 2012 and 2011*

|  | Contributed<br>capital<br>Number (m) | Contributed<br>capital<br>\$m | Retained<br>earnings<br>\$m | Hedge<br>reserve<br>\$m | Foreign<br>currency<br>translation<br>reserve<br>\$m | Total<br>equity<br>\$m |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Balance as at 1 July 2011</b>                     | <b>883</b>                           | <b>883</b>                    | <b>949</b>                  | <b>(52)</b>             | <b>28</b>  | <b>1,808</b>           |
| Net (loss) for the year                              | -                                    | -                             | (403)                       | -                       | -  | (403)                  |
| Other comprehensive income for the year <sup>1</sup> | -                                    | -                             | -                           | 46                      | (28)   | 18                     |
| Total recognised income and expenses                 |                                      |                               | (403)                       | 46                      | (28)   | (385)                  |
| <b>Balance as at 30 June 2012</b>                    | <b>883</b>                           | <b>883</b>                    | <b>546</b>                  | <b>(6)</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>1,423</b>           |

|  | Contributed<br>capital<br>Number (m) | Contributed<br>capital<br>\$m | Retained<br>earnings<br>\$m | Hedge<br>reserve<br>\$m | Foreign<br>currency<br>translation<br>reserve<br>\$m | Total<br>equity<br>\$m |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Balance as at 1 July 2010</b>                   | <b>883</b>                           | <b>883</b>                    | <b>646</b>                  | <b>(21)</b>             | <b>18</b>  | <b>1,526</b>           |
| Net earnings for the year                          | -                                    | -                             | 303                         | -                       | -  | 303                    |
| Other comprehensive loss for the year <sup>1</sup> | -                                    | -                             | -                           | (31)                    | 10   | (21)                   |
| Total recognised income and expenses               | -                                    | -                             | 303                         | (31)                    | 10   | 282                    |
| <b>Balance as at 30 June 2011</b>                  | <b>883</b>                           | <b>883</b>                    | <b>949</b>                  | <b>(52)</b>             | <b>28</b>  | <b>1,808</b>           |

<sup>1</sup> Other comprehensive income components are shown net of tax.*The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.*

## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2012 and 2011

| As at 30 June                          | Notes | 2012<br>\$m   | 2011<br>\$m   |
|--|-------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |       |               |               |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                 |       |               |               |
| Cash                                   |       | 34            | 207           |
| Collateral funds                       |       | -             | 110           |
| Prepayments                            |       | 2             | -             |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies | 7     | 969           | 2,269         |
| Short-term derivative assets           | 8     | 4             | 15            |
| <b>Total current assets</b>            |       | <b>1,009</b>  | <b>2,601</b>  |
| <b>Non-current assets:</b>             |       |               |               |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies | 7     | 9,664         | 11,430        |
| Long-term derivative assets            | 8     | 14            | 132           |
| Deferred tax asset                     | 13    | -             | 25            |
| Investments                            | 9     | 540           | 540           |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>        |       | <b>10,218</b> | <b>12,127</b> |
| <b>Total assets</b>                    |       | <b>11,227</b> | <b>14,728</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>          |       |               |               |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>            |       |               |               |
| Income tax payable                     |       | 52            | 26            |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies   | 10    | 8,704         | 10,099        |
| Short-term derivative liabilities      | 8     | 4             | 334           |
| Debt due within one year               | 11    | 407           | 397           |
| Accrued interest                       |       | 7             | 35            |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>       |       | <b>9,174</b>  | <b>10,891</b> |
| <b>Non-current liabilities:</b>        |       |               |               |
| Long-term derivative liabilities       | 8     | 23            | 329           |
| Deferred tax liabilities               | 13    | 2             | -             |
| Long-term debt                         | 12    | 605           | 1,700         |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>   |       | <b>630</b>    | <b>2,029</b>  |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>               |       | <b>9,804</b>  | <b>12,920</b> |
| <b>Equity:</b>                         |       |               |               |
| Share capital                          |       | 883           | 883           |
| Reserves                               |       | (6)           | (24)          |
| Retained earnings                      |       | 546           | 949           |
| <b>Total equity</b>                    | 14    | <b>1,423</b>  | <b>1,808</b>  |
| <b>Total liabilities and equity</b>    |       | <b>11,227</b> | <b>14,728</b> |

On behalf of the Board



**John van Woerkom**  
DIRECTOR

Authorised for issue on 24 August 2012



**Mark Laing**  
DIRECTOR

The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.



**Statement of Cash flow***For the years ended 30 June 2012 and 2011*

| Year ended 30 June                                     | Note | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>            |      |             |             |
| Interest income  |      | 831         | 902         |
| Interest paid on debt                                  |      | (478)       | (640)       |
| Net cash flows from operating activities               | 22   | 353         | 262         |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>            |      |             |             |
| Net advances (to)/from other Telecom Group companies   |      | 547         | (40)        |
| Payments on settlement of forward exchange contracts   |      | (27)        | (13)        |
| Receipts from settlement of forward exchange contracts |      | -           | 2           |
| Net cash flow applied (to)/from investing activities   |      | 520         | (51)        |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>            |      |             |             |
| Debt Restructuring costs                               |      | (205)       | -           |
| Decrease/(Increase) in collateral funds                |      | 110         | (89)        |
| Proceeds from long-term debt                           |      | 300         | -           |
| Repayment of long-term debt                            |      | (964)       | (28)        |
| Proceeds from short-term debt                          |      | 1,532       | 663         |
| Repayment of short-term debt                           |      | (1,511)     | (749)       |
| Proceeds from derivatives                              |      | 961         | -           |
| Repayment of derivatives                               |      | (1,271)     | -           |
| Net cash flow applied to financing activities          |      | (1,048)     | (203)       |
| Net cash flow  |      | (175)       | 8           |
| Foreign exchange movements                             |      | 2           | 4           |
| Net cash at beginning of period                        |      | 207         | 195         |
| <b>Net cash position at end of period</b>              |      | <b>34</b>   | <b>207</b>  |

*The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these financial statements.*

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2012

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### Note 1 Statement of accounting policies

#### (a) Constitution, ownership and activities

TCNZ Finance Limited is a profit-oriented company registered in New Zealand under the Companies Act 1993 and is an issuer for the purposes of the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

TCNZ Finance Limited was incorporated in New Zealand on 19 July 1991 in the name of Randori Holdings Limited as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited (the 'parent company'). Randori Holdings Limited changed its name to TCNZ Finance Limited on 24 September 1991 and re-registered under the Companies Act 1993 on 31 January 1997. TCNZ Finance Limited Australian Branch ('Australian Branch') was established in 2001 and in 2004 TCNZ Finance established TCNZ Finance Limited Bermudian Branch ('Bermudian Branch'). In the period ended 30 June 2012 these branches closed their operations as a result of a group restructure. These financial statements include the activities of TCNZ Finance, the Australian Branch and the Bermudian Branch (each branch up to the date of closure) and have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993, the Securities Act 1978 and the Securities Regulations 2009.

The principal activity of TCNZ Finance is that of a finance company for the parent company and its subsidiaries (the 'Telecom Group'). In these accounts the term 'fellow subsidiaries' is used to describe other subsidiaries of the parent company.

These financial statements are expressed in New Zealand dollars, which is TCNZ Finance's functional currency. References in these financial statements to '\$' and 'NZ\$' are to New Zealand dollars, references to 'US\$' and 'USD' are to US dollars, references to 'A\$' and 'AUD' are to Australian dollars, references to 'CAD' are to Canadian dollars, references to 'EUR' are to Euros, references to 'GBP' are to Pounds Sterling and references to 'CHF' are to Swiss Francs. All financial information presented in New Zealand dollars, US Dollars, Australian dollars, Swiss Francs, Euros and Pounds Sterling have been rounded to the nearest million, unless otherwise stated.

#### (b) Basis of preparation

These financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. They have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993, which requires compliance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('NZ IFRS') as appropriate for profit-oriented entities.

The measurement basis adopted in the preparation of these financial statements is historical cost, modified by the revaluation of financial instruments as identified in the specific accounting policies below and the accompanying notes.

The financial statements were approved by the directors of TCNZ Finance on 24 August 2012.

#### (c) Specific accounting policies

As described below, these accounting policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

##### *Finance income and expense*

Interest income and expense is recognised on an effective interest rate method.

##### *Accounts receivable*

Accounts receivable are recorded initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment losses due to bad and doubtful accounts. The provision for doubtful debts is based on management's assessment of amounts considered uncollectable for specific customers or groups of customers based on age of debt, history of payments, account activity, economic factors and other relevant information. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's unamortised cost and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. Any provision is recognised in the income statement.

## Notes to the financial statements

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### Note 1 Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Bad debts are written off against the provision for doubtful accounts in the period in which it is determined that the debts are uncollectable. If those debts are subsequently collected, then a gain is recognised in the income statement.

#### *Cash*

Cash is considered to be cash on hand, in banks and short-term investments or deposits with an original maturity date of less than three months. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of TCNZ Finance's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the cash flow statement. Cash and cash equivalents are recorded initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

In addition, cash flows from certain items are disclosed net, due to the short-term maturities and volume of transactions involved, or where right of set-off is available.

