

23 August 2005

TO THE CREDITOR AS ADDRESSED

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: PASMINGO LIMITED
(SUBJECT TO DEED OF COMPANY ARRANGEMENT)
ACN 004 368 674
AND ITS WHOLLY OWNED AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARIES (“PASMINGO”)**

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I refer to previous correspondence regarding the administration of the Pasmingo Group.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide an update to creditors as follows:

1. Dividend Estimates as at 30 June 2005
2. Notice in relation to a Public Examination

1. DIVIDEND ESTIMATES AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

As you are aware, we have held back a proportion of the proceeds from the float of Zinifex Limited in order to deal with the completion of the Deeds of Company Arrangement of the remaining companies that comprise the Residual Group. The process from here is effectively akin to a winding up.

Due to the commercial sensitivity of the issues relating to the retention, we are unable to provide you with either the quantum or a specific breakdown of the quantum of the retention and how it relates to the provisioning for the outstanding Residual Group issues.

Given our present understanding of the likely cost of dealing with these issues, we have sought to provide creditors with an estimate of further dividends that may be payable based on “best case”, “mid case” and “worst case” scenarios.

The worst and best case scenarios we consider are extremes and, in our view, dividends are unlikely to materialise at these levels. At the present time, the mid case scenario represents our best estimate of further dividends to creditors.

Disclaimer

The process of estimating future dividends that may be payable to the unsecured creditors of Pasmingo involves assessing a number of contingencies, risks, uncertainties and other factors, all of which are, to a large extent, beyond the control of the Deed

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Administrators. Actual dividend levels may be materially different from the estimates provided in this paper due to any number of factors beyond the Deed Administrators' control.

Furthermore, many of the estimates adopted in calculating possible future dividend levels are based on information from a variety of sources, including advice received from a number of consultants as well as data available from market commentators and advisors. We have not independently verified this industry and market data or the advice received from various consultants and advisors.

Given these uncertainties and the contingencies that may affect the ultimate realisation of any of the scenarios, unsecured creditors and prospective acquirers of unsecured debt are cautioned not to place reliance upon the estimates provided in this document. You should not treat the dividend estimates as a representation or warranty by the Deed Administrators as to the likelihood of achieving the estimated dividend levels that are provided. Creditors and persons interested in acquiring unsecured debt should make their own enquiries and the Deed Administrators accept no liability for loss or damage suffered by any person relying on these estimates.

Summary of Dividend Estimates

To date, dividends have been paid to unsecured creditors of 12.5 cents and 1.3 cents, totalling 13.8 cents in the dollar.

Shown below are two schedules relating to our estimate of **further** dividends, on an undiscounted and discounted basis respectively.

Undiscounted Dividend Forecast as at 30 June 2005

Estimated further dividends (cents in the dollar)		
Worst Case	Mid Case	Best Case
4.7	10.1	12.4

Discounted Dividend Forecast as at 30 June 2005

Nominal Discount Rate	Estimated further dividends (cents in the dollar)		
	Worst Case	Mid Case	Best Case
8%	3.3	7.3	9.3
10%	3.0	6.8	8.7
12%	2.8	6.3	8.1

As indicated above, our current estimate of the further dividends that may be payable to creditors on a mid case scenario is 10.1 cents, which would bring the final total dividend to unsecured creditors to 23.9 cents in the dollar.

You will note that, in our forecasts prepared as at 31 March 2005, it was estimated that future dividends on a mid case scenario would be 9.0 cents. The increase in this estimate to 10.1 cents can be attributed to, amongst other things:

- An improvement in the actuals compared to the forecasts for the period to 31 March 2005.
- A change in the timing of forecast expenditure resulting in more interest being earned on funds held.
- A downward revision in estimated future workers' compensation liabilities and settlement with Rio Tinto at mediation, which eliminated certain exposures for the administration.
- A reduction in the estimated value of creditor claims.

General Assumptions

It should be noted that in calculating the estimates of the dividends under these scenarios, due to yet unknown variables, assumptions have been made as follows:

- An average interest receivable rate of 5.59% on deposit account funds held been applied to those funds not locked in term deposit with a fixed rate of interest.
- Interest in respect of those funds not held in term deposit accrues on the average mid period cash balance.
- Creditor claims are estimated to amount to \$2,668 million.
- Discount rates used are nominal rates.
- Estimates are based as at 30 June 2005 and have been discounted back to this date.

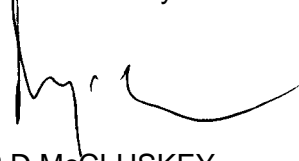
2. NOTICE IN RELATION TO A PUBLIC EXAMINATION

I refer to my letter dated 7 June 2005 in relation to the public examination of Ms Bronwyn Constance, a former officer of Pasminco, which was scheduled to be held on 22 June 2005. The public examination was not held as scheduled, due to the inability to serve the papers on Ms Constance.

For your information, please see attached a further notice pursuant to section 596E of the Corporations Act in relation to a public examination of Ms Constance.

Should you have any queries in this regard, please contact Sara Missen of this office (telephone +613 9600 4922).

Yours faithfully



P D McCLUSKEY
DEED ADMINISTRATOR

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Notice Pursuant to Section 596E of the *Corporations Act*

**IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA DISTRICT REGISTRY**

Proceeding No. VID 498 of 2005

Corporations Act 2001
Section 596E

**PASMINCO LIMITED
(SUBJECT TO DEED OF COMPANY ARRANGEMENT)
ACN 004 368 674**

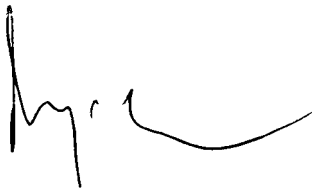
and

**PASMINCO INVESTMENTS PTY LTD
(SUBJECT TO DEED OF COMPANY ARRANGEMENT)
ACN 082 291 674**

Messrs Peter Damien McCluskey and John Menzies Spark, the deed administrators of Pasmenco Limited (subject to a deed of company arrangement) ACN 004 368 674 ('**Pasmenco**') and Pasmenco Investments Pty Ltd (subject to a deed of company arrangement) ACN 082 291 674 ('**PIPL**'), hereby give notice of the forthcoming public examination into the examinable affairs of Pasmenco and PIPL.

The public examination will commence at 10.15am on 30 August 2005 at the Federal Court of Australia, Victoria District Registry, Commonwealth Law Courts, 305 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

DATED: 23 August 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PETER DAMIEN McCLUSKEY