

**Independent Assurance Report on Disclosure Information**  
To the Directors of WEL Networks Limited

We have examined the attached reports ("the disclosure information"), which relate to disclosure information prepared by WEL Networks Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 and dated 18 August 2009 for the purposes of information requirements set out in clauses 3, 4(1), 6(1) and 7(5) of the Electricity Distribution (Information Disclosure) Requirements 2008 ("the Requirements"). In this report the attached reports are called "the disclosure information".

**Directors' Responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing disclosure information which complies with the Requirements.

**Responsibilities of the Independent Accountant**

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the disclosure information and report our opinion to you.

**Basis of Examination - Historical financial information included in reports FS1, FS2, FS3, AV1, AV2, AV3, AV4, MP2, MP3 and AM1**

We conducted the engagement in accordance with the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000: Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the historical amounts and disclosures contained in reports FS1, FS2, FS3, AV1, AV2, AV3, AV4, MP2, MP3 and AM1 of the disclosure information.

It also included an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements, if any, made by WEL Networks Limited in the preparation of the disclosure information.

We planned and performed our examination of the disclosure information so as to obtain all the information and explanation which we considered necessary, including for the purpose of obtaining sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the disclosure information has been prepared and presented in accordance with the Requirements in all material respects. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of supporting information and explanations in the disclosure information.

**Basis of Examination - Historical non-financial information included in reports MP1, MP2 and MP3**

We conducted the engagement in accordance with the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000: Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

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In relation to the historical non-financial information for the year ended 31 March 2009 which is disclosed pursuant to clause 6(1) of the Requirements, we have undertaken procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the amounts and disclosures in reports MP1, MP2 and MP3 have been:

- compiled in accordance with guidance issued pursuant to the Requirements; and
- calculated based on the source data provide by WEL Networks Limited. We have not performed audit procedures on the source data.

### **Basis of Examination - Prospective financial and non-financial information included in reports MP3 and AM1**

Our work has been limited to assessing whether the information has been presented on a basis consistent with the regulatory accounting or technical measurement requirements used for disclosures for the financial year ended 31 March 2009 and the immediately preceding financial year, and that the information has been calculated based on source data provided by the company, whilst acknowledging it is likely that actual results will vary from those forecasted, since anticipated events frequently do not occur as expected (and those variations may be significant). We have not performed audit procedures on the source data.

### **Relationship and Interests**

We have no relationship with or interests in WEL Networks Limited other than in our capacities as auditors of the financial statements, independent accountants providing an assurance opinion on the disclosure information, auditors of the threshold compliance statements prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Commerce Act (Electricity Lines Thresholds) Notice 2004 and under the Companies Act 1993, and in the provision of other professional advisory services. We are not aware of any relationships between our firm and WEL Networks Limited that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to impair our independence.

### **Opinions**

#### **Unqualified Opinion**

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion:

- the disclosure information for the financial year ended 31 March 2009 complies with the Requirements; and
- proper records to enable the complete and accurate compilation of the disclosure information have been kept by WEL Networks Limited.

### **Historical financial information included in reports FS1, FS2, FS3, AV1, AV2, AV3, AV4, MP2, MP3 and AM1**

In our opinion, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge the historical financial information set out in the disclosure information in reports FS1, FS2, FS3, AV1, AV2, AV3, AV4, MP2, MP3 and AM1 has been presented in all material respects in accordance with the Requirements.

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**Historical non-financial information included in reports MP1, MP2 and MP3**

In our opinion, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge the historical non-financial information included in reports MP1, MP2 and MP3 relating to the year ended 31 March 2009 in accordance with clause 6(1) of the Requirements has been:

- a) compiled in accordance with guidance issued pursuant to the Requirements; and
- b) calculated based on the unaudited source data provided by WEL Networks Limited. We have not performed audit procedures on the source data.

**Prospective financial and non-financial information included in reports MP3 and AM1**

In our opinion, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge the prospective financial and non-financial information included in reports MP3 and AM1 in accordance with clauses 6(1) and 7(5) of the Requirements has been:

- a) presented on a basis consistent with the regulatory accounting or technical measurement requirements used for disclosures for the 31 March 2009 financial year; and
- b) calculated based on the unaudited source data provided by WEL Networks Limited. We have not performed audit procedures on the source data.

The assurance engagement was completed on 24 August 2009 and our unqualified opinions are expressed as at that date.



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