Cash excludes collateral pledged, which is separately disclosed as collateral funds. Collateral funds represent funds deposited by TCNZ Finance with counterparties of certain derivatives in accordance with the terms of certain bilateral credit support agreements. These funds are held in accounts to which Telecom's access is restricted and are therefore shown separately from cash.

#### *Investments*

Investments fall into the following categories: loans and receivables or available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired and is re-evaluated by management at each reporting date.

Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investments in fellow subsidiaries (classified as available for sale) are held at cost and tested for impairment annually (see note 15).

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not traded in an active market. These assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### *Debt*

Debt is recognised initially at fair value less attributable transactions costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, debt is stated at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings on an effective interest rate method, unless the debt is in a designated fair value relationship, in which case it is carried at fair value.

#### *Taxation*

The taxation expense charged to earnings includes both current and deferred tax. Current tax is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted, or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Future tax benefits are recognised where realisation of the asset is probable.

Current tax and deferred tax are recognised in the income statement except when the tax relates to items charged or credited directly to other comprehensive income or equity, in which case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or equity.

#### *Impairment of non-derivative financial assets*

The carrying amount of TCNZ Finance's non-derivative financial assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment.

#### *Derivative financial instruments*

TCNZ Finance uses derivative financial instruments to reduce the Telecom Group's exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

Cash flow hedges are designated as hedges of highly probable forecast transactions.

## Notes to the financial statements

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### Note 1 Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value and changes therein are accounted for as described below.

Gains and losses on fair value hedges are included in the income statement, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are initially recognised in other comprehensive income and held in the hedge reserve in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the income statement. Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified in the income statement in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss. When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in the cash flow hedge reserve at that time remains in the hedge reserve until the underlying physical exposure occurs.

For an instrument to qualify as a hedge, at the inception of the derivative transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items must be documented, as must the Company's risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. On an ongoing basis the Company must document whether the hedges are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values of cash flows or hedged items.

The movement in the fair value of derivative financial instruments that do not qualify, or no longer qualify, as hedges is recognised in the income statement.

The foreign exchange gains and losses on the principal value of cross-currency swaps are reflected in the income statement using the spot rate, which offsets the foreign exchange gains and losses recorded on the underlying hedged transaction.

Cash flows from derivatives are recognised in the statement of cash flow in the same category as that of the hedged item.

#### *Foreign currencies*

Transactions denominated in a foreign currency are converted at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency receivables and payables at balance date are translated at exchange rates current at balance date. Unrealised and realised exchange gains and losses are brought to account in determining the net earnings for the year.

#### *Translation of foreign branches*

Prior to closing its operations in the period ended 30 June 2012 assets and liabilities of the Australian Branch were translated at exchange rates current at balance date. Revenues and expenses were translated at rates approximating the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. The exchange gain or loss arising on translation of the Australian Branch was recorded in the foreign currency translation reserve.

#### *Comparatives*

Certain comparative information has been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

#### *(d) Use of estimates and judgement*

The principal areas of judgement in preparing these financial statements are set out below.

#### *Valuation of investments*

Management performs assessments of the carrying value of long-term investments. In assessing whether there has been impairment, consideration is given to the financial performance of the investee and other factors that impact management's expectation of recovering the value of the investment. This assessment also requires management to make judgements about the expected future performance and cash flows of the investee in order to determine the fair value of investments.

#### *(e) Changes in Accounting Policies*

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year ended 30 June 2012.

## Notes to the financial statements

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### Note 2 Finance income and expense

| Year ended 30 June   | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Finance income:  |             |             |
| Interest income on loans to other Telecom Group companies    | 828         | 897         |
| Interest income from deposits                                | 3           | 5           |
| <b>Total finance income</b>                                  | <b>831</b>  | <b>902</b>  |
| Finance expense:   |             |             |
| Finance expense on long-term debt:                           |             |             |
| - Euro Medium Term Notes ('EMTN') <sup>1</sup>               | 68          | 157         |
| - TeleBonds  | 40          | 41          |
| Revaluation of interest rate derivatives                     | 3           | 3           |
| Interest expense on loans from other Telecom Group companies | 333         | 434         |
| Other interest and finance expense                           | 20          | 13          |
| <b>Total finance expense</b>                                 | <b>464</b>  | <b>648</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$24 million reclassified from the cash flow hedge reserve for the year ended 30 June 2012 (30 June 2011: \$73 million).

### Note 3 Other income and expenses

| Year ended 30 June                      | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Other income:                           |             |             |
| Net realised foreign exchange gains     | 20          | -           |
| Net unrealised foreign exchange gains   | -           | 126         |
| Revaluation of derivatives              | 12          | 6           |
| Gain on winding up of foreign operation | 28          | -           |
| <b>Total other income</b>               | <b>60</b>   | <b>132</b>  |
| Other expenses:                         |             |             |
| Net unrealised foreign exchange losses  | 52          | -           |
| Net realised foreign exchange losses    | -           | 11          |
| Other operating expenses                | 1           | 1           |
| <b>Total other expenses</b>             | <b>53</b>   | <b>12</b>   |

Administration costs, including audit fees for the period of \$26,399 (30 June 2011: \$26,399) have been recorded by a fellow subsidiary company.

No fees or other remuneration have been paid to the directors by TCNZ Finance in respect of services provided by the directors to TCNZ Finance. The directors of TCNZ Finance receive remuneration from a fellow subsidiary company.

In the year ended 30 June 2012 a gain of \$28 million was recognised on the winding up of the Australian Branch. This gain relates to recycling the foreign currency translation reserve balance relating to accumulated foreign exchange gains on translation of the Australian Branch assets and liabilities to the income statement.

## Notes to the financial statements

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### Note 4 Debt restructuring costs

Telecom successfully demerged Chorus Limited ('Chorus') effective from 1 December 2011 after 99.8% of all votes cast by the Parent Company's shareholders were in favour of the demerger proposal.

As part of demerger and related refinancing, TCNZ Finance incurred costs of \$170 million in relation to the novation or repayment of TCNZ Finance's GBP, CHF, and CAD bonds and associated derivatives. This \$170 million comprised \$36 million of economic financing costs along with \$134 million of accounting costs being realised in closing out debt and derivative positions. These economic positions had previously either been accumulating in the cash flow hedge reserve, or not recognised due to debt instruments being measured at amortised cost. These positions would have been recognised in the income statement over time had the instruments been held to maturity.

### Note 5 Fellow subsidiary debt forgiveness

As part of TCNZ Finance's closure of its Australian Branch, TCNZ Finance forgave \$546 million (A\$416 million) of debentures and other loans from a fellow subsidiary.

### Note 6 Income tax

| Year ended 30 June                           | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Current tax expense/(credit)                 | 55          | 75          |
| Deferred tax expense/(credit)                | 7           | (4)         |
| Adjustments in respect of prior periods      | (1)         | -           |
|  | <b>61</b>   | <b>71</b>   |
| <i>Reconciliation of income tax expense:</i> |             |             |
| Net earnings/(loss) before income tax        | (342)       | 374         |
| Tax at current rate of 28% (2011: 30%)       | (96)        | 112         |
| <i>Adjustments to taxation:</i>              |             |             |
| Non-taxable foreign exchange (gains)/losses  | 4           | (41)        |
| Non-deductible expenses                      | 1           | -           |
| Non-deductible debt forgiveness              | 153         | -           |
| Adjustment in respect of prior periods       | (1)         | -           |
| <b>Income tax expense</b>                    | <b>61</b>   | <b>71</b>   |

<sup>1</sup> The company tax rate changed in New Zealand from 30% to 28%, effective for TCNZ Finance Limited from 1 July 2011

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### Note 7 Due from other Telecom Group companies

| 30 June   | 2012<br>\$m   | 2011<br>\$m   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Current assets:                                     |               |               |
| Advances to the parent company                      | 32            | 480           |
| Advances to fellow subsidiaries                     | 937           | 1,789         |
|   | <b>969</b>    | <b>2,269</b>  |
| Non-current assets:                                 |               |               |
| Advances to the parent company                      | 4,083         | 3,781         |
| Debentures issued by fellow subsidiary              | 2,496         | 3,322         |
| Advances to fellow subsidiaries                     | 3,085         | 4,327         |
|   | <b>9,664</b>  | <b>11,430</b> |
| <b>Total due from other Telecom Group companies</b> | <b>10,633</b> | <b>13,699</b> |

Current amounts due from the parent company and New Zealand subsidiary companies have interest rates of between 2.75% and 10% (30 June 2011: between 2.75% and 10%). These amounts are repayable at the option of TCNZ Finance and the parent company and fellow subsidiary companies (as applicable).

The term advances to the parent company and fellow subsidiary companies have interest rates between 5.5% and 10.0% (30 June 2011: 2.9% and 10.0%). These advances can be redeemed at book value at the option of either party. For purposes of classification between current and non-current assets in the statement of financial position these items have been allocated based upon expected realisation.

The debentures pay interest according to either the profitability of the fellow subsidiary or the payment of dividends on certain classes of shares issued by the fellow subsidiary. The debentures are denominated in Australian dollars and are redeemable at the option of TCNZ Finance. During the period TCNZ Finance forgave \$546m (A\$416m) of debentures in relation to the closure of TCNZ Finance's Australian Branch.

