

Ridgemount Forest Partnership

Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 28 February 2015**

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Statement of Total Profit/Loss and Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 28 February 2015

	<u>Feb 2015</u> \$	<u>Feb 2014</u> \$	<u>Budget</u> \$
<u>Forest Expenses</u>			
Fire Control	568	463	750
Management & Supervision Fees	8,070	8,014	8,530
	8,638	8,477	9,280
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Accountancy Fees	2,705	2,575	2,625
Administration	3,919	3,643	3,900
Audit Fees	1,575	1,525	1,595
Bank Fees	102	105	126
Depreciation for Period	159	169	159
Emission Trading Scheme	1,769	2,101	200
Legal Expenses	17	8	-
Meeting Costs	252	248	300
Repairs & Maintenance - Fences	-	643	1,500
Repairs & Maintenance - Tracks & Dams	-	2,775	3,000
Statutory Supervisor	1,325	1,325	1,325
Subscriptions - Forest Health, Research, Kyoto	42	241	485
Sundry Expenses	506	255	4,000
Valuation - Forest	225	246	255
Weed & Pest Control	-	-	600
	12,598	15,859	20,070
<u>Standing Charges</u>			
Insurance - Public Liability	401	401	400
Insurance - Plantations	6,509	6,509	7,160
Rates	1,916	1,885	1,995
	8,826	8,795	9,555
<u>Total Expenses</u>	30,062	33,131	38,905
<u>Less Expenses Recovered</u>			
Interest Received	1,139	1,340	300
Carbon Credit Sales (Net)	23,216	1,778	-
	24,355	3,118	300
<u>Loss for Tax Purposes</u>	(5,707)	(30,013)	(38,605)
Plantation Revaluation Increase (Decrease)	192,000	251,000	-
<u>Net Surplus/(Deficit)for Year</u>	186,293	220,987	(38,605)
Comprehensive Income	-	-	-
<u>Total Comprehensive Income</u>	\$186,293	\$220,987	(\$38,605)

Note: This Statement must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 28 February 2015

	<i><u>Note</u></i>	<i><u>Capital Accounts</u></i>	<i><u>Retained Earnings</u></i>	<i><u>2015 Total</u></i>
Equity as at 1 March 2014		1,319,345	1,618,307	2,937,652
Total Comprehensive Income		0	186,293	186,293
Total Contributions From Partners		21,240	-	21,240
Total Transactions with Owners		21,240	-	21,240
Equity as at 28 February 2015	17	<u>1,340,584</u>	<u>1,804,600</u>	<u>3,145,184</u>

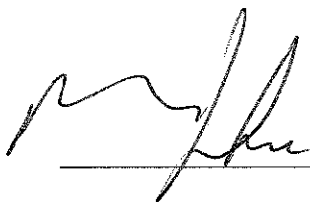
	<i><u>Capital Accounts</u></i>	<i><u>Retained Earnings</u></i>	<i><u>2014 Total</u></i>
Equity as at 1 March 2013	1,290,545	1,397,320	2,687,865
Total Comprehensive Income	0	220,987	220,987
Total Contributions From Partners	28,800	-	28,800
Total Transactions with Owners	28,800	-	28,800
Equity as at 28 February 2014	<u>1,319,345</u>	<u>1,618,307</u>	<u>2,937,652</u>

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Statement of Financial Position As at 28 February 2015

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Feb 2015</u> \$	<u>Feb 2014</u> \$
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Accrued Interest		194	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	53,494	38,027
Goods & Services Tax		<u>2,005</u>	<u>1,974</u>
		55,693	40,001
<u>Non Current Assets</u>			
<u>Plantations</u>			
Plantation Value	5	2,595,000	2,344,000
Revaluation for Year		<u>192,000</u>	<u>251,000</u>
	6	2,787,000	2,595,000
<u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u>			
Land	7	300,000	300,000
Land Improvements		<u>2,492</u>	<u>2,651</u>
		302,492	302,651
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>3,145,185</u>	<u>2,937,652</u>
<u>Less Liabilities</u>			
<u>Total Net Assets</u>		<u>\$3,145,185</u>	<u>\$2,937,652</u>
Represented by:			
<u>Equity</u>			
Capital Contributions per Schedule	17	1,340,584	1,319,344
Retained Earnings		<u>1,804,600</u>	<u>1,618,308</u>
		<u>\$3,145,185</u>	<u>\$2,937,652</u>



