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Scion

**Half Year Report
To 31 December 2015**

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1. Chairman's report

The quarter commenced with the submission of Scion's Four Year Review report and associated action plan to the Minister. The Panel's report and recommendations were a primary focus for the Board and Executive strategy workshop in late November. At this time we also reassessed our strategy in the context of changes in our wider external operating environment such as the pending climate change negotiations in Paris, the Trans Pacific Partnership and the National Statement of Science Investment. We had excellent senior level industry, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) participation in the workshop and a clear set of actions for further follow up in Quarter three were agreed. Ultimately the workshop outputs will be reflected in the refresh of Scion's 2016-2021 Statement of Corporate Intent and Science and Innovation investment priorities.

Science and product development highlights

Overall Scion is tracking well against its SCI science targets. Highlights included:

- Scion supported the fighting of two recent wildfires in Marlborough. The Prometheus fire growth model provided predictions of fire spread for the Incident Management Teams coordinating the firefighting efforts at the Waikakaho Valley (450ha) and Wairau Valley (1150ha) forest fires (see Impact assessment of Scion science, Section 2).
- Insect flight data collected at ports through the Forest Insect Trapping Network (FITN) (designed by Scion) was used by MPI to support the case for night loading of ships bound for Australia (see Impact assessment of Scion science, Section 2).
- Inaugural test flights of Scion's UAV and data collection with this technology. This has highlighted both the huge potential of this technology for the forest industry but also the data processing and analytics (informatics) challenge (10 minutes of flight data initially took 11 hours of processing time).
- TERAX™ won the Sustainability in Cleantech category at the New Zealand Innovator Awards with 700 people in attendance. Also, the Gates Challenge agreed to fund a three year programme to design and build a composting toilet for use in poor and isolated communities.
- A high level of interest in Scion's work on inter-sectoral land use complementarity, ecosystem services and nutrient limits. Modelling for the Waikato Healthy Rivers Project showed forestry is very competitive with dairy in terms of export earnings and particularly so when the respective impacts of these land-uses on water quality and climate change are accounted for.
- Scion's packaging test facility (unique to New Zealand) was fully commissioned and is attracting growing commercial contracts domestically, Australia and the Northern Hemisphere. Initial box creep trials show the value of being able to simulate cool room conditions encountered in supply chains.
- A well-attended forest grower conference (>100) in Nelson confirmed the value of the Growing Confidence in Forestry's Future research programme to end users and the growing interest they have in the results and advice being generated. Three Scion staff were recognised through the Forest Grower Levy Trust industry awards.
- Scion's Forest Genetics Team, under the auspices of MAPNet, hosted a workshop with over 70 delegates representing nearly all of New Zealand's gene mapping researchers. A key driver for MAPNet is to coordinate scientists from disparate sectors working with common technologies to foster the development of multidisciplinary and cross-sector teams.
- Scion's Fast Pyrolysis plant was commissioned using sawdust to produce bio-oils.
- Six hundred and eighty four turpene modified pines were planted in the GM containment trial.
- The release of the White Ngutukaka by Minister Barry included the involvement of the neighbouring Whakarewarewa School and iwi (see Impact assessment of Scion science, Section 2).

Other developments

Refurbishments to the Rotorua Campus reception and foyer; and Scion's new Health & Safety video are all receiving excellent feedback from visitors. The 2015 Annual Report was submitted on

schedule and reveals many examples of the impact Scion is creating through its science and positive relationships with government, industry and firms.

Recruitment of a new General Manager for Forest Science was completed with Emeritus Professor Alison Stewart joining Scion from mid-January 2016.

Scion has been engaged in all of the hearings on GMOs in relation to the local government 10-year plans for the Whangarei and Hastings Districts, and Auckland and Northland Regions); and in relation to the proposed Forestry National Environmental Standard (NES). In all cases we have worked closely with the industry representatives and other research providers.

Financial performance

With respect to financial performance, Scion has had a solid start to the first half of the year, with revenue in line with plan and profit favourable to plan. Scion’s current forecast is to meet budget for both revenue and profit.