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### Note 8 Derivative assets and liabilities

| 30 June                                   | 2012<br>Fair value<br>\$m | 2011<br>Fair value<br>\$m |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Short-term derivative assets:</b>      |                           |                           |
| Forward exchange contracts                | 4                         | 14                        |
| Currency options                          | -                         | 1                         |
|   | <b>4</b>                  | <b>15</b>                 |
| <b>Long-term derivative assets:</b>       |                           |                           |
| Forward exchange contracts                | 1                         | 4                         |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps        | 13                        | 128                       |
|   | <b>14</b>                 | <b>132</b>                |
| <b>Short-term derivative liabilities:</b> |                           |                           |
| Forward exchange contracts                | (4)                       | (14)                      |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps        | -                         | (317)                     |
| Interest rate swaps                       | -                         | (2)                       |
| Currency options                          | -                         | (1)                       |
|   | <b>(4)</b>                | <b>(334)</b>              |
| <b>Long-term derivative liabilities:</b>  |                           |                           |
| Forward exchange contracts                | -                         | (4)                       |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps        | (17)                      | (176)                     |
| Interest rate swaps                       | (6)                       | (149)                     |
|   | <b>(23)</b>               | <b>(329)</b>              |

#### Notional amounts of derivative financial instruments:

| 30 June                            | Currency | Maturities        | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps | AUD:USD  | 2011 <sup>1</sup> | -           | 624         |
|                                    | NZD:GBP  | 2018-2020         | 110         | 1,082       |
|                                    | NZD:CAD  | 2013 <sup>1</sup> | -           | 378         |
|                                    | NZD:CHF  | 2012 <sup>1</sup> | -           | 258         |
| Interest rate swaps                | AUD      | 2011 <sup>1</sup> | -           | 1,428       |
|                                    | NZD      | 2012-2020         | 110         | 482         |
| Forward exchange contracts         | NZD:AUD  | 2012-2013         | 49          | 337         |
|                                    | NZD:USD  | 2012-2014         | 190         | 290         |
|                                    | NZD:EUR  | 2012-2013         | 54          | 83          |
|                                    | Other    | 2012-2013         | 70          | 46          |
| Currency options                   | NZD:EUR  | 2012-2013         | 19          | 43          |
|                                    | NZD:USD  | 2012-2013         | 24          | 63          |
|                                    | NZD:AUD  | 2012-2013         | 8           | 21          |

<sup>1</sup> Closed out prior to demerger

Certain derivatives are in cash flow hedging relationships where those derivatives meet certain criteria and are deemed an effective hedge. The change in the mark-to-market fair value of these derivatives is recognised directly in the hedge reserve within other comprehensive income. The movement in the fair value of all other derivatives has been recognised in the income statement.

All derivative financial assets and liabilities are expected to be held to maturity. As at 30 June 2012 the expected net contractual settlement, being the contractual amounts at current foreign exchange and interest rates, was a liability of \$23 million (30 June 2011: \$456 million) compared to a fair value liability of \$9 million (June 2011: \$517 million).



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### Note 9 Investments

| 30 June                                     | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Redeemable shares held in fellow subsidiary | 540         | 540         |
|   | <b>540</b>  | <b>540</b>  |

The redeemable shares held in a fellow subsidiary company do not confer voting rights to TCNZ Finance and are redeemable at the option of TCNZ Finance. The investment has been classified as a non-current asset based upon expected realisation.

### Note 10 Due to other Telecom Group companies

| 30 June                            | 2012<br>\$m  | 2011<br>\$m   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Due to the parent company          | -            | 1,609         |
| Due to fellow subsidiary companies | 8,704        | 8,490         |
|                                    | <b>8,704</b> | <b>10,099</b> |

Current amounts due to the parent company and New Zealand subsidiary companies have interest rates of between 2.5% and 8.1% (30 June 2011: between 2.7% and 8.1%). The amounts due to the parent company and the balance due to fellow subsidiary companies are repayable at book value at the option of either the parent company, fellow subsidiary companies or TCNZ Finance (as applicable).

Amounts due to other Telecom Group companies are expected to be held to maturity.

### Note 11 Debt due within one year

| 30 June   | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Long-term debt maturing within one year (see Note 12) | 312         | 304         |
| Promissory notes                                      | 95          | 80          |
| Commercial paper                                      | -           | 13          |
|   | <b>407</b>  | <b>397</b>  |

At 30 June 2012 the promissory notes had a weighted average interest rate of 3.0% (30 June 2011: 2.9%). Notes are issued under TCNZ Finance's \$500 million Note Facility.

At 30 June 2012 all commercial paper had matured. The weighted average interest rate at 30 June 2011 was 5.2%. This commercial paper was issued under TCNZ Finance's A\$1.5 billion Short Term Note and Medium Term Note Programme, which ended on the closure of the Australian Branch in the year ended 30 June 2012.

TCNZ Finance's US\$1 billion European Commercial Paper programme is still maintained.

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### Note 12 Long-term debt

| 30 June  | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m  |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| TeleBonds  | 539         | 542          |
| Euro Medium Term Notes ('EMTN')                            | 79          | 1,468        |
| Bank funding   | 300         | -            |
|  | 918         | 2,010        |
| Less unamortised discount                                  | (1)         | (6)          |
|  | 917         | 2,004        |
| Less long-term debt maturing within one year (see Note 11) | (312)       | (304)        |
|  | <b>605</b>  | <b>1,700</b> |

None of the Company's debt is secured and all ranks equally with other non-preferential liabilities. There are no financial covenants over TCNZ Finance's debt. However, there are certain triggers in the event of default, as defined in the various debt agreements. There have been no events of default over TCNZ Finance's debt in the years ended 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2011.

As part of the demerger, Telecom bond holders elected to exchange GBP235 million (NZ\$637 million at hedged rates) of Telecom GBP EMTN bonds to Chorus GBP EMTN bonds, issued by Chorus Limited under the Chorus EMTN Programme. Bondholders representing GBP40 million (NZ\$110 million at hedged rates) did not elect to exchange to Chorus Limited bonds and consequently these bonds remain with TCNZ Finance. The related cross currency swaps were split, and partially novated to Chorus Limited along with the exchanged bonds. Prior to demerger, the interest rate swaps relating to the TCNZ Finance GBP bonds were closed out. New interest rate swaps have since been entered into, hedging the GBP bonds that remain in TCNZ Finance. The costs associated with the debt restructuring above have been included in the income statement and are discussed in Note 4.

#### TeleBonds

TeleBonds are issued under a trust deed between the parent company and The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited dated 25 October 1988, pursuant to which the parent company, TCNZ Finance and certain of TCNZ Finance's fellow subsidiaries (the 'Guaranteeing Group') have given a negative pledge that while any of the stock issued under that trust deed remains outstanding they will not, subject to certain exceptions, create or permit to exist any charge or lien over any of their respective assets. Each member of the Guaranteeing Group has guaranteed the payment of the TeleBond debt, including interest.

TeleBonds are denominated in New Zealand dollars and have interest rates ranging from 6.9% to 8.7% (30 June 2011: 6.9% to 8.7%) and maturity dates between March 2013 and March 2016.

During the year ended 30 June 2012, \$3 million of TeleBonds matured and were repaid (30 June 2011: \$28 million).

#### Euro Medium Term Notes

TCNZ Finance launched a US\$1 billion Euro Medium Term Notes ('EMTN') programme in March 2000. In May 2001 the programme was increased to US\$2 billion. In 2001 the Australian Branch was added as an issuer under the programme and the Bermudian Branch was added in 2005. Both the Australian Branch and Bermudian Branch were removed as issuers at the time of Chorus demerger (30 November 2011). Both public debt transactions and private placements can be issued under the programme.

| Interest rate | Due                      | Face value<br>\$m | Currency | Hedged<br>Currency rate | 30 June<br>2012<br>\$m | 30 June<br>2011<br>\$m |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 6.8%          | 30 Nov 2011 <sup>1</sup> | 250               | USD      | 0.42                    | -                      | 302                    |
| 4.4%          | 30 Nov 2011 <sup>1</sup> | 200               | CHF      | 0.77                    | -                      | 290                    |
| 4.8%          | 28 Nov 2011 <sup>1</sup> | 275               | CAD      | 0.73                    | -                      | 343                    |
| 5.6%          | 14 May 2018 <sup>2</sup> | 125               | GBP      | 0.36                    | 44                     | 242                    |
| 5.8%          | 6 Apr 2020 <sup>2</sup>  | 150               | GBP      | 0.39                    | 35                     | 291                    |
|               |                          |                   |          |                         | <b>79</b>              | <b>1,468</b>           |

<sup>1</sup>EMTNs repaid prior to demerger.

<sup>2</sup>Partially novated to Chorus Limited

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### Note 12 Long-term debt (continued)

During the year, TCNZ Finance repaid the USD250 million, CAD275 million and CHF200 million bonds, including the related derivatives (see Note 4). Cross-currency interest rate swaps and interest rate swaps have been entered into to manage the EMTN and currency and interest rate risk exposures. The effective New Zealand dollar interest rates range from 5.3% to 5.4%.