Partner



Partner

22 June 2015

Note: This Statement must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

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Cashflow Statement For the Year Ended 28 February 2015

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Feb 2015</u> \$	<u>Feb 2014</u> \$
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		945	1,340
Carbon Credit Sales (Net)		23,216	1,778
Goods & Services Tax		-	21
		<u>24,161</u>	<u>3,139</u>
Cash was applied to:			
Operating Expenses		29,903	32,962
Goods & Services Tax		<u>31</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>29,934</u>	<u>32,962</u>
Net Cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	8	<u>(5,773)</u>	<u>(29,823)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>			
Cash was provided from:			
Calls on Participatory Securities		<u>21,240</u>	<u>28,815</u>
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	8	<u>21,240</u>	<u>28,815</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		<u>15,467</u>	<u>(1,008)</u>
Cash at Start of Year		<u>38,027</u>	<u>39,034</u>
Cash at End of Year		<u><u>\$53,494</u></u>	<u><u>\$38,026</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 28 February 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Financial Statements presented here are for the entity Ridgemount Forest Partnership, which is a Partnership registered under the Partnership Act 1908.

Ridgemount Forest Partnership is an issuer for the purposes of the Financial Reporting Act 1993. The financial statements of Ridgemount Forest Partnership have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

Segmental Reporting

The entity operates in the forestry industry at locations in the North Island of New Zealand.

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on an historical cost basis are followed, with the exception that certain assets specified below have been revalued.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and comply with the NZ equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards. The financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. For this purpose, the Partnership has designated itself to be profit-oriented.

The information is presented in New Zealand dollars.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

- i Receivables and payables are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Due allowance is made for impaired receivables (doubtful debts). The resulting carrying amount for receivables is not materially different from estimated realisable value.
- ii The forest plantations are recorded at fair value less estimated point of sale costs. Any gains or losses in the fair value of the forest are recorded in the Statement of Financial Performance.
- iii Ridgemount Forest Partnership has voluntarily entered the Emission Trading Scheme ("ETS") in relation to 174 ha of plantation forest. Emission units are received from, or transferred to the government in respect of carbon stock changes in respect of this land. Carbon stocks are calculated in accordance with the climate change (forestry sector) regulations 2008. Units received will have to be returned to the government upon harvest of the forest stock. As a result, units received are held at a nominal value and the units held are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Unit values will not be recorded in the income statement unless it is certain that the units will not be required to meet harvest obligations.

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- iv Revenue on sales of goods is recognised when they are delivered and ready for use by the customer.
- v The entity is not a party to financial instruments with off balance sheet risk.
- vi Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, bank balances, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.
- vii Property improvements, plant and equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Land is recorded at cost. Depreciation has been calculated on a diminishing value basis.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed of, any gain or loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and is calculated as the difference between the sale price and the carrying value of the item.

Depreciation is provided for on a diminishing value basis on all tangible property, plant and equipment other than freehold land and capital work in progress, at depreciation rates calculated to allocate the assets' cost or valuation less estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives.

Major Depreciation periods are:
Land Improvements - average 33 years

- viii For the purposes of the cashflow statement, cash includes cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.
- ix All taxable profits or losses are assessed to the partners of the partnership.
- x The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis, except for receivables and payables which are presented inclusive of GST.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

2. AUDIT

These financial statements have been subject to audit, please refer to Auditor's Report.

3. BUSINESS

The principal activity of Ridgemount Forest Partnership is that of Afforestation. The partnership grows pinus radiata for the purpose of selling the harvest in 2024.

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	<u>Feb 2015</u>	<u>Feb 2014</u>
	\$	\$
4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
B N Z Current Account	11,808	11,396
B N Z Deposit - Investment Fund	20,685	26,631
B N Z Term Deposit	21,000	-
	<u>\$53,494</u>	<u>\$38,027</u>

Deposit - Investment Fund

The deposit is available to fund any future obligation that Ridgemount Forest Partnership may assume under its arrangement with other partnerships in the Roger Dickie Insurance Group. Ridgemount Forest Partnership will contribute towards forest losses sustained by other partnerships and not covered by the Group Insurance Scheme.

5. PLANTATION DETAILS

The plantation is comprised of Pinus Radiata trees planted in the Hastings District. The Net Stocked Area of approximately 174 hectares was planted in 1996.