2. Impact of Scion Science – some examples

Science & Innovation Area	Key Achievement	Sector and Industry Impact
<p>Biosecurity and phytosanitary treatments – Scion data and advice enables night loading of ships</p> 	<p>MPI used an analysis of Scion’s data, collected over the past two and a half years of the flight activity of the burnt pine longhorn beetle (<i>Arhopalus ferus</i>), to allow night loading of ships bound for Australia from most New Zealand ports. <i>Arhopalus</i> is an extremely adept hitch hiker which is an issue for forestry, dairy and horticultural exporters. Night loading restriction was in place to reduce the perceived risk of infestation during loading.</p>	<p>Roger Hawthorne (Swire Shipping) estimates that this saves a day and a half on the schedule for each ship thereby increasing the number of voyages they can perform for the industry. This equates to \$225,000 of savings per year.</p>
<p>Rural Fire – fire danger outlook reports for Rural Fire authorities aids deployment of resources to high risk areas</p> 	<p>Scion has prepared fire danger outlook reports every month, over summer, for the North and South Islands for the regional rural fire authorities. Scion’s expertise and knowledge of fire weather and its effects enables it to describe current fire dangers across the country, along with predictions for the next few months based on prevailing climate influences such as the present El Nino.</p>	<p>The predictions enable rural fire authorities to deploy their machinery and equipment into high risk areas to ensure they are prepared in advance against the threat of fire. The reports prepared to date have been very well received by the NRFA and fire managers: “That’s a really useful report thanks, so great work on that.” <i>John Rasmussen, Manager Rural Fire, Palmerston North.</i></p>

Science & Innovation Area	Key Achievement	Sector and Industry Impact
<p data-bbox="165 197 531 293">Tree Breeding & Iwi Development Restoring taonga species</p> 	<p data-bbox="557 197 938 1021">Scion's sixty plus years of tree breeding research and its vegetative propagation expertise has brought back the White Ngutukākā that was last seen in the wild in the 1950s and assumed to be extinct. On 23 October 2015 the Minister of Conservation, Hon Maggie Barry, officially launched the release programme and the first plants will be planted out in the Whakapunake area on the East Coast of the North Island. Iwi from nearby Te Reinga Marae and Te Erepeti Marae each received an initial 50 plants for planting out in enclosures. JNL, the Japanese owned forestry/wood processing company, is a lead sponsor for this programme over the next five years.</p>	<p data-bbox="963 197 1329 528">The restoration of the endangered Ngutukaka has ensured its survival as a significant taonga plant for Maori, who traditionally cultivated it as an ornamental. It was grown around pa sites, used to trap birds and for gifting and trading.</p> <p data-bbox="963 566 1329 797">The recovery programme has been widely appreciated by iwi and strengthened Scion's partnership with hapu on the East Coast which is an important forestry region.</p>



Tony Nowell
Chairman

Financial Statements to

31 December 2015
(Unaudited)

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Revenue	2 (a)	22,443	22,224	47,340
Other income/(Expenditure)	2 (b)	0	0	54
Expenditure	3 (a)	(22,208)	(20,722)	(43,901)
Finance costs	3 (b)	0	(1)	(1)
Share of profit/(loss) of associates	14 (b)	(250)	(62)	(122)
Profit/(Loss) before tax		(15)	1,439	3,370
Tax (expense)/credit	9 (a)	(75)	(435)	(940)
Profit/(Loss) after tax attributable to the shareholders of the parent company		(90)	1,004	2,430
Other comprehensive income		0	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to the shareholders of the parent company		(90)	1,004	2,430

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	Ordinary	Asset	Retained	Total	Ordinary	Asset	Retained	Total	Ordinary	Asset	Retained	Total
		Shares	Re-	Earnings		Shares	Re-	Earnings		Shares	Re-	Earnings	
			valuation				valuation					valuation	
		31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec	30 Jun	30 Jun	30 Jun	30 Jun
		2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
GROUP													
Balance as at 1 July		17,516	61	16,971	34,548	17,516	61	14,541	32,118	17,516	61	14,541	32,118
Profit for the period		0	0	(90)	(90)	0	0	1,004	1,004	0	0	2,430	2,430
Other comprehensive income		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income		0	0	(90)	(90)	0	0	1,004	1,004	0	0	2,430	2,430
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>													
Shares issued		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at 31 December	5	17,516	61	16,881	34,458	17,516	61	15,545	33,122	17,516	61	16,971	34,548