#### Bank Funding

During the financial year, TCNZ Finance entered into a revolving credit facility agreement with Westpac New Zealand Limited. The facility is unsecured, and TCNZ Finance has two tranches. One tranche can draw up to \$100m through to 2014 and the other tranche can draw up to \$300m through to 2015. As at 30 June 2012, \$300 million has been drawn down, the proceeds of which have been used to repay short-term debt and for general corporate purposes.

### Note 13 Deferred tax

| 30 June                                       | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at beginning of the year              | 25          | (4)         |
| <i>Amounts recognised in profit and loss:</i> |             |             |
| Relating to current period                    | (7)         | 4           |
| Adjustments in respect of prior periods       | 1           | -           |
| <i>Amounts recognised in equity:</i>          |             |             |
| Relating to current period                    | (21)        | 25          |
| <b>Deferred tax asset/(liability)</b>         | <b>(2)</b>  | <b>25</b>   |
| The deferred tax balance consists of:         |             |             |
| Fair value of derivatives                     | (2)         | 25          |

Following the closure of TCNZ Finance's Australian Branch, and an agreement with tax authorities, the use of TCNZ Finance's previously unrecognised tax losses are now restricted. TCNZ Finance has therefore not recognised in its deferred tax balance the tax effect of accumulated tax loss carry forwards amounting to \$321 million at 30 June 2012 (30 June 2011: \$358 million) based on the relevant corporation tax rate, because future realisation of the asset is not considered probable.

### Note 14 Equity

#### Contributed capital

As at 30 June 2012 contributed capital consisted of 882,872,600 issued and fully paid shares, of which 342,872,600 were ordinary shares. Each of the shares confers on the holder the right to vote at any general meeting of TCNZ Finance. 540,000,000 of the shares are redeemable at the option of TCNZ Finance, in accordance with the terms of its constitution. No other conditions are attached to the ordinary and redeemable shares. There is no par value on the ordinary shares issued by TCNZ Finance.

#### Hedging reserve

The hedging reserve is used to record changes in fair value of derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges. Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified in the income statement in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss.

#### Foreign currency translation reserve

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign branches are taken to the foreign currency translation reserve, as described in Note 1.

#### Dividend

During the year ending 30 June 2012 TCNZ Finance paid no dividends to the parent company (30 June 2011: nil).

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management

TCNZ Finance manages its treasury activities through Telecom's board-approved treasury constitution consisting of treasury governance and policy frameworks. TCNZ Finance is exposed to foreign currency, interest rate, credit, liquidity and equity risks. Each of these risks, the associated financial instruments and the management of those risks are detailed in this note.

#### Financial Instruments

TCNZ Finance's financial instruments are classified under NZ IFRS as follows:

| 30 June 2012                           | Held for trading<br>\$m | Available for sale<br>\$m | Loans and receivables<br>\$m | Held to maturity<br>\$m | Designated in hedging relationships<br>\$m | Amortised cost<br>\$m | Total carrying amount<br>\$m |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                          |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| <b>Current assets</b>                  |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Cash                                   | -                       | -                         | -                            | 34                      | -  | -                     | 34                           |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies | -                       | -                         | 969                          | -                       | -  | -                     | 969                          |
| Short-term derivative assets           | 4                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | 4                            |
|  | <b>4</b>                | <b>-</b>                  | <b>969</b>                   | <b>34</b>               | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>-</b>              | <b>1,007</b>                 |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>              |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies | -                       | -                         | 9,664                        | -                       | -  | -                     | 9,664                        |
| Long-term derivative assets            | 14                      | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | 14                           |
| Investments                            | -                       | 540                       | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | 540                          |
|  | <b>14</b>               | <b>540</b>                | <b>9,664</b>                 | <b>-</b>                | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>-</b>              | <b>10,218</b>                |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                     |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>             |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies   | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | (8,704)               | (8,704)                      |
| Short-term derivative liabilities      | (4)                     | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | (4)                          |
| Long-term debt due within one year     | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | (407)                 | (407)                        |
|  | <b>(4)</b>              | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>(9,111)</b>        | <b>(9,115)</b>               |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>         |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Long-term derivative liabilities       | (1)                     | -                         | -                            | -                       | (22)                                       | -                     | (23)                         |
| Long-term debt                         | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | (605)                 | (605)                        |
|  | <b>(1)</b>              | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                | <b>(22)</b>                                | <b>(605)</b>          | <b>(628)</b>                 |

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

| 30 June 2011                           | Held for trading<br>\$m | Available for sale<br>\$m | Loans and receivables<br>\$m | Held to maturity<br>\$m | Designated in hedging relationships<br>\$m | Amortised cost<br>\$m | Total carrying amount<br>\$m |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                          |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| <b>Current assets</b>                  |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Cash                                   | -                       | -                         | -                            | 207                     | -  | -                     | 207                          |
| Collateral funds                       | -                       | -                         | -                            | 110                     | -  | -                     | 110                          |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies | -                       | -                         | 2,269                        | -                       | -  | -                     | 2,269                        |
| Short-term derivative assets           | 15                      | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | 15                           |
|  | <b>15</b>               | <b>-</b>                  | <b>2,269</b>                 | <b>317</b>              | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>-</b>              | <b>2,601</b>                 |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>              |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies | -                       | -                         | 11,430                       | -                       | -  | -                     | 11,430                       |
| Long-term derivative assets            | 92                      | -                         | -                            | -                       | 40   | -                     | 132                          |
| Investments                            | -                       | 540                       | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | 540                          |
|  | <b>92</b>               | <b>540</b>                | <b>11,430</b>                | <b>-</b>                | <b>40</b>                                  | <b>-</b>              | <b>12,102</b>                |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                     |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>             |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies   | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | (10,099)              | (10,099)                     |
| Short-term derivative liabilities      | (86)                    | -                         | -                            | -                       | (248)                                      | -                     | (334)                        |
| Short-term debt                        | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | -                     | -                            |
| Long-term debt due within one year     | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | (397)                 | (397)                        |
|  | <b>(86)</b>             | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                | <b>(248)</b>                               | <b>(10,496)</b>       | <b>(10,830)</b>              |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>         |                         |                           |                              |                         |  |                       |                              |
| Long-term derivative liabilities       | (4)                     | -                         | -                            | -                       | (325)                                      | -                     | (329)                        |
| Long-term debt                         | -                       | -                         | -                            | -                       | -  | (1,700)               | (1,700)                      |
|  | <b>(4)</b>              | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                | <b>(325)</b>                               | <b>(1,700)</b>        | <b>(2,029)</b>               |

#### Reclassifications

There have been no reclassifications between financial instrument categories during the years ended 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2011.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

Under IFRS, financial instruments are either carried at cost or amortised cost, less any provision for impairment or fair value. The only significant variances between amortised cost and fair value relate to long-term debt and long-term investments.

The table below categorises TCNZ Finance's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value by the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements, as prescribed in IFRS 7:

- Level 1: fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3: fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

|                                   | Level 1 | Level 2     | Level 3 | Total       |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| 30 June 2012                      | \$m     | \$m         | \$m     | \$m         |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>           |         |             |         |             |
| Short-term derivative assets      | -       | 4           | -       | 4           |
| Long-term derivative assets       | -       | 14          | -       | 14          |
|                                   | -       | <b>18</b>   | -       | <b>18</b>   |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b>      |         |             |         |             |
| Short-term derivative liabilities | -       | (4)         | -       | (4)         |
| Long-term derivative liabilities  | -       | (23)        | -       | (23)        |
|                                   | -       | <b>(27)</b> | -       | <b>(27)</b> |

|                                   | Level 1 | Level 2      | Level 3 | Total        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| 30 June 2011                      | \$m     | \$m          | \$m     | \$m          |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>           |         |              |         |              |
| Short-term derivative assets      | -       | 15           | -       | 15           |
| Long-term derivative assets       | -       | 132          | -       | 132          |
|                                   | -       | <b>147</b>   | -       | <b>147</b>   |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b>      |         |              |         |              |
| Short-term derivative liabilities | -       | (334)        | -       | (334)        |
| Long-term derivative liabilities  | -       | (329)        | -       | (329)        |
|                                   | -       | <b>(663)</b> | -       | <b>(663)</b> |

There were no transfers between level 1 and level 2 in the period.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

#### **Long-term investments**

Long-term investments held in a fellow subsidiary company are carried at \$540 million (30 June 2011: \$540 million) and consisted of investments in equity.

The fair value of TCNZ Finance's long-term investment is difficult to value considering there is no active market price. As the Telecom Group's telecommunications network is highly integrated it is difficult to separately identify and measure the cash flows of the investment in the fellow subsidiary company. The range of fair value estimates is significant and the probabilities of the various estimates cannot be reasonably assessed and therefore the Company is precluded from measuring its investment at fair value. Given the lack of a reliable fair value TCNZ Finance continues to hold its investment at cost.

#### **Long-term debt**

The fair value of long-term debt (calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at market interest rates at balance date) was \$957 million compared to a carrying value of \$917 million (30 June 2011: fair value of \$2,128 million compared to a carrying value of \$2,004 million).