6. PLANTATION REVALUATIONS

Valuer

The plantation was valued as at 28 February 2015 by Jeff Schnell, Registered Forestry Consultant (NZIF), of PF Olsen Limited, forest consultants and managers. The estimated fair value of the plantation is categorised within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Valuation Methodology

The valuation uses the following procedure:

- i Future Yields are forecast.
- ii Log prices are attached and harvest costs deducted to arrive at projected harvest revenues.
- iii Projected clearfell revenues are reduced to account for attrition.
- iv Future costs are added.
- v The effect of taxation is modelled from a purchaser's perspective.
- vi The resulting post-tax cashflow is discounted at the nominal discount rate. This generates a Net Present Value (NPV) by stand and by forest.

If the stand has a negative NPV after the discounting as above, then the stand value is assessed as the sum of the current replacement costs.

The fair value estimate excludes the value of the land and the improvements thereon.

Also excluded are any costs and revenues associated with subsequent crops, and any value arising from the Emissions Trading Scheme.

The key inputs used in obtaining fair value are as follows, along with their sensitivity to a significant increase or decrease.

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Projected Yield

The growth potential was determined for each crop type based on measurement data supplied by the forest manager. Where a crop has not been measured, the indices estimated in the original prospectus have been used. A clearfell age of 28 has been assumed for the majority of the radiata crops. Some small stands have been assigned other clearfell ages to coincide with the harvesting of larger neighbouring stands. Yields have been projected from measured starting points (where data allows) using appropriate growth models. The Atlas Forecaster modelling system has been used. A significant increase in this input would increase the fair value of the plantation.

Log Prices

The radiata pine log prices used in the valuation have been derived from prices paid at the Gisborne and Napier ports over the past three years. An exception to this is the radiata domestic pulp price, which has been derived from the three-year average price (averaged to December 2014) as reported by MPI. They range from \$55 to \$146 per m3 depending on grade. Log prices for other species are taken from recent industry publications and other sources. A significant increase in this input would increase the fair value of the plantation.

Projected Costs

All costs apart from rates have been assessed by PF Olsen, and are based on current industry standards exclusive of GST. Actual rates have been provided by RD(NZ) Ltd for use in the valuation.

- i Tending costs vary with the age of the trees.
- ii Annual costs for insurance, forest management, etc. have been assumed at \$118 per hectare per year.
- iii Clearfell harvest costs are based on current average contract costs.
- iv A logging and loading cost of \$29/m3 has been assumed for ground based logging, and \$38/m3 assumed for hauler logging. These are based on current operations in the East Coast region of the North Island.
- v A road and skid formation cost of \$2,590 per hectare has been assumed. In addition, a maintenance cost of \$1.00 per m3 has been assessed to cover road maintenance during the harvest operations.
- vi Harvest management costs are set at \$5.30/m3 for all crop types. This is based on current industry efficient costs for management of similar sized operations.
- vii Cartage costs are based on a cost model which has been derived from current actual contract rates.

A significant increase in costs would decrease the fair value of the plantation.

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used in the estimate of the tree crop market value is important. The value estimate of young immature forests in particular is very sensitive to the choice of discount rate. The discount rate used represents a real rate of return, which is over and above inflation. Rates quoted by financial institutions are generally nominal rates, which include inflation. The discount rate selected of 7.0% is based on rates derived from actual transactions in the last three years applied to post-tax cash flows. A significant increase in this input would decrease the fair value of the plantation.

Impact of the Emissions Trading Scheme

In respect of the pre-1990 forest land the carbon credits allocation, in the valuer's opinion, does not impact on the tree crop market value estimate. In respect of the post-1989 forest land premiums may have been paid for this carbon trading opportunity, but carbon credit prices have since declined significantly. It has not as yet been possible to quantify this premium or conclude that such premium still applies to any or all post-1989 forests. This valuation therefore does not include any value in respect of this carbon trading opportunity. A significant increase in this input would increase the fair value of the plantation.