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Equity				
Share capital	5	17,516	17,516	17,516
Retained earnings	5	16,881	15,545	16,971
Revaluation reserve	5	61	61	61
		34,458	33,122	34,548
Non-Current Liabilities				
Provisions	6	439	404	439
Defined benefit plan	7(a)	928	905	898
Deferred tax liability	9(c)	1,675	2,030	1,957
		3,042	3,339	3,294
Current Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	8	8,997	6,775	7,682
Provisions	6	157	83	235
Defined benefit plan	7(a)	26	155	62
Tax payable		77	271	489
		9,257	7,284	8,468
Total Equity and Liabilities		46,757	43,745	46,310
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	10	29,582	31,105	30,353
Biological assets	11	466	504	466
Intangible assets	12	482	357	511
Investments in associates	14	313	323	313
Other investments		30	30	30
		30,873	32,319	31,673
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	15	9,356	5,316	7,744
Trade and other receivables	16	6,457	6,096	6,437
Inventories	17	71	14	456
		15,884	11,426	14,637
Total Assets		46,757	43,745	46,310

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

For and on behalf of the Board, who authorised the issue of these accounts on 29 February 2016.



Chairman



Director

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Cash was provided from:				
Receipts from customers		24,456	24,194	47,843
Receipts from sale of harvest produce		0	465	240
Interest received		183	110	264
		24,639	24,769	48,347
Cash was applied to:				
Payments to employees		12,372	12,593	24,163
Payments to suppliers		8,166	7,774	14,840
Interest paid		0	1	1
Income tax paid		770	303	662
		21,308	20,671	39,666
Net cash flows from operating activities	19	3,331	4,098	8,681
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Cash was provided from:				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		0	0	18
		0	0	18
Cash was applied to:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		1,341	2,336	4,216
Purchase of intangibles		128	33	211
Purchase of investment		250	50	165
		1,719	2,419	4,592
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(1,719)	(2,419)	(4,574)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		1,612	1,679	4,107
Add opening cash brought forward		7,744	3,637	3,637
Ending Cash Carried Forward	15	9,356	5,316	7,744

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

REPORTING ENTITY

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited is a Crown Research Institute registered under the Companies Act 1993. The registered office is Te Papa Tipu Innovation Park, 49 Sala Street, Rotorua. The financial statements consist of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited and its subsidiaries.

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited (the Company) is a reporting entity for the purposes of the Financial Reporting Act 2013. It is domiciled and incorporated in New Zealand and is wholly owned by the Crown.

The Financial Statements of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited for the period were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on the date as set out on the Statement of Financial Position.

The activities of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited include a range of research and development programmes aimed at using plant-based renewable resources and waste streams to create new materials, energy sources and environmentally sustainable products and processes.

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited trades as Scion and these names have identical meaning in this report.

1.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP) and the requirements of the Companies Act 1993 and the Financial Reporting Act 2013. The financial statements have also been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for forestry assets, derivatives, carbon credits and certain heritage assets that have been measured at fair value.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

b) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for profit-oriented entities. This includes the New Zealand equivalent to International Financial Reporting Standard 34 – Interim Financial Reporting. The financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

c) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Group and its subsidiaries as at 31 December. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the statement of comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

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c) Basis of Consolidation (continued)

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it:

- Derecognises the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary
- Derecognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests
- Derecognises the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity
- Recognises the fair value of the consideration received
- Recognises the fair value of any investment retained
- Recognises any surplus or deficit in profit or loss
- Reclassifies the parent's share of components previously recognised in OCI to profit or loss or retained earnings, as appropriate, as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

d) Associate Companies

These are companies in which the group holds substantial shareholdings but does not have control and in whose commercial and financial policy decisions it participates.

Associate companies have been reflected in the consolidated financial statements on an equity accounting basis which shows the group's share of surpluses in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and its share of post-acquisition increases or decreases in net assets, in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

e) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are capitalised at cost and those acquired from a business combination are capitalised at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, the cost model is applied to the class of intangible assets.

The useful lives of these intangible assets are assessed to be either finite or indefinite.

Where amortisation is charged on assets with finite lives, this expense is recognised in profit and loss.

Intangible assets created within the business are not capitalised and expenditure is charged to profit and loss in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

Intangible assets are tested for impairment where an indicator of impairment exists, and in the case of indefinite life intangibles, annually, either individually or at the cash generating unit level. Useful lives are also examined on an annual basis and adjustments, where applicable, are made on a prospective basis.