In addition to the above carrying value of long-term debt, accrued interest payable of \$7 million (30 June 2011: \$35 million) is recorded in the statement of financial position.

Based on currently available information, TCNZ Finance anticipates long-term debt will remain outstanding until maturity, and accordingly, settlement at the reported fair value of these financial instruments is unlikely.

#### **Cash, collateral funds, short-term investments, short-term debt and amounts due to/from other Telecom Group companies**

The carrying amounts of these balances are approximately equivalent to their fair value because of the short term to maturity.

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

#### ***Cross-currency interest rate swaps, interest rate swaps, forward exchange contracts and currency options***

The fair values are estimated on the basis of the quoted market prices of these instruments. If a listed market price is unavailable, then a fair value is estimated by discounting the future cash flows of the derivative using an applicable forward rate (for the relevant interest rate, foreign exchange rate or commodity price), discount rates and market accepted valuation models as appropriate.

#### ***Other assumptions***

NZD forward interest rates used to determine fair values range from 2.6% to 9.4%.

#### ***Guarantees***

TCNZ Finance has issued guarantees in relation to the lease payments of other Telecom Group companies totalling A\$10 million as at 30 June 2012 (30 June 2011: A\$13 million). TCNZ Finance has also granted an indemnity in relation to a performance bank guarantee of NZ\$18 million for a fellow subsidiary company. As at 30 June 2012 it is considered unlikely that these guarantees will be called upon.

#### ***Risk Management***

TCNZ Finance is exposed to market risk due to foreign currency, interest rates, credit risk, liquidity risk and equity price risk.

#### ***Market risk***

TCNZ Finance is exposed to market risk primarily from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. TCNZ Finance employs risk management strategies, including the use of derivatives, such as interest rate swaps, forward exchange contracts, foreign currency options and cross-currency interest rate swaps to manage these exposures. TCNZ Finance monitors the use of derivative financial instruments through the use of well-defined market and credit risk limits and timely reports to senior management. TCNZ Finance does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. All contracts have been entered into with major creditworthy financial institutions. The risk associated with these transactions is the risk that the financial instrument's fair value or cash flows will change due to movements in market rates, coupled with the cost of replacing these agreements at the current market rates in the event of default by the counterpart. TCNZ Finance's financial instruments do not have significant concentration of risk with any single party.

#### ***Currency risk***

Some of TCNZ Finance's long-term debt has been issued in foreign currencies. TCNZ Finance enters into cross-currency interest rate swaps to convert issue proceeds into a floating rate New Zealand dollar.

TCNZ Finance enters into forward exchange contracts and foreign currency options to protect the Telecom Group from the risk that the eventual New Zealand dollar net cash flows will be adversely affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Forward exchange contracts and foreign currency options are used to hedge the Telecom Group's forecast transactions that have a high probability of occurrence and firm purchase commitments in fellow subsidiaries (mainly denominated in US dollars). Forward exchange contracts are also used to hedge foreign currency assets and net investments in foreign operations held by the Telecom Group. These foreign currency options and forward exchange contracts are not designated as hedging instruments and are therefore classified as held for trading.

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

TCNZ Finance's exposures to foreign currencies arising from financial instruments is:

| 30 June 2012  | AUD<br>NZ\$m | USD<br>NZ\$m | GBP<br>NZ\$m | Total<br>NZ\$m |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Exposures</b>  |              |              |              |                |
| Cash  | -            | 27           | -            | 27             |
| Long-term debt  | -            | -            | (79)         | (79)           |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies                      | 2,513        | -            | -            | 2,513          |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies                        | -            | (27)         | -            | (27)           |
| Total exposure from non-derivative<br>financial instruments | 2,513        | -            | (79)         | 2,434          |
| <b>Hedging instruments</b>                                  |              |              |              |                |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                  | (19)         | -            | -            | (19)           |
| NZD cross-currency interest rate swaps                      | -            | -            | 79           | 79             |
| Total exposure from hedging instruments                     | (19)         | -            | 79           | 60             |

| 30 June 2011  | AUD<br>NZ\$m | USD<br>NZ\$m | GBP<br>NZ\$m | CAD<br>NZ\$m | CHF<br>NZ\$m | EUR<br>NZ\$m | Total<br>NZ\$m |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Exposures</b>  |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |
| Cash  | 13           | -            | -            | -            | -            | 1            | 14             |
| Collateral funds  | -            | 110          | -            | -            | -            | -            | 110            |
| Short-term debt   | (13)         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | (13)           |
| Long-term debt  | -            | (301)        | (530)        | (343)        | (289)        | -            | (1,463)        |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies                      | 3,442        | -            | 240          | -            | -            | -            | 3,682          |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies                        | (388)        | (16)         | -            | -            | -            | -            | (404)          |
| Total exposure from non-derivative<br>financial instruments | 3,054        | (207)        | (290)        | (343)        | (289)        | 1            | 1,926          |
| <b>Hedging instruments</b>                                  |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                  | (306)        | (94)         | -            | -            | -            | -            | (400)          |
| NZD cross-currency interest rate swaps                      | -            | -            | 290          | 343          | 289          | -            | 922            |
| AUD cross-currency interest rate swap                       | (624)        | 301          | -            | -            | -            | -            | (323)          |
| Total exposure from hedging instruments                     | (930)        | 207          | 290          | 343          | 289          | -            | 199            |



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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

Certain Australian dollar-denominated assets of the Telecom Group were hedged by TCNZ Finance.

As at 30 June 2012 a movement of 10% in the New Zealand dollar would impact TCNZ Finance's income statement and statement of changes in equity as detailed in the table below:

| 30 June                        | 2012 |       | 2011 |       |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
|                                | -10% | +10%  | -10% | +10%  |
| Impact on:                     | \$m  | \$m   | \$m  | \$m   |
| Net earnings before income tax | 281  | (230) | 267  | (213) |
| Equity (before income tax)     | -    | -     | (16) | 14    |

This analysis assumes a movement in the New Zealand dollar across all currencies and only includes the effect of foreign exchange movements on financial instruments. All other variables remain constant.

The effects of foreign exchange movements on certain financial instruments before tax were as follows:

| Year ended 30 June  | 2012                               |                      | 2011                               |                      |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | Recognised in the income statement | Recognised in equity | Recognised in the income statement | Recognised in equity |
|   | \$m                                | \$m                  | \$m                                | \$m                  |
| Foreign exchange was recognised on the following financial instruments gain/(loss): |                                    |                      |                                    |                      |
| Cash  | (2)                                | -                    | (11)                               | 4                    |
| Currency options  | -                                  | -                    | -                                  | -                    |
| Forward exchange contracts  | (35)                               | -                    | (3)                                | (1)                  |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies  | (24)                               | -                    | 99                                 | 37                   |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies  | (2)                                | -                    | 3                                  | (5)                  |
| Short-term debt   | 26                                 | -                    | (3)                                | (6)                  |
| Foreign exchange on cross-currency interest rate swaps                              | 382                                | -                    | (105)                              | (31)                 |
| Long-term debt  | (377)                              | -                    | 135                                | -                    |
|   | <b>(32)</b>                        | <b>-</b>             | <b>115</b>                         | <b>(2)</b>           |

#### Interest rate risk

TCNZ Finance employs the use of derivative financial instruments for the purpose of reducing its exposure to fluctuations in interest rates.

TCNZ Finance has used cross-currency interest rate swaps with a contract value of \$110 million (30 June 2011: \$1,718 million) to hedge long-term debt denominated in Pounds Sterling into New Zealand dollar exposures. At 30 June 2012 TCNZ Finance had no Australian dollar cross-currency interest rate swaps to hedge long-term debt denominated in US dollars into Australian dollars for the purpose of funding Telecom's Australian operations (30 June 2011: contract value A\$483 million). New Zealand dollar interest rate swaps are used to convert certain floating rate positions into fixed rate positions. As a consequence, TCNZ Finance's interest rate positions are limited to New Zealand yield curves.

TCNZ Finance's objectives of interest rate risk management are to minimise the cost of net borrowings and to minimise the impact of interest rate movements on TCNZ Finance's interest expense and net earnings while acting within policies approved by the board of the parent company.

The treasury policy of the parent company requires that the maximum amount of long-term debt maturing in any financial year is not to exceed NZ\$400 million. Net debt must have a weighted average life between 2.5 and 6.0 years. As at 30 June 2012, Telecom management considered that it was in compliance with its liquidity policy as reported to Telecom's board of directors.

