

# **HEARTWARE LIMITED**

ABN 34 111 970 257

Half-Year Report for the period ended 30 June 2008 provided pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 4.2A.

This is the Half-Year Report and Interim Financial Report for the HeartWare Group. The HeartWare Group includes HeartWare Limited (ASX: HTW) and its subsidiary, HeartWare, Inc..

This Half-Year Report does not include all of the commentary, notes and information that are typically found in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this Half-Year Report should be read in conjunction with any public announcements made by the Company during the half-year in accordance with any continuous disclosure obligations arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This Half-Year Report provides information as required by Appendix 4D of the ASX Listing Rules.



# **Results for Announcement to the Market**

#### Important information concerning the financial results for the half-year ended 30 June 2008

The financial results set out in this Half-Year Report and the attached Interim Financial Report are the consolidated financial results for the HeartWare Group, being HeartWare Limited ("HeartWare" or "the Company") and its subsidiary, HeartWare, Inc.

The Interim Financial Report has been prepared under Australian Accounting Standards. All figures ("\$") referred to in this Half-Year Report and the Interim Financial Report are denominated in Australian dollars.

# Review of Operations and Earnings Results for the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2008

The net loss of the HeartWare Group for the half-year ended 30 June 2008 after providing for income tax was \$16,405,289 (2007: \$13,633,357). The result reflects increased expenditure by the Company relating to the expansion of the Company's clinical trial and in connection with the commercialisation of its range of circulatory assist devices or "heart pumps", which are used for the treatment of congestive heart failure.

	Half-Year Ended 30 June 2008 \$	Half-Year Ended 30 June 2007 \$	Percentage Increase / (Decrease) %
Sales revenues	-	-	-
Profit / (Loss) before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA")	(16,609,529)	(13,602,471)	22%
Profit / (Loss) before interest and tax ("EBIT")	(17,016,695)	(14,033,052)	21%
Income tax benefit	-	-	-
Net Profit / (Loss) attributable to members ("NPAT")	(16,405,289)	(13,633,357)	20%
Net tangible assets per ordinary share (cents per share)	6.65	4.98	34%



# Results for Announcement to the Market (Continued)

A summary of significant achievements for the half-year ended 30 June 2008 is set out below:

# (a) Clinical Trial Update

#### **Completion of Enrolment for International Clinical Trial**

HeartWare continued its international human clinical trial during 2008 for its lead product, the HeartWare® LVAD System and has been approved to extend enrolment in the trial to 50 patients. As at 12 August 2008, 41 patients have been implanted with the HeartWare® Left Ventricular Assist System ("LVAS"). On a cumulative basis the HeartWare patients have now been supported by the device for over 9,700 days. Twenty six patients have passed the primary clinical endpoint for the trial. Our two longest supported patients to date both exceed 550 days.

#### **Presentation of Initial Clinical Results**

On 14 April 2008, Dr Georg Wieselthaler, cardiothoracic surgeon at Vienna General Hospital, presented the initial results from our international clinical trial of the HeartWare® LVAS at the annual meeting of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation ("ISHLT") held in the United States. The data presented showed a 6-month survival rate of 91% among the first 23 patients implanted with the HeartWare® device. Of the 23 patients, 21 met the primary end point of the trial, defined as survival to 180 days or transplantation. These included 19 patients who were supported by the HeartWare® LVAS at 180 days and 2 patients that received transplants after 157 days and 176 days respectively.

#### (b) Regulatory Update

HeartWare continues to pursue two parallel regulatory tracks. The first relates to our international (non US) opportunity and the pursuit of CE marking. The immediate major milestone in relation to our international regulatory timeline is the submission of our technical dossier to our Notified Body in Europe which is expected during the current guarter.

Subject to the time required for the regulatory authorities to process our application, we remain confident of being awarded CE marking for the HeartWare® LVAS towards the end of 2008. Following receipt of CE marking, HeartWare will be able to market and sell the device throughout Europe and in certain other jurisdictions where CE marking is recognized.