A summary of the policies applied to the group's capitalised intangible assets is as follows:

	Software
Useful lives	Finite
Method used	4 years – Straight line
Type	Acquired
Impairment test/Recoverable amount testing	Amortisation method reviewed at each financial year-end; Reviewed annually for indicators of impairment

Gains or losses arising from de-recognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the profit and loss when derecognised.

Carbon Credits

New Zealand emission reduction units (NZU's) are recognised when the Group controls the units, provided that it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Group and the fair value of the units can be measured reliably. Control of the NZU's arises when the Group is entitled to claim the NZU's from the government.

NZU's are initially measured at fair value on entitlement as an intangible asset unless the Board have determined they are held for sale, in which case they would be recorded at fair value as inventory.

Following initial recognition, the intangible asset is measured at fair value when the Board of Directors consider there is an active market for the sale of NZU's. NZU's determined as held for sale at recognition and recorded as inventory, are subsequently measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

The liability arising from the deforestation of eligible land is measured using the market value approach. A liability exists and is recognised on pre-1990 forests if the land use changes from forestry.

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f) **Biological Assets**

Biological assets consist entirely of tree plantations which are measured at fair value less any point of sale costs. Gains and losses arising on initial recognition or change in fair value, less estimated point of sale costs, are included in profit and loss in the period in which they arise.

The fair value of tree plantations is determined by an independent valuer on an annual basis.

The valuation method for immature trees is the net present value of future net harvest revenue less estimated costs of owning, protecting, tending and managing trees. For mature trees fair value is deemed to be the net harvest revenue value.

g) **Property, Plant and Equipment**

All items of property, plant and equipment are valued at the cost of purchase from the Crown as at 1 July 1992 adjusted for subsequent additions at cost, disposals and depreciation. Plant and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Land and capital work in progress are recorded at cost. Some library books have been identified as heritage assets and are recorded at fair value as determined by an independent valuer. Valuations are obtained every five years or more often where circumstances indicate that a significant change in fair value has occurred.

Expenditure incurred on property, plant and equipment is capitalised where such expenditure will increase or enhance the future benefits provided by the asset. Expenditure incurred to maintain future benefits is classified as repairs and maintenance.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed of the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised as a gain, or loss, in profit and loss.

Depreciation is provided for using the straight-line method to allocate the historical cost, less an estimated residual value, over the estimated useful life of the asset.

The useful lives of the major classes of assets have been calculated as follows:

Buildings and Land Improvements	40–60 years
Plant and Equipment	4–15 years
Furniture and Fittings	10 years
Motor Vehicles	3–7 years
Library Books and Periodicals	20 years

h) **Recoverable amount of non-current assets**

On an annual basis the group assesses whether there is any indication an asset may be impaired. Where an indicator of impairment exists, the group makes a formal estimate of recoverable amount. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the greater of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. It is determined for an individual asset, however, if the asset's value in use cannot be estimated to be close to its fair value less costs to sell, and it does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, it is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

i) **Trade Receivables**

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently valued at amortised cost less impairment allowance.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that it is probable the group will not be able to collect the debt. Financial difficulties and payment defaults without explanation are considered objective evidence of impairment.

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j) Inventories

Consumable stores are valued at the lower of cost, on a weighted average price of stock on hand, and net realisable value.

Nursery stocks are valued at lower of cost or net realisable value. Changes in net realisable value are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which they occur.

k) Research Costs

Research costs are expensed in the period incurred.

l) Provisions and Employee Benefits

Provisions are recognised when the group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the Statement of Financial Position date using a discounted cash flow methodology.

(i) Wages, Salaries and Annual Leave

The liability for wages, salaries and annual leave recognised in the Statement of Financial Position is the amount expected to be paid at balance date. Provision has been made for benefits accruing to employees for annual leave in accordance with the provisions of employment contracts in place at balance date.

(ii) Long Service Leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

(iii) Defined Benefit Plan

The defined benefit plan is unfunded. The cost of providing benefits under the defined benefit plan is determined using the projected unit credit actuarial valuation method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which they arise.

The defined benefit liability recognised in the Statement of Financial Position represents the present value of the defined benefit obligations.

Long service leave and defined benefit plan provisions are based on annual actuarial valuations completed at financial year end.

m) Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of that arrangement at inception date.

Group as a Lessee

Operating lease payments, where the lessors effectively retain substantially all the risks and benefits associated with ownership of the leased items, are included as an expense in the profit and loss in equal instalments over the lease term.