7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Opening Value	Additions/ Deletions	Closing Value
<u>Land and Improvements - 2014 Year</u>			
Cost - March 1996	307,544	-	307,544
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,724)	(169)	(4,893)
Net Book Value	<u>302,820</u>	<u>(169)</u>	<u>302,651</u>
 <u>Land and Improvements - 2015 Year</u>			
Cost - March 1996	307,544	-	307,544
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,893)	(159)	(5,052)
Net Book Value	<u>302,651</u>	<u>(159)</u>	<u>302,492</u>

The latest capital value set by Quotable Value for rating purposes in August 2013 was \$440,000

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	<u>Feb 2015</u>	<u>Feb 2014</u>
	\$	\$
8. CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION		
<u>Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operating Activities.</u>		
Reported Surplus for Year	186,293	220,987
Non Cash Item - Depreciation	159	169
Non Cash Item - Forest Revaluation	(192,000)	(251,000)
	(5,548)	(29,844)
Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Accrued Interest	(194)	-
(Increase)/Decrease in GST	(31)	21
	(225)	21
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(5,773)	(\$29,823)
<u>Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Calls on Participatory Securities	21,240	28,800
(Increase)/Decrease in Calls in Arrears	-	15
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	\$21,240	\$28,815

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Interest Rate Risk

The partnership has no interest rate risk given that no money is owed to other financial institutions.

Credit Risk

Financial Instruments which potentially subject the partnership to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, deposits and accounts receivable as set out in the Statement of Financial Position. The amounts set out are the maximum exposures and are net of any recognised provision for losses on these financial instruments. No collateral is held for any of these amounts.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The partnership is not exposed to any concentration of credit risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk represents the Partnership's ability to meet its financial obligations on time. For the most part the partnership generates sufficient cash flows from its Partners annual capital contribution to make timely payments.

Currency Risk

The partnership has no currency risk given that any financial instruments it deals with is all in New Zealand dollars.

Price Rate Risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments and the interest margin will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. The risk is that financial assets may re-price at a different time and/or by a different amount than financial liabilities. The partnership considers that such risk is minimal given that no funds are owed to other financial institutions.

Financial Risk Strategy

The Partnership risk management strategy is to use 100% equity finance from the partners.

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10. EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There have been no significant events after balance date.

11. EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

Ridgemount Forest Trustee Limited has replaced Foundation Corporate Trust as trustee holding the Partnership land as registered proprietor in trust for the Partnership. Ridgemount Forest Trustee Limited holds 43,907 NZUs (2014 - 38,488) on the New Zealand Emission Unit Register on behalf of the partners. The Partnership elects to record these at their Nominal Amount (\$0). The Fair Value of these NZUs based on prices offered by brokers as at 28 February 2015 is \$259,051 (2014 - \$121,237)

During the year, 6,365 NZU's were sold, and 8,764 ERU credits were purchased and surrendered to extinguish deforestation liability. Of the 43,907 NZU Units held at balance date, 32,377 are able to be sold without liability for future repurchase on harvest.

12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At balance date, and also the previous balance date, there were no known capital commitments or contingent liabilities.

13. RELATED PARTIES

The partnership paid administration fees of \$3,919 and management fees and forest expenses of \$14,829 to companies in which R R Dickie, a partner, has a controlling interest. These amounts were charged on normal commercial terms and conditions. The amount outstanding at balance date was \$0 (2014 - \$0). No related party debts have been written off or forgiven during the year.

14. JUDGEMENT AND ESTIMATE UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements of necessity involves judgement and estimation. The only significant estimation required for the year is the plantation valuation which includes factors such as expected discounted cashflow rates, harvest dates and current log prices at mill or at wharf, refer to the plantation note for details.

Forest Plantation

Ridgemount Forest Partnership is one of approximately 90 forests administered by Roger Dickie (NZ) Limited using a common forest manager, Forest Management New Zealand (FMNZ) and a common valuer PF Olsen Limited. With a forestry estate of this size PF Olsen is able to carry out rotational checks on selected forests to validate the accuracy of forest data that FMNZ provides for the purposes of the forest valuation.

Due to the nature of a growing forest it is not practical or economic to be physically counted each year. The treecrop valuation is how the underlying growing forest is represented in financial terms.

FMNZ has been providing forest management services to the company since inception and has been producing the required data for the forest valuer (PF Olsen). PF Olsen is, a forestry consultant in its own right and qualifies as an expert for financial reporting purposes.

PF Olsen in order to rely upon the physical data provided by FMNZ validates this information on a rotational basis in the following manner:

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PF Olsen prepared the initial feasibility study that takes into account significant factors such as plantable area, topography and soils, climate, growth potential, forest development programme, planting and tending, and forecast yields.

Has knowledge of the geographic estate that the forest is growing in.

Inspects a subset of forests each year.