The more extensive regulatory process is that relating to our US clinical trial. HeartWare has allocated significant resources in 2008 to our US Investigational Device Exemption ("IDE") submission and on 5 May 2008 we received conditional approval of our application. We continue to work towards resolving the few remaining conditions so that we can achieve full IDE approval.

Our US study is a pivotal trial, and therefore does not include a feasibility or pilot phase, requires the enrolment of 150 patients across a maximum of 28 centres. The primary endpoint is survival to 180 days and is defined to include patients who have received a heart transplant, patients who remain alive and supported by the device at 180 days, and recovery patients who have survived for a minimum of 60 days following the explants of their device. Patients are not required to be listed for transplant at 180 days in order to be considered a success.

In anticipation of final approval of our IDE we have 5 sites trained and expect additional sites to be trained over the ensuing months. We expect to begin US implants shortly.



#### Results for Announcement to the Market (Continued)

We believe the HeartWare LVAS will be eligible for US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") reimbursement and as a result the US clinical trial will generate initial revenue for HeartWare.

# (c) Manufacturing Update

We anticipate a significant increase in demand once we begin our US clinical trial and once we initiate European commercial sales. Our operations team has been steadily scaling our production capability throughout this year so as to be prepared for this expected increased volume within the next 6 or so months.

In April 2008 we secured a new manufacturing facility in Miami Lakes, Florida in the US. The new facility has ample manufacturing capability for our current and projected needs and should serve us well for the foreseeable future. The new facility includes three clean rooms all of which are ISO Class 100,000 compliant.

The relocation to the new facility is expected to be completed soon.

#### (d) Capital Raising

The Company is presently in a strong financial position having completed a significant equity financing in July 2008, raising approximately \$31.1 million from institutional and sophisticated investors in the United States and Australia.

The proceeds of the capital raising are to be used to fund the further development and commercialisation of the HeartWare® LVAS and to advance the Company's MVAD<sup>TM</sup> pump program. The funds will allow HeartWare to complete its current European clinical trial and to make significant inroads its US clinical trial program. The funding will also be applied to scaling up HeartWare's manufacturing capability in order to meet the clinical demand anticipated for the HeartWare® LVAS throughout 2008.

# Financial Statements

The Company's Interim Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2008 is attached.

# Cash Flow

As at the end of the half-year, the Company has cash reserves of approximately \$16,069,977.

The attached Interim Financial Results do not include the funds held by our third party escrow agent in relation to the above mentioned capital raising as of 30 June 2008. This is because the Company did not have control over the initial funds received and the capital raising required shareholder approval which was not obtained until 11 July 2008, which was after the 30 June 2008 reporting date for the Interim Financial Report. Following the receipt of shareholder approval, the Company has cash reserves of approximately \$42.6 million (as at 31 July 2008).

During the half-year, HeartWare took further steps towards its goals of commercialisation of its range of circulatory assist devices and, to this end, expended funds in a variety of areas including clinical trial costs, product development and testing, pre-production, research and development. Expenditure increased significantly during the half-year, in large part due to significant increased costs associated with progress towards the receipt of various regulatory approvals in the United States and Europe.



# **Results for Announcement to the Market (Continued)**

# **Dividends**

The Corporations Act 2001 prohibits the Company from declaring a dividend until such time as it has achieved sufficient profits to support such a dividend. The Directors are therefore unable to, and do not, recommend that a dividend relating to the half-year ended 30 June 2008 be declared or paid by the Company.

# Earnings Per Share (EPS)

	30 June 2008 Cents	30 June 2007 Cents
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents per share)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	248,100,277	186,299,282

The amount used as the numerator in calculating basic and diluted EPS (for 30 June 2008) is the NPAT figure reported in the section entitled "Review of Operations and Earnings Result for the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2008" above.



# **Results for Announcement to the Market (Continued)**

# Segment Reporting

The consolidated entity operates in the medical devices sector and conducts integrated operations in the United States of America and Australia. The HeartWare Group is developing and commercialising its range of circulatory assist devices or "heart pumps" which are used for the treatment of congestive heart failure. The Company does not yet have regulatory approvals so as to permit it to sell its products into the global market. Segment results are set out in the attached Interim Financial Report.