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

#### Interest rate repricing profile

The following table indicates the effective interest rates and the earliest period in which recognised financial instruments reprice. Fixed rate balances are presented, including the effect of derivative financial instruments, hedging both interest rates and foreign exchange.

|   | Weighted<br>average<br>interest<br>rate<br>% | Within 1<br>year<br>\$m | 1-2 years<br>\$m | 2-3 years<br>\$m | 3-4 years<br>\$m | 4-5 years<br>\$m | Greater<br>than 5<br>years<br>\$m | Total<br>\$m |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>30 June 2012</b>                       |  |                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |              |
| <i>Floating</i>                           |  |                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |              |
| Cash                                      | 0.1%   | 34                      | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | 34           |
| Short-term debt                           | 3.0%   | (95)                    | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | (95)         |
| Long-term debt                            | 4.2%   | (300)                   | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | (300)        |
| <i>Fixed</i>                              |  |                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |              |
| Due from other Telecom<br>Group companies | 7.4%   | 10,633                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | 10,633       |
| Due to other Telecom<br>Group companies   | 5.8%   | (8,704)                 | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | (8,704)      |
| Long-term debt                            | 7.0%   | (312)                   | (3)              | (73)             | (150)            | -                | (110)                             | (648)        |
|   |  | <b>1,256</b>            | <b>(3)</b>       | <b>(73)</b>      | <b>(150)</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>(110)</b>                      | <b>920</b>   |

TCNZ Finance has not entered into any interest rate swaps to hedge interest payments of forecast short-term debt (30 June 2011: \$57 million).

|   | Weighted<br>average<br>interest<br>rate<br>% | Within 1<br>year<br>\$m | 1-2 years<br>\$m | 2-3 years<br>\$m | 3-4 years<br>\$m | 4-5 years<br>\$m | Greater<br>than 5<br>years<br>\$m | Total<br>\$m |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>30 June 2011</b>                       |  |                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |              |
| <i>Floating</i>                           |  |                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |              |
| Cash and collateral funds                 | 1.7%   | 317                     | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | 317          |
| Long-term debt                            | 6.3%   | (142)                   | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | (142)        |
| Short-term debt                           | 3.0%   | (35)                    | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | (35)         |
| <i>Fixed</i>                              |  |                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |              |
| Due from other Telecom<br>Group companies | 6.1%   | 13,699                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | 13,699       |
| Due to other Telecom<br>Group companies   | 5.6%   | (10,099)                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                                 | (10,099)     |
| Long-term debt                            | 7.7%   | (485)                   | (570)            | (380)            | (73)             | (150)            | (733)                             | (2,391)      |
| Short-term debt                           | 4.7%   | (11)                    | (10)             | (8)              | (6)              | (22)             | -                                 | (57)         |
|   |  | <b>3,244</b>            | <b>(580)</b>     | <b>(388)</b>     | <b>(79)</b>      | <b>(172)</b>     | <b>(733)</b>                      | <b>1,292</b> |

Financial instruments with rates fixed for 90 days or less are included as floating rate exposures.

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

As at 30 June 2012 a movement of 100 basis points would impact TCNZ Finance's income statement and statement of changes in equity (after hedging) as detailed in the table below:

| 30 June                        | 2012           |                | 2011           |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | -100 bp<br>\$m | +100 bp<br>\$m | -100 bp<br>\$m | +100 bp<br>\$m |
| Impact on:                     |                |                |                |                |
| Net earnings before income tax | (4)            | 3              | (16)           | 15             |
| Equity (before income tax)     | (1)            | 1              | (15)           | 14             |

This analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### *Credit risk*

In the normal course of its business, TCNZ Finance incurs credit risk from financial instruments, including cash, short-term investments, advances to associate companies, and derivative financial instruments.

TCNZ Finance has a credit policy that is used to manage this exposure to credit risk. As part of this policy, limits on exposures with significant counterparties have been set and approved by the board of directors and are monitored on a regular basis. TCNZ Finance's financial instruments do not have significant concentration of risk with any single party.

TCNZ Finance has certain derivative and debt agreements that are subject to bilateral credit support agreements that require TCNZ Finance or the counterparty to post collateral to support the value of certain derivatives. As at 30 June 2012, no collateral was posted (30 June 2011: US\$91 million or NZ\$110 million). In the event of a downgrade of TCNZ Finance's credit rating to either Baa1 (Moody's Investors Service), or BBB+ (Standard & Poor's) US\$3 million (based on rates at 30 June 2012) of additional collateral would be required to be posted.

TCNZ Finance places its cash, short-term investments and derivative financial instruments with high credit quality financial institutions and sovereign bodies and limits the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution. These limits are monitored daily.

#### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk represents TCNZ Finance's ability to meet its contractual obligations. TCNZ Finance evaluates its liquidity requirements on an ongoing basis. Generally TCNZ Finance generates sufficient cash flows from its operating activities to meet financing costs on external debt. If this is not the case TCNZ Finance would have to recall funds advanced to other Telecom Group companies in order to repay its short and long-term debt.

In the event of any shortfalls, TCNZ Finance has two short-term financing programmes in place; a US\$1 billion European commercial paper programme and a NZ\$500 million Note facility.

In addition to the short-term financing programmes, at 30 June 2012 TCNZ Finance had a committed standby facility of NZ\$600 million (30 June 2011: NZ\$700 million) with a number of banks and a committed two and three year bank facility totalling NZ\$400 million, of which NZ\$300 million was drawn at 30 June 2012 (30 June 2011: nil). As at 30 June 2012 TCNZ Finance also had committed overdraft facilities of NZ\$20 million with New Zealand banks and A\$5 million with Australian banks. There are no compensating balance requirements associated with these facilities. TCNZ Finance does not have a significant concentration of risk with any single party.

In the event that TCNZ Finance is liquidated or ceases to trade, all non-preferential external creditors rank equally in their claims to the financial assets of TCNZ Finance.

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

TCNZ Finance's maximum exposure to liquidity risk based on contractual cash flows relating to financial instruments is summarised below:

| 30 June 2012                                       | Carrying amount<br>\$m | Contractual cash flows<br>\$m | 0-6 months<br>\$m | 6-12 months<br>\$m | 1-2 years<br>\$m | 2-3 years<br>\$m | 3-4 years<br>\$m | 4-5 years<br>\$m | 5+ years<br>\$m |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Non-derivative financial assets</b>             |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Cash   | 34                     | 34                            | 34                | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies             | 10,633                 | 10,633                        | 10,633            | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| Investments  | 540                    | 540                           | 540               | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -               |
|  | 11,207                 | 11,207                        | 11,207            | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| <b>Derivative financial assets</b>                 |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps-(gross settled) |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Inflows  | 13                     | 81                            | 1                 | 1                  | 2                | 3                | 3                | 4                | 67              |
| Outflows   |                        | (59)                          | -                 | (2)                | (2)              | (2)              | (3)              | (3)              | (47)            |
| Forward exchange contracts-(gross settled)         |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Inflows  | 5                      | 172                           | 86                | 70                 | 16               | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| Outflows   |                        | (166)                         | (83)              | (68)               | (15)             | -                | -                | -                | -               |
|  | 18                     | 28                            | 4                 | 1                  | 1                | 1                | -                | 1                | 20              |
| <b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>        |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies               |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
|  | (8,704)                | (8,704)                       | (8,704)           | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| Short-term debt                                    | (95)                   | (95)                          | (95)              | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| Long-term debt                                     | (917)                  | (1,037)                       | (20)              | (336)              | (125)            | (296)            | (167)            | (5)              | (88)            |
|  | (9,716)                | (9,836)                       | (8,819)           | (336)              | (125)            | (296)            | (167)            | (5)              | (88)            |
| <b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>            |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Interest rate swaps-(net settled)                  |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
|  | (6)                    | (6)                           | (1)               | (1)                | (2)              | (1)              | (1)              | -                | -               |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps-(gross settled) |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Inflows  |                        | 110                           | -                 | 4                  | 4                | 4                | 5                | 5                | 88              |
| Outflows   | (16)                   | (144)                         | (2)               | (2)                | (4)              | (5)              | (5)              | (5)              | (121)           |
| Forward exchange contracts-(gross settled)         |                        |                               |                   |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |
| Inflows  |                        | 186                           | 103               | 68                 | 15               | -                | -                | -                | -               |
| Outflows   | (5)                    | (191)                         | (105)             | (70)               | (16)             | -                | -                | -                | -               |
|  | (27)                   | (45)                          | (5)               | (1)                | (3)              | (2)              | (1)              | -                | (33)            |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>1,482</b>           | <b>1,354</b>                  | <b>2,387</b>      | <b>(336)</b>       | <b>(127)</b>     | <b>(297)</b>     | <b>(168)</b>     | <b>(4)</b>       | <b>(101)</b>    |

