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Chairman's Address, 2009 AGM

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

I am Garth McGilvray, Chairman of Provet Holdings Limited. If you haven't already, could you please ensure your mobile phones are turned off.

On behalf of the Provet Board, I welcome you all to our 27th Annual General Meeting. There being a quorum present, I declare the meeting open and inform the meeting that proxies have been received representing 1,950,484 shares 'For' Resolutions 1,2, and 3 and 5,009 shares 'Blank' for these resolutions. In regard to Resolution 4 we have received proxy votes of 1,784,202 'For', 105,883 'Against', 60,399 'Abstained' and 5,009 'Blank'.

Apologies: Reg Pascoe (due to a clash with the National Veterinary Examine of which he is the Chief Examiner), David Johnson, Doug Sutherland, Steph Diest, Rick Atwell, Joy Pascoe, Ian Brumpton, GL & JM Garde, Roger Harley of Fawkner Capital any others??

I wish to introduce my fellow Directors and Officers

John Maclachlan, Deputy Chairman.

Bob Menrath,

Vic Menrath,

Tony Nicholls

Plus the two new LCW nominee directors Peter Halstead, from the Melbourne office and

Lindsay Phillips from the Sydney office.

Nigel Nichols, CEO,

Joe Best, COO

Chris Lowndes, CFO and Company Secretary.

I am also delighted to introduce our advisors who are present:

Samantha Morris from or lawyers McCullough Robinson

Mark Phelps, the current audit partner, Ms Winna Brown, the proposed new audit partner, and Priy Jayasuriaya, executive director, Assurance and Advisory Business Services from Ernst and Young.

Firstly, on behalf of the company I wish to thank all shareholders who participated in the recent rights issue. The strong support of our shareholders, to the tune of \$4.7 m is greatly appreciated. Secondly, I also wish to thank those shareholders who elected to participate in the dividend reinvestment plan this year – participation was a 50% increase on 2008.

I also confirm that the final dividend mentioned in the Annual Report was paid on the 10th of November.

This year is the first year we have produced a Shareholder Review as a separate document to the Annual Financial Report. As a result of recent changes to the ASIC reporting rules for reporting entities, we have also introduced shareholder announcements via our web site as opposed to the previous system of lodging forms with ASIC and posting letters to shareholders. We have also redesigned our web-site so there is easier access to the investor section for shareholders. However, with the recent EGM and Rights Issue events there has still been quite a bit of correspondence from me recently. The point is that the performance of 2009 has been well disclosed. I reiterate what I said at the EGM recently, we are very happy, in view of the global financial crisis, with a sales increase of 7.9% year on year, and despite the fact that our reported NPAT increase on previous year was 1.75%, the operating profit increased by 11% after abnormals.

I am pleased to report that the internal efficiencies foreshadowed at the last AGM are now starting to deliver results to our earnings. While sales revenues are still volatile there is evidence that these efficiencies are now delivering results to the bottom line. In addition the warehouse in Tasmania is on track for completion in late December, stocking in early January and becoming operational mid January.

In regard to our non-core businesses, Information Technology and Consulting Services we are pleased to announce that Viva VPM, which is the redeveloped Vetcare practice management product, has been live in our beta test site for 4 weeks and is being installed in two more during December and expected to be rolled out into several practices committed to installing it in January. We have decided to have the most stable platform available in the market and as a consequence there has been some delays to the release of this product. The status of our consulting and training unit, Crampton Consulting Group has been well recognised with Sue Crampton being a key speaker at both the AVBA and AVPMA conferences. Seminars and in practice consultations for strategic planning facilitation, financial management HR, OHS and customer service have been well supported.

There has been increased focus on director and executive remuneration in the general and financial media over the last year. Despite increased work load, your Provet senior executives and directors are exercising restraint constraint by taking a CPI increase only to remuneration. That is an increase of 2.5% this year. Resolution 4 at this meeting relates to an increase to the global pool amount for remuneration of directors. Your Board believes the increase is prudent to ensure the pool available is sufficient to allow the opportunity to add further directors with specific skills and expertise if and when they may be needed.

Further to the announcement at the EGM of Reg Pascoe's retirement as a director, I would like thank Reg for his contribution to the company as a director, investor and customer since the very beginning of Provet and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Garth McGilvray, BVSc, MRCVS, FAICD, FAVA
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