# Compliance Statement

The attached Interim Financial Report is not subject to dispute or qualification. This Half-Year Report is based on the Interim Financial Report that has been subject to review. HeartWare has a formally constituted audit committee.

Rob Thomas Chairman HeartWare Limited

Date: 13 August 2008



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# INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT 30 June 2008

Provided in accordance with Section 320 of the Corporation Act 2001.



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# CORPORATE DIRECTORY

# **Board of Directors**

Robert Thomas, Non-Executive Chairman Seth Harrison, MD, Non-Executive Deputy Chairman Douglas Godshall, Chief Executive Officer Christine Bennett, MB, Non-Executive Director Denis Wade AM, MB, D.Phil., Non-Executive Director Robert Stockman, Non-Executive Director Timothy Barberich, Non-Executive Director

# **Chief Executive Officer**

Douglas Godshall

# **Registered Address**

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# **Advisory Board**

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# **Company Secretary**

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# **CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

	Notes	CONSOLIDATED GROUP 6 months to 30 June 2008 \$	CONSOLIDATED GROUP 6 months to 30 June 2007 \$
Revenue	2	627,358	<b>4</b> 14,568
Other income		-	-
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(407,166)	(430,581)
Administrative and facilities expenses		(441,278)	(318,870)
Audit, financial and taxation services		(278,849)	(152,780)
Consultants – clinical, regulatory and medical		(1,531,072)	(912,778)
Consultants – corporate advisory and investor relations		(297,438)	(197,856)
Contractor expenses		(836,423)	(692,181)
Information technology expense		(173,986)	(176,741)
Insurance expenses		(113,203)	(116,541)
Employment and directors' expenses		(5,872,838)	(4,839,645)
Financing costs		(15,952)	(14,873)
Foreign exchange expense		(1,390,189)	(679,754)
Legal expense		(974,603)	(733,829)
Raw materials and consumables used		(1,299,278)	(323,423)
Rental expense and outgoings		(492,392)	(527,701)
Research and development expenses		(457,147)	(459,857)
Share-based payments		(627,655)	(1,651,893)
Shareholder and ASX listing costs		(133,365)	(192,386)
Travel, accommodation and related expenses		(821,085)	(947,676)
Trials – animal and human		(251,398)	(305,838)
Validation and verification expense		(44,881)	(13,715)
Other expenses		(572,449)	(359,007)
Loss before income tax Income tax expense	3	(16,405,289)	(13,633,357)
Loss for the period		(16,405,289)	(13,633,357)
Loss attributable to members of the parent entity		(16,405,289)	(13,633,357)
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share - cents		(0.07)	(0.07)



# **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	CONSOLIDATED GROUP As At 30 June 2008 \$	CONSOLIDATED GROUP As At 31 December 2007 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		16,069,977	32,073,942
Trade and other receivables		374,243	180,035
Other current assets		529,336	705,785
Total Current Assets	_	16,973,556	32,959,762
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment		3,485,822	3,072,874
Intangible assets		2,379,261	2,592,089
Other non-current assets		299,636	2,002,000
Total Non-Current Assets	_	6,164,719	5,664,963
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Total Assets		23,138,275	38,624,725
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		2,321,504	1,665,561
Short-term borrowings		1,510,418	1,517,689
Short-term provisions		366,076	311,870
Other current liabilities		60,283	-
Total Current Liabilities	_	4,258,281	3,495,120
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Total Liabilities		4,258,281	3,495,120
Net Assets		18,879,994	35,129,605
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Equity			
Issued capital	5	94,647,107	94,647,107
Reserves		5,803,448	5,647,770
Retained earnings		(81,570,561)	(65,165,272)
Total Equity	_	40.070.004	25 420 005
Total Equity	=	18,879,994	35,129,605



# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Contributed Equity	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Share Option Reserve	Exercised Option Reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 2007	59,673,110	(220,217)	3,452,791	274,421	(38,788,625)	24,391,480
Currency translation	-	(406,076)	-	-	-	(406,076)
Net income recognised directly in equity	-	(406,076)	-	-	-	(406,076)
Loss for the period		-	-		(13,633,357)	(13,633,357)
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	(406,076)	-	-	(13,633,357)	(14,039,433)
Shares issued during the period	8,000	-	-	-	-	8,000
Employee share based compensation		-	1,637,302	14,591	-	1,651,893
Balance as at 30 June 2007	59,681,110	(626,293)	5,090,093	289,012	(52,421,982)	12,011,940
Balance as at 1 January 2008	94,647,107	(841,761)	6,168,418	321,113	(65,165,272)	35,129,605
Currency translation	-	(471,977)	-	_	-	(471,977)
Net income recognised directly in equity	-	(471,977)	-	-	-	(471,977)
Loss for the period		-	-	-	(16,405,289)	(16,405,289)
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	(471,977)	-	-	(16,405,289)	(16,877,266)
Shares issued during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employee share based compensation		-	627,655	-	-	627,655
Balance as at 30 June 2008	94,647,107	(1,313,738)	6,796,073	321,113	(81,570,561)	18,879,994



# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	CONSOLIDATED GROUP 6 Months to 30 June 2008 \$	CONSOLIDATED GROUP 6 Months to 30 June 2007 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Payments to suppliers and employees	(15,313,843)	(12,476,118)
Interest received	570,265	448,024
Interest paid	(10,709)	(98)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(14,754,287)	(12,028,192)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,046,999)	(558,031)
Payment for research and development	(130,140)	(66,293)
Payment for intangible assets	(1,127)	(110,672)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(1,178,266)	(734,996)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from capital raising activities (shares not		
issued at 30 June 2007)	-	21,689,183
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	8,000
Net cash flows provided by financing activities		
		21,697,183
Net (decrease) increase in cash held	(15,932,553)	8,933,995
Cash at the beginning of the financial period Effect of exchange rates on cash holdings	32,073,942	21,101,693
in foreign currencies	(71,412)	(56,415)
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Cash at the end of the financial period	16,069,977	29,979,273



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

# 1. Basis of Preparation of Half-Year Financial Statements

The half-year consolidated financial statements ("Interim Financial Report") are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

It is recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the 2007 Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2007 and any public announcements made by HeartWare Limited ("the Company") and its controlled entities during, and since the end of, the half-year in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The half-year report does not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report.

# **Reporting Basis and Conventions**

The half-year report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

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2.	Revenue	GROUP 30 June 2008 \$	GROUP 30 June 2007 \$
	Interest received	627,358 627,358	414,568 414,568
3.	Loss before income tax has been determined	CONSOLIDATED	CONSOLIDATED

3.	Loss before income tax has been determined after deducting:	CONSOLIDATED GROUP 30 June 2008 \$	CONSOLIDATED GROUP 30 June 2007 \$
	Depreciation of property plant and equipment	268,195	247,440
	Amortisation of intangible assets	138,971	183,141



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

# 4. Segment reporting

The Consolidated Group's primary reporting segment is geographical. The Consolidated Group operates in two geographical segments, being Australia and the United States of America.

	Australia \$	USA \$	Eliminations \$	Consolidated Group \$
Half-Year 30 June 2008			·	•
Total Segment Revenue:				
Revenue	600,872	26,486	-	627,358
Segment Result:				
Profit / (Loss) before income tax expense	(3,131,692)	(13,273,597)	-	(16,405,289)
Half-Year 30 June 2007				
Total Segment Revenue:				
Revenue	385,201	29,367	-	414,568
Segment Result:				
Profit / (Loss) before income tax expense	(3,502,515)	(10,130,842)	-	(13,633,357)

# 5. Issued Capital

There were no movements in issued capital for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