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

| 30 June 2011  | Carrying<br>amount<br>\$m | Contractual<br>cash flows<br>\$m | 0-6<br>months<br>\$m | 6-12<br>months<br>\$m | 1-2<br>years<br>\$m | 2-3<br>years<br>\$m | 3-4<br>years<br>\$m | 4-5<br>years<br>\$m | 5+<br>years<br>\$m |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Non-derivative financial assets</b>                |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Cash and collateral funds                             | 317                       | 317                              | 317                  | -                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Due from other Telecom Group<br>companies             | 13,699                    | 13,699                           | 13,699               | -                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Investments   | 540                       | 540                              | 540                  | -                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
|   | 14,556                    | 14,556                           | 14,556               | -                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| <b>Derivative financial assets</b>                    |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Cross-currency interest rate<br>swaps-(gross settled) |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Inflows   | 128                       | 829                              | 19                   | 7                     | 323                 | 24                  | 27                  | 28                  | 401                |
| Outflows  |                           | (578)                            | (5)                  | (20)                  | (269)               | (7)                 | (7)                 | (7)                 | (263)              |
| Forward exchange contracts-<br>(gross settled)        |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Inflows   | 18                        | 513                              | 459                  | 40                    | 13                  | 1                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Outflows  |                           | (497)                            | (452)                | (35)                  | (9)                 | (1)                 | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Currency options                                      |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Inflows   | 1                         | 1                                | -                    | 1                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
|   | 147                       | 268                              | 21                   | (7)                   | 58                  | 17                  | 20                  | 21                  | 138                |
| <b>Non-derivative financial<br/>liabilities</b>       |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Due to other Telecom Group<br>companies               |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
|   | (10,099)                  | (10,099)                         | (10,099)             | -                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Short-term debt                                       | (93)                      | (93)                             | (93)                 | -                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Long-term debt  | (2,004)                   | (2,465)                          | (363)                | (62)                  | (701)               | (402)               | (120)               | (190)               | (627)              |
|   | (12,196)                  | (12,657)                         | (10,555)             | (62)                  | (701)               | (402)               | (120)               | (190)               | (627)              |
| <b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>               |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Interest rate swaps                                   |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
|   | (151)                     | (185)                            | (33)                 | (30)                  | (45)                | (25)                | (15)                | (12)                | (25)               |
| Cross-currency interest rate<br>swaps-(gross settled) |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Inflows   |                           | 1,413                            | 353                  | 29                    | 29                  | 374                 | 16                  | 16                  | 596                |
| Outflows  | (493)                     | (2,215)                          | (664)                | (22)                  | (59)                | (437)               | (55)                | (59)                | (919)              |
| Forward exchange contracts-<br>(gross settled)        |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Inflows   |                           | 225                              | 180                  | 35                    | 9                   | 1                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Outflows  | (18)                      | (243)                            | (189)                | (40)                  | (13)                | (1)                 | -                   | -                   | -                  |
| Currency options                                      |                           |                                  |                      |                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |
| Outflows  | (1)                       | (1)                              | -                    | (1)                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                  |
|   | (663)                     | (1,006)                          | (353)                | (29)                  | (79)                | (88)                | (54)                | (55)                | (348)              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,844</b>              | <b>1,161</b>                     | <b>3,669</b>         | <b>(98)</b>           | <b>(722)</b>        | <b>(473)</b>        | <b>(154)</b>        | <b>(224)</b>        | <b>(837)</b>       |

Carrying amounts are as disclosed on the balance sheet as per TCNZ Finance's accounting policies. Contractual cash flows include undiscounted principal and interest payments and are presented at the earliest date on which the entity could be required to repay contractually.

#### Equity risk

Investments that subject TCNZ Finance to equity risk include long-term investments in a fellow subsidiary company. TCNZ Finance's exposure to equity risk at 30 June 2012 was \$540 million (30 June 2011: \$540 million).

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

#### Hedging activities

##### Derivative financial instruments

Each derivative that is designated as a hedge is classified as a hedge of a highly probable forecast transaction (a cash flow hedge). TCNZ Finance does not currently hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes, although under the classifications of IFRS derivative financial instruments are classified as 'held for trading' unless they are designated hedges. Currency options and certain cross-currency interest rate swaps held by TCNZ Finance are classified under IFRS as held for trading. All other derivative financial instruments classified as held for trading are designated hedges of exposures in other Telecom Group companies.

The fair values of derivatives are as follows:

| 30 June                            | 2012      |             | 2011       |              |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
|                                    | Assets    | Liabilities | Assets     | Liabilities  |
|                                    | \$m       | \$m         | \$m        | \$m          |
| Cash flow hedges:                  |           |             |            |              |
| Interest rate swaps                | -         | (6)         | -          | (151)        |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps | -         | (17)        | 40         | (422)        |
| Currency options                   | -         | -           | 1          | (1)          |
|                                    | -         | (23)        | 41         | (574)        |
| Designated as held for trading:    |           |             |            |              |
| Forward exchange contracts         | 5         | (4)         | 18         | (17)         |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps | 13        | -           | 88         | (72)         |
|                                    | 18        | (4)         | 106        | (89)         |
| <b>Total net derivatives</b>       | <b>18</b> | <b>(27)</b> | <b>147</b> | <b>(663)</b> |

##### Cash flow hedges

TCNZ Finance uses cross-currency interest rate swaps and interest rate swaps to manage interest and foreign exchange risk on foreign denominated debt. These swaps are jointly designated as hedges of the forecast interest and principal cash flows of the debt.

The changes in the fair value of interest rate derivatives accumulated in equity will be reclassified to finance expense as interest payments occur over the remaining life of the swaps. The fair values by maturity are as follows:

| 30 June             | 2012     | 2011        |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
|                     | \$m      | \$m         |
| Maturity:           |          |             |
| Less than 1 year    | -        | 2           |
| 1 – 2 years         | -        | (4)         |
| 2 – 3 years         | -        | (10)        |
| 3 – 4 years         | -        | -           |
| 4 – 5 years         | -        | (1)         |
| Maturity thereafter | 9        | (61)        |
|                     | <b>9</b> | <b>(74)</b> |

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### Note 15 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are initially recognised in equity. The gain or loss relating to any ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the income statement. Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified to the income statement in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss. When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity until the underlying physical exposure occurs. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately reclassified to the income statement.

During the period, all hedged forecast transactions occurred as expected. There has been no material ineffectiveness on cash flow hedging relationships during the period (30 June 2011: nil).

Reconciliation of movements in the hedge reserve are as follows:

| Year ended 30 June  | 2012              |                                    |                   | 2011              |                                    |                   |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | Before tax<br>\$m | Tax<br>(expense)/<br>credit<br>\$m | Net of tax<br>\$m | Before tax<br>\$m | Tax<br>(expense)/<br>credit<br>\$m | Net of tax<br>\$m |
| <b>Balance at the beginning of the year</b>                         |                   |                                    | (52)              |                   |                                    | (21)              |
| Gain/(loss) recognised in other comprehensive income                | 43                | (14)                               | 29                | (117)             | 35                                 | (82)              |
| Amount reclassified from cash flow hedge reserve to finance expense | 24                | (7)                                | 17                | 73                | (22)                               | 51                |
| <b>Balance at the end of the year</b>                               |                   |                                    | <b>(6)</b>        |                   |                                    | <b>(52)</b>       |

### Note 16 Concentration of funding

| 30 June  | 2012<br>\$m  | 2011<br>\$m   |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Funding consists of:</i>                            |              |               |
| Debt due within one year                               | 407          | 397           |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies                   | 8,704        | 10,099        |
| Long-term debt   | 605          | 1,700         |
| <b>Total funding</b>                                   | <b>9,716</b> | <b>12,196</b> |
| <i>Concentration of funding by economic sector:</i>    |              |               |
| Commercial and financial                               | 1,012        | 2,097         |
| Due to other Telecom Group companies                   | 8,704        | 10,099        |
| <b>Total funding</b>                                   | <b>9,716</b> | <b>12,196</b> |
| <i>Concentration of funding by geographical areas:</i> |              |               |
| Within New Zealand                                     | 8,646        | 8,008         |
| Overseas:  |              |               |
| Australia  | -            | 412           |
| Bermuda  | 33           | 1,376         |
| Europe   | 931          | 1,627         |
| Other  | 106          | 773           |
| <b>Total funding</b>                                   | <b>9,716</b> | <b>12,196</b> |

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### Note 17 Concentration of credit exposures

In the normal course of its business, TCNZ Finance incurs credit risk from financial instruments, including cash, advances to fellow subsidiary companies, trade receivables and derivative financial instruments.

TCNZ Finance has a credit policy that is used to manage this exposure to credit risk. As part of this policy, limits on exposures with counterparties have been set and approved by the board of Telecom and are monitored on a regular basis.

| <b>30 June</b>                                 | <b>2012</b>   | <b>2011</b>   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | <b>\$m</b>    | <b>\$m</b>    |
| <i>Credit exposures consist of:</i>            |               |               |
| Cash   | 34            | 207           |
| Collateral funds                               | -             | 110           |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies         | 8,137         | 10,377        |
| Debentures issued by fellow subsidiary         | 2,496         | 3,322         |
| Derivative financial instruments               | 18            | 147           |
| <b>Total credit exposure</b>                   | <b>10,685</b> | <b>14,163</b> |
| <i>Credit exposures by economic sector:</i>    |               |               |
| Commercial and financial                       | 52            | 464           |
| Due from other Telecom Group companies         | 10,633        | 13,699        |
| <b>Total credit exposure</b>                   | <b>10,685</b> | <b>14,163</b> |
| <i>Credit exposures by geographical areas:</i> |               |               |
| New Zealand                                    | 8,141         | 10,545        |
| Australia                                      | 2,516         | 3,455         |
| USA  | 27            | 113           |
| Other  | 1             | 50            |
| <b>Total credit exposure</b>                   | <b>10,685</b> | <b>14,163</b> |

TCNZ Finance has no financial assets that are overdue and none that are impaired.

TCNZ Finance has certain derivative transactions and debt agreements that are subject to bilateral credit support agreements that require TCNZ Finance or the counterparty to post collateral to support mark-to-market valuation differences. As at 30 June 2012, no collateral was posted (30 June 2011: US\$91 million, or NZ\$110 million). In the event of a downgrade of Telecom's credit rating to either Baa1 (Moody's Investors Services) or BBB+ (Standard & Poor's) TCNZ Finance would be required to post US\$3 million (based on rates at 30 June 2012) of additional collateral. Collateral calls can be made by either party if the fair value of the agreement changes due to market conditions.

