19 January 2006

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Lodgement of Financial Return National Council year ending 31 March 2004

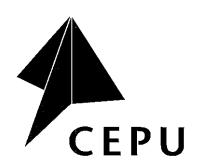
Dear Stephen,

Pursuant to s268 of Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, please find attached the Certificate of Secretary for the National Council for the year ending 31 March 2004.

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in remitting the above financial returns. I have appended to this letter the statements for the CEPU National Council.

If you have any queries in relation to the documents remitted, please contact the undersigned.

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Peter Tighe

Yours faithfully,

NATIONAL SECRETARY



Certificate of Secretary

S268 of Schedule 1B Workplace Relations Act 1996

I, Peter Tighe, being the National Secretary of the Communications Electrical Plumbing Division certify:

That the full report was provided to members the first week in September 2004; and

That the full report was presented to a meeting of the committee of management of the reporting unit on 24th November 2004; in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.

Signed:

Date:

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S CERTIFCATE

We PETER TIGHE, and BRIAN BAULK, being two members of the Committee of Management of the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia – National Council do state on behalf of the Committee and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Committee that:

- i. In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the attached financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Union as at 31 March 2004.
- ii. In the opinion of the Committee of Management, meetings of the Committee were held during the 12 months period ended 31 March 2004, in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- iii. To the knowledge of any member of the Committee, there have been no instances where records of the Union or other documents (not being documents containing information made available to a member of the Union under Sub-Section 274 (2) of the Workplace Relations Act 1999, or copies of these records or documents, or copies of the Union), have not been furnished, or made available to members in accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Relations Act, 1999, the Regulations thereto, or the rules of the Union.

iv. The Union has complied with Sub-Sections 279 (1) and (6) of the Act in relation to the financial statements in respect of the year ended 31 March 2004, and the Auditors' report thereon.

PETER TIGHE

BRIAN BAULK

Dated this 24 day of 2004

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

	Notes	2004 \$	2003 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	271,593	260,753
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(313,087)	(294,749)
Correction of fundamental error		50,294	54,029
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense (income tax revenue)		8,800	20,033
Income tax revenue (income tax expense) relating to ordinary activities			
Profit from ordinary activities after related income tax expense (income tax revenue)	3, 8	8,800	20,033
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners	8	<u>8,800</u>	20,033

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2004

	Notes	2004 \$	2003 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	4	168,865	176,740
Receivables	5	73,464	118,508
Other	6	4,250	4,250
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		246,579	299,498
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	177,909	239,628
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NET ASSETS		<u>68,670</u>	59,870
EQUITY			
Retained profits	9	68,670	59,870
TOTAL EQUITY	8	<u>68,670</u>	59,870

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

	Notes	2004 \$	2003 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		365,904	360,952
Payments to suppliers and employees		(374,806)	(271,409)
Interest received		1,027	600
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	10 (b)	(7,875)	90,143
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	`,	(7,875)	90,143
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>176,740</u>	86,597
Cash at end of financial year	10 (a)	168,865	176,740

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the Workplace Relations Act, 1996. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The concept of accruals accounting has been adopted in the preparation of financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following significant accounting policy is adopted by the Union in the preparation of the financial statements.

No provision for Income Tax is necessary as Industrial Trade Unions are exempt from Income Tax under Section 50-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1977.

(a) INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OR REGISTRAR

In accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Relations Act, 1996, the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of Sub-Sections (1), (2) and (3) of Section 274 which read as follows:

- 1. A member of an organisation, or a Registrar, may apply to the organisation for specific prescribed information in relation to the organisation.
- 2. An organisation shall, on application made under Sub-Section (1) by a member of the organisation or a Registrar, make the specified information available to the member or Registrar in such a manner, and within such time, as prescribed.
- 3. A Registrar may only make an application under Sub-Section (1) at the request of a member of the organisation concerned, and the Registrar shall provide to a member information received of an application made at the request of the member.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

(c) Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

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			177,909	239,628

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

	Note	2004 \$	2003 \$
NOTE 8: EQUITY			
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		59,870	39,837
Total changes in equity recognised in the statement of financial		0.000	
performance		8,800	20,033
Total equity at the reporting date		68,670	59,870
NOTE 9: RETAINED PROFITS			
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Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year		59,870	39,837
Net profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity		8,800	20,033
Retained profits at the end of the financial year		<u>68,670</u>	<u>59,870</u>
NOTE 10: CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
(a) Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash at bank		<u>168,865</u>	176,740
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities after income tax			
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax		8,800	20,033
Changes in assets and liabilities			
Decrease in receivables		45,044	46,770
Increase in other assets		-	(4,250)
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(61,719)	27,589
Cash flows from operations		<u>(7,875)</u>	90,142

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

Note 2004 2003 \$

NOTE 11: RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

The names of the people who held positions on the Executive during the year are

Brian Baulk National President
Colin Cooper National Vice President
Peter Tighe National Secretary

Earl Setches National Assistant Secretary

Bernard Riordan NSW Branch Secretary – Electrical Division

Dean Mighell
Southern States Branch Secretary – Electrical Division
Richard Williams
QLD Branch Secretary – Electrical Division
Steve McCarney
NSW Branch Secretary – Plumbing Division
Tony Murphy
TAS Branch Secretary – Plumbing Division
Jorgen Gullestrop
OLD Branch Secretary – Plumbing Division

Jim Metcher

Paul Kelly

NSW P & T Branch Secretary – Communications Division

Paul Kelly

P & T WA Branch Secretary – Communications Division

Noel Bretag

Divisional Assistant Secretary – Communications Division

Gary Carson

WA T & S Branch Secretary – Communications Division

Sharelle Herrington Affirmative Action Assistant Secretary – Communications Division

Vivette Horrex NSW T & S Assistant Branch Secretary – Communications Division

NOTE 12: COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services of Australia - National Council

Level 7, 1 Rosebery Avenue Rosebery NSW 2018

ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

I, **PETER ANTHONY TIGHE**, being the Officer responsible for keeping the accounting records of the Communication Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia – National Council, certify that as at 31 March 2004 the number of members of the Division was 131,030.