As noted above, the Company announced on 23 May 2008 that it had received commitments to raise in excess of \$30 million. This capital raising was subject to shareholder approval, which was obtained on 11 July 2008. As shareholder approval was not obtained until after 30 June 2008, there is no change to issued capital for this transaction as at 30 June 2008.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

# 6. Contingent liabilities

As set out in the Company's prospectus (dated 17 December 2004), the Consolidated Group and the parent entity has the following contingent liabilities resulting from the acquisition by HeartWare, Inc. of a business that previously held the Company's technology:

- (a) a milestone payment of US\$750,000 within 6 months of the date when the first circulatory assist device is approved for sale in Europe, provided that the Company has at least US\$15,000,000 in cash on hand and, if the Company does not have US\$15,000,000 in cash on hand at that time, then the payment is deferred until such that the Company has \$15,000,000 in cash on hand;
- (b) A milestone payment of US\$1,250,000 when the first circulatory assist device is approved for sale in the US, provided that the Company has at least US\$25,000,000 in cash on hand and, if the Company does not have US\$25,000,000 in cash on hand at that time, then the payment is deferred until such that the Company has US\$25,000,000 in cash on hand;
- (c) A special payment of up to US\$500,000 upon a sale of HeartWare, Inc. if such sale generated proceeds in excess of the aggregate liquidation preferences of all of HeartWare, Inc.'s then outstanding preferred stock.

Except as stated above, the Company has received no written notice of any claim against the HeartWare Group that could be properly categorised as a "contingent liability" for the purposes of Australian Accounting Standards.

# 7. Subsequent events

On 11 July 2008, the Company completed an offering of its ordinary shares in a private placement to a group of institutional and sophisticated investors in the United States and Australia. The Company issued 62,256,562 ordinary shares for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$31.1 million.

On 25 July 2008, Apple Tree Partners I, L.P. redeemed the convertible note which the Company issued on 15 December 2004 in the principal amount of \$1,420,000. The accrued liability as at the redemption date, inclusive of interest in arrears, was \$1,512,728.

Except as disclosed above, there have been no events subsequent to the reporting date that would have a material effect on the financial report.

# 8. Non-cash financing and investing activities

There has been no non-cash financing and investing activities in the half-year to 30 June 2008.



# **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors of HeartWare Limited declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 9
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the consolidated group's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date.
- 2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Rob Thomas Chairman

**HeartWare Limited** 

DATED: 13 August 2008



# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial report of HeartWare Limited ("Company"), being the Company and its controlled entities, for the half-year ended 30 June 2008.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The names of directors who held office during or since the end of the half-year are as follows:

Robert Thomas, Non-Executive Chairman - director since 26 November 2004
Seth Harrison, MD, Non-Executive Deputy Chairman - director since 26 November 2004
Douglas Godshall, CEO - director since 26 October 2006
Christine Bennett, MB, Non-Executive Director - director since 15 December 2004
Denis Wade AM, MB, D.Phil., Non-Executive Director - director since 15 December 2004
Robert Stockman, Non-Executive Director - director since 8 December 2006
Timothy Barberich, Non-Executive Director - director since 29 April 2008

# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

The Review of Operations is contained on Page 2 of the Half-Year Report provided in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 4.2A.3.

# **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

The lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 12 for the half-year ended 30 June 2008 and forms part of this report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Rob Thomas Chairman

**HeartWare Limited** 

Date: 13 August 2008



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# AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF HEARTWARE LIMITED

In accordance with the requirements of section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, as lead auditor for the review of HeartWare Limited for the half-year ended 30 June 2008, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- b no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

GRANT THORNTON NSW

Chartered Accountants

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Sydney, 13 August 2008



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HEARTWARE LIMITED

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of HeartWare Limited (the company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the half-year ended on that date, and other selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during that half-year.

# Directors' responsibility for the half-year financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards including the Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

# Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagement ASRE 2410: Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HEARTWARE LIMITED (cont)

# Auditor's responsibility (cont)

report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

As the auditor of HeartWare Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

# Independence

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

#### Conclusion

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

- a giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting and Corporations Regulations 2001.

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Chartered Accountants

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