Carries out a ground-check map (to validate net stocked area, access).

Checks tending status, and uniformity of stocking, on a selection of stands (to validate measurement data provided).

Visual checks of stand condition (crop health, growth to date).

Checks for protection measures (e.g. water points, evidence pest control).

Seek explanations for any changes observed in net stocked area, crop typing.

Have relied on a systems audit of FMNZ carried out in the late 90's and the intention from PF Olsen is to conduct another systems audit later in 2015.

15. PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

Partners have subscribed for Participatory Securities in the Partnership. The number of Participatory Securities has been fixed at 375,000 and they have no nominal value. The partners are required to contribute capital, and to share partnership profits and losses, pro rata in accordance with the number of Participatory Securities held by them in the Partnership. Capital contributions are in accordance with an annually approved budget. The Partners are jointly and severally liable for all Partnership debts.

Roger Dickie No 23 Limited partnership capital is unpaid. As disclosed in the prospectus, the payment is deferred and will be debited against his share of income from log sales.

16. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS - (Early adoption of Standards, Interpretations and Modifications)

The partnership believes there will be no effects from accounting standards which have been issued but not yet effective.

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17. PARTNERS SCHEDULE AND TAX LOSSES IRD NUMBER- 067-342-135

	EQUITY ACCOUNTS				TAX RETURN	
	Balance 2014	Calls for Year	Sales Entries	Profit or Loss	Balance 2015	Share of Tax Loss
Abeyratne, S K	61,046	983	-	-	62,028	254
Alassio Investments Limited	28,850	475	678	-	30,003	123
Bosca Limited	30,583	492	-	-	31,076	127
Brydges, P & Gallen, J	27,487	443	-	-	27,929	114
Perpetual Trust Ltd as Trustee	36,649	590	-	-	37,239	152
Cole, A & H as Trustees	27,487	443	-	-	27,929	114
De Wit, P M	28,843	464	-	-	29,307	120
Forest 4 Us Investments Limited	54,973	885	-	-	55,858	228
From Our Roots Co. Limited	63,036	1,015	-	-	64,050	262
Green Globe Limited	63,989	1,079	3,053	-	68,121	278
Hutton, T	61,856	996	-	-	62,851	257
King, M R	59,943	965	-	-	60,908	249
Kinloch Forest Investments Limited	31,511	-	(31,511)	-	-	-
Kiwi Classic Limited	56,095	903	-	-	56,998	233
Koo, K	54,973	885	-	-	55,858	228
Lee, P and O'Connor, K J	27,487	443	-	-	27,929	114
Malorn Enterprises Limited	57,520	926	-	-	58,446	239
Medwed, G A	61,181	985	-	-	62,166	254
New Zin Enterprice Company Limited	67,723	1,090	-	-	68,813	281
Ngaigra Forestry Limited	60,067	-	(60,067)	-	-	-
O'Connor, N M	30,283	488	-	-	30,770	126
O'Sullivan, C D	98,984	1,594	-	-	100,577	411
Reidsnips Forest Investments Limited	37,352	674	4,533	-	42,560	174
Rovan Furniture Limited	41,900	775	6,260	-	48,935	200
Sheffield Management Limited	-	1,240	77,054	-	78,294	320
Thomas, J S	59,323	955	-	-	60,278	246
Warren Ridgemount Limited	30,320	488	-	-	30,808	126
Earl, D as Trustee	29,995	483	-	-	30,478	125
Whewell, W G	29,900	481	-	-	30,381	124
Roger Dickie No 23 Limited - see Note 15	(8)	-	-	-	(8)	228
	1,319,344	21,240	-	-	1,340,584	5,707
Retained Earnings	1,618,308	-	-	186,293	1,804,600	
Total Equity	2,937,652	21,240	-	186,293	3,145,185	



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Partners of Ridgemount Forest Partnership

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Ridgemount Forest Partnership on pages 1 to 13 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 28 February 2015 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cashflow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Administrator's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The administrator is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and for such internal control as the administrator determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the partnership.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Ridgemount Forest Partnership for the year ended 28 February 2015 give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Ridgemount Forest Partnership as at 28 February 2015 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We also report in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993. In relation to our audit of the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2015:

- (i) We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required; and
- (ii) In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by the partnership as far as appears from our examination of those records.

Silks Audit
Chartered Accountants
Wanganui, New Zealand

Date: 22 June 2015