In my opinion:

- i. The attached financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Union as at 31 March 2004
- ii. A record has been kept of all moneys paid by, or collected from, members and moneys so paid or collected have been credited to the bank account to which those moneys are to be credited, in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- ii.ii. Before any expenditure was incurred by the Union, approval of the incurring of the expenditure was obtained in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- ii.iv. With regard to funds of the Union raised by compulsory levies or voluntary contributions from members, or funds other than the general fund operated in accordance with the rules, no payments were made out of any such fund for purposes other than those for which the fund was operated.
- ii.v. No loans or other financial benefits, other than remuneration in respect to their full time employments with the Union were made to persons holding office in the Union
- ii.vi. The registrar of members of the Union was maintained in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act, 1996.



PETER ANTHONY TIGHE

Dated this 24 Nov 2004

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRICAL ELECTRONIC ENERGY INFORMATION POSTAL PLUMBING AND ALLIED SERVICES OF AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL COUNCIL

Scope

We have audited the financial statements comprising the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the financial statements of the Communication Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia – National Council for the year ended 31 March 2003. The Union's Committee of Management and Accounting Officer are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial accounts and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Union.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial accounts are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting policies. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial accounts are presented fairly in accordance with applicable accounting standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Communications, Electrical, Electronic Energy Information, Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia – National Council which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion:

- a satisfactory accounting records were kept by the Union in respect of the year ended 31 March 2004, including:
 - i records of the sources and nature of the income of the Union; and
 - ii records of the nature and purposes of expenditure of the Union; and
- b the financial statements and other statements required to be prepared under sec 273 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 have been properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - i the financial affairs of the Union as at 31 March 2003; and
 - ii the income and expenditure, and surplus, of the Union for the year ended on that date; and
- c the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we require from the officers and employees of the Union, which were necessary for the purposes of our audit, and there were no deficiencies, failures or shortcomings in relation to the matters referred to above.

Pinker Arnold & McLoughlin Suite 1 Level 2 420 Forest Road Hurstville NSW 2220

Richard Charles Pinker

24 NOV. 2004

Partner

Hurstville NSW

DISCLAIMER TO THE MEMBERS OF COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRICAL ELECTRONIC ENERGY INFORMATION POSTAL PLUMBING AND ALLIED SERVICES OF AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL COUNCIL

The additional financial data presented on page 11 is in accordance with the books and records of the union which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the union for the financial year ended 31 March 2004. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services of Australia - National Council) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

Pinker Arnold & McLoughlin Suite 1 Level 2 420 Forest Road Hurstyille NSW 2220

Richard Charles Pinker

Partner

Hurstville NSW

PRIVATE INFORMATION FOR THE DIRECTOR ON THE 2004 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

	2004 \$	2003 \$
INCOME		
Interest	1,027	600
ACTU Affiliation funds	270,521	252,815
Levy on Branches	50,294	54,029
Other income	45	7,338
TOTAL INCOME	321,887	314,782
LESS EXPENSES		·
Affiliation fees	272,300	256,863
Audit fees	2,700	2,700
Bank charges	30	<u>-</u>
Donations	12,091	3,000
Printing and stationery	-	2,616
Legal fees	5,030	8,696
Secretarial services	4,709	8,759
Sundry expenses	-	1,613
TUTA	<u>16,227</u>	10,502
TOTAL EXPENSES	313,087	294,749
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	8,800	20,033



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Mr Peter Tighe
National Secretary
CEPU
Suite 701, Level 7, 1 Rosebery Avenue
ROSEBERY NSW 2018

Dear Mr Tighe

Re: Financial Return – National Council - for year ending 31 March 2004 (FR2004/215)

Thank you for lodging the above documents which were received on 24 January 2006. I draw your attention to the following matters.

s237 Statement of Loans, Grants and Donations

The Detailed Profit and Loss Statement shows a total balance of \$12,091 for Donations. Please remember that organisations must, if appropriate and they have not already done so, lodge in the Industrial Registry a statement under the relevant section, (in this case, s269 of the unamended Workplace Relations Act 1996) showing the prescribed particulars for each and any donation exceeding \$1000.

Signing documents before provision to members

In your Secretary's Certificate you state that the report was presented to the meeting of the committee of management on 24 November 2004. This is the date the Auditor's report and other statements were signed. However you state that the report was provided to members in September 2004, two months earlier.

Section 279(1) of the unamended Act clearly contemplates that members should have been provided with signed copies of the report. The current s265(1) of the RAO Schedule also implies this. Consequently, the documents which are lodged in the Registry should show that they were signed before they were circulated to the members.

I note that sub-rule 20.3 of the National Rules supports this which I quote below.

20.3 Circulation of Accounts to Members

Once the Auditor has signed off on the financial reports for the financial year and those reports have been forwarded and presented to the National Council, they shall be circulated to members via the union magazine, by correspondence or by email, on the union's website or by some other method where all members have access to and are able to view the financial reports.

Only after the signed documents have been circulated to the members should they be formally presented to a second meeting of the National Council under s266.

Next year's documents should reflect this sequence. The documents should be signed and dated prior to circulation, not left till the second meeting held post-circulation

Notwithstanding the foregoing, I am satisfied on the basis of your Secretary's Certificate that the members were provided with the financial statements that were presented to a subsequent second meeting, and therefore the documents will be filed.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Kellett

Assistant Manager, Sydney Registry

24 January 2006