### Note 18 Related party transactions

TCNZ Finance provides financing for the Telecom Group. These entities are all related parties by virtue of their common control. Transactions and amounts owing to and from these companies are separately disclosed throughout these financial statements.

TCNZ Finance also enters into derivative financial instruments with fellow subsidiaries. These arrangements are matched with similar derivative financial instruments obtained from the external market.

The notional principal or contract amounts outstanding are as follows:

| <b>30 June</b>                     | <b>2012</b> | <b>2011</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>\$m</b>  |
| Cross-currency interest rate swaps | 64          | 346         |
| Forward exchange contracts         | 171         | 179         |



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### Note 19 Fellow subsidiary companies

At 30 June 2012 the significant fellow subsidiaries of TCNZ Finance were as follows:

|   | COUNTRY        | OWNERSHIP | PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY   |
|---|----------------|-----------|--|
| TCNZ Australia Investments Pty Limited      | Australia      | 100%      | A holding company.   |
| Telecom New Zealand International Australia | Australia      | 100%      | Provides international wholesale telecommunications.           |
| Gen-i Australia Pty Limited                 | Australia      | 100%      | Provides outsourced telecommunications services.               |
| AAPT Limited                                | Australia      | 100%      | Provides value-added telecommunications services.              |
| PowerTel Limited                            | Australia      | 100%      | Provides wholesale telecommunications services.                |
| TCNZ (Bermuda) Limited                      | Bermuda        | 100%      | A holding company.   |
| Telecom Cook Islands Limited                | Cook Islands   | 60%       | Provides telecommunications services in the Cook Islands.      |
| Telecom New Zealand Limited                 | New Zealand    | 100%      | Provides local, national and international telephone services. |
| Telecom Mobile Limited                      | New Zealand    | 100%      | Provides mobile telecommunications services.                   |
| Xtra Limited                                | New Zealand    | 100%      | Internet service provider.                                     |
| Telecom Retail Holdings Limited             | New Zealand    | 100%      | Retailer of telecommunications products and services.          |
| Telecom IP Limited                          | New Zealand    | 100%      | Owens group intellectual property.                             |
| Telecom Southern Cross Limited              | New Zealand    | 100%      | A holding company.   |
| Telecom New Zealand UK Limited              | United Kingdom | 100%      | Provides international wholesale telecommunications.           |
| Telecom New Zealand USA Limited             | United States  | 100%      | Provides international wholesale telecommunications.           |
| Telecom Rentals Limited                     | New Zealand    | 100%      | Leases telecommunications equipment to third parties.          |
| Telecom Leasing Limited                     | New Zealand    | 100%      | Procures and leases assets.                                    |
| Telco Insurance Limited                     | Bermuda        | 100%      | A group insurance company.                                     |

### Note 20 Segmental reporting

TCNZ Finance operates with one operating segment. The principal activity of TCNZ Finance is that of a finance company for the Telecom Group. TCNZ Finance's financial statements are reviewed by the directors of TCNZ Finance in assessing the Company's performance. The geographical information below is not used by the directors to decide how to allocate resources or to assess performance. Note that the Australian and other branch operations were closed in conjunction with the Chorus demerger and as such their results shown below relate only to the five months ended 30 November 2011. The results of the New Zealand operations are for the full financial year.

Geographical information

| 30 June 2012              | New Zealand operations | Australian operations | Other operations | Consolidated |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                           | \$m                    | \$m                   | \$m              | \$m          |
| Finance income            | 761                    | 36                    | 34               | 831          |
| Net earnings for the year | (511)                  | 138                   | (30)             | (403)        |
| Investments               | 540                    | -                     | -                | 540          |
| Total assets              | 11,227                 | -                     | -                | 11,227       |
| Total liabilities         | (9,804)                | -                     | -                | (9,804)      |

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### Note 20 Segmental reporting (continued)

| 30 June 2011              | New Zealand<br>operations<br>\$m | Australian<br>operations<br>\$m | Other<br>operations<br>\$m | Consolidated<br>\$m |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Finance income            | 794                              | 22                              | 86                         | 902                 |
| Net earnings for the year | 367                              | (68)                            | 4                          | 303                 |
| Investments               | 540                              | -                               | -                          | 540                 |
| Total assets              | 11,136                           | 1,131                           | 2,461                      | 14,728              |
| Total liabilities         | (9,263)                          | (1,266)                         | (2,391)                    | (12,920)            |

### Note 21 Imputation credit account

Dividends paid by New Zealand resident companies may include imputation credits representing the taxation already paid by the Company on the profits distributed. New Zealand resident shareholders may claim a tax credit equal to the value of the imputation credit attached to dividends. Overseas shareholders in general are not entitled to claim the benefit of any imputation credit. Overseas shareholders may benefit from supplementary dividends.

TCNZ Finance has elected to be a member of the Telecom Imputation Group. As at 30 June 2012, the Telecom Imputation Group imputation credit account had a closing credit balance of \$14 million (30 June 2011 credit balance: \$34 million). The Imputation credits are available to attach to dividends paid by TCNZ Finance.

As at 30 June 2012, the Telecom Group's current tax balances include NZ\$53 million of tax recoverable relating to the New Zealand Group (30 June 2011: NZ\$24 million payable). If these balances were to be settled with the New Zealand revenue authority for the amounts recognised in the Telecom Group's financial statements, then Telecom's imputation credit account balance would decrease for any amounts received by Telecom, or increase for any amounts paid by Telecom.

### Note 22 Reconciliation of net earnings to net cash flows from operating activities

| Year ended 30 June   | 2012<br>\$m | 2011<br>\$m |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Net earnings   | (403)       | 303         |
| <i>Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash flows from operating activities</i>                   |             |             |
| Amortisation of discount   | 12          | 6           |
| Foreign exchange (gain)/loss   | 32          | (115)       |
| Revaluation of derivatives   | (11)        | (5)         |
| Debt restructuring costs   | 170         | -           |
| Fellow subsidiary debt forgiveness   | 546         | -           |
| Foreign exchange gain relating to wind up of foreign operation   | (28)        | -           |
| Other  | 2           | 4           |
| <i>Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of non-cash and investing and financing activities</i> |             |             |
| Increase in interest payable   | (28)        | (2)         |
| Increase in current taxation   | 61          | 71          |
| <b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>  | <b>353</b>  | <b>262</b>  |

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### **Note 23 Commitments and Contingencies**

There are no commitments or contingencies other than those outlined in the above notes (2011: nil).

### **Note 24 Significant events after balance date**

There were no significant events after balance date (2011: nil).

### **Note 25 New accounting standards**

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published that are mandatory for TCNZ Finance Limited's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012, but which TCNZ Finance Limited has not yet adopted. TCNZ Finance Limited does not consider any other standards or interpretations in issue, but not yet applicable, to have a significant impact on its financial statements. Those which are relevant to TCNZ Finance Limited are as follows:

#### **Amendments to NZ IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements - presentation of other comprehensive income**

Effective for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012

These amendments require entities to group items presented in other comprehensive income on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss in subsequent periods. Tax on items of other comprehensive income will be allocated on the same basis.

#### **NZ IFRS 9 Financial instruments**

Effective for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2015

The standard adds the requirements related to the classification and measurement of financial liabilities and derecognition of financial assets and liabilities.

#### **NZ IFRS 13 Fair value measurement**

Effective for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2013

The standard establishes a single framework for measuring fair value where that is required by other standards and is applicable to both financial and non-financial items.

#### **Amendments to NZ IFRS 7 Financial instruments: disclosures – offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities**

Effective for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2013

These amendments require information about all recognised financial instruments that are set off in accordance with NZ IAS 32 'Financial instruments: presentation' and also information about recognised financial instruments subject to enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements even if they are not set off under NZ IAS 32.

#### **Amendments to NZ IAS 32 Financial instruments: disclosures - offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities**

Effective for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014

These amendments clarify the meaning of 'currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off' and also clarify the application of IAS 32 offsetting criteria to settlement systems which apply gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous.

#### **Annual Improvements to IRFSs 2009-2011 cycle**

Effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013

The IASB has made amendments to five standards and consequential amendments to other standards and interpretations.



## Independent auditor's report

### To the shareholder of TCNZ Finance Limited

#### Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of TCNZ Finance Limited ("the company") on pages 5 to 34. The financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the income statement and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Directors' responsibility for the financial statements*

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and International Financial Reporting Standards that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with, or interests in, the company.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion the financial statements on pages 5 to 34:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- comply with International Financial Reporting Standards; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

#### **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

In accordance with the requirements of sections 16(1)(d) and 16(1)(e) of the Financial Reporting Act 1993, we report that:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required; and
- in our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by TCNZ Finance Limited as far as appears from our examination of those records.

#### **Luxembourg Regulatory Statement**

In accordance with the Fourth Council Directive of the Council of the European Communities, Section 11, Article 51, we confirm that the annual report is consistent with the annual accounts for the financial year.

24 August 2012

Wellington

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