Group as a Lessor

Leases in which the group retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased asset are classified as operating leases. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating an operating lease are expensed as incurred.

n) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The financial statements are prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

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p) Foreign Currencies

Functional and presentation currency

Both the functional and presentation currency of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited and its subsidiaries is New Zealand dollars.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency by applying the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate as at the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

q) Revenue Recognition

Research Revenue

Research revenue from both Government and commercial sources is recorded when earned based on the percentage of work completed. Percentage of work completed is based on management judgement, after considering costs incurred and other contracted commitments. Work completed but not invoiced is recorded as accrued revenue while work invoiced but not completed is recorded as revenue in advance.

Research Revenue

Government revenue includes revenue received from the Ministry for Science and Innovation in the form of Core Funding, Public Good Science and Technology investment, and Preseed Accelerator Fund programmes. Funding includes both devolved and milestone related programmes. Government revenue has only been recognised after all appropriate conditions have been met.

Sale of Goods

Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer. Risk and reward are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised when earned based on applicable interest rates applied to the group's cash deposit balances.

r) Taxation

The income tax expense charged to the profit and loss includes both the current period provision and the income tax effects of temporary differences calculated using the liability method.

Tax effect accounting is applied on a comprehensive basis to all temporary differences. A debit balance in the deferred tax account, arising from temporary differences or income tax benefits from income tax losses, is only recognised if it is probable there will be taxable profits available in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

Subsequent realisation of the tax benefit is subject to the requirements of income tax legislation being met.

s) Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except for those borrowing costs determined as directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset (i.e. an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale).

t) Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement.

For the purpose of valuing bank borrowings, the bank interest rate is taken as the discount rate. As such the bank borrowings are carried at the value of the debt with the bank.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

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u) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised cost and due to their short term nature they are not discounted. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the group prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the group becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 60 days of recognition.

1.2 Significant Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

a) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised based on the percentage of work completed on a project basis. Percentage of work completed is based on management judgement after considering such things as hours completed, costs incurred, milestones achieved, costs to complete and actual results to date.

b) Heritage Assets

The group holds several heritage assets which have significant value due to being both rare, and having importance to the nation. Where a heritage cost can be measured reliably they are revalued at least every five years and included as part of property plant and equipment.

Due to the nature of some heritage assets, management does not believe they can be valued reliably. These assets have been identified and disclosed. Details of heritage assets can be found in note 10 and 21.

c) Biological Assets

The group's biological assets consist of tree plantations. These are valued at the net present value of future net harvest revenue less estimated costs of owning, protecting, tending and managing trees. The valuation process includes several judgements and estimations around discount rates, future costs, and future prices. Management used the experience of a registered forestry valuer to reduce the risk of misstatement resulting from these judgements and estimates.

A valuation is done on an annual basis at each financial year end.

d) Defined Benefit Scheme

The group operates an unfunded defined benefit plan. Significant assumptions used involving the plan include the discount rate and future salary increases as set out in the notes to the financial statements. Management used the experience of a registered actuary to reduce the risk of misstatement resulting from these judgements and estimates.

1.3 Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Effective

The following standards have had changes that have been issued but not yet made effective:

	Date Applicable for Scion
• NZ IFRS 5 Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	1 July 2016
• NZ IFRS 7 Financial Instruments – Disclosures	1 July 2016
• NZ IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (2014)	1 July 2018
• NZ IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements	1 July 2016
• NZ IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interest in Other Entities	1 July 2016
• NZ IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 July 2017
• NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements	1 July 2016
• NZ IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment	1 July 2016
• NZ IAS 19 Employee Benefits	1 July 2016
• NZ IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	1 July 2016
• NZ IAS 38 Intangible Assets	1 July 2016
• FRS-44 New Zealand Additional Disclosures	1 July 2016

The group has chosen not to apply the changes in the above standards prior to their effective date. While these standards are applicable to the group they are not expected to have a material impact on our accounts.

In addition under the Annual Improvements to NZ IFRS programme, amendments have been made to the following standards, effective 1 July 2016, that affect Scion but are not seen to have a material impact on the financial statements:

- NZ IAS 41 Agriculture

1.4 Changes in Accounting Policies

The accounting policies are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
2. Revenue and Other Income			
(a) Revenue			
Government research revenue	13,581	15,486	28,789
Commercial research revenue	8,199	5,658	16,838
Software product sales and maintenance	66	119	155
Commercial lease revenue	370	357	740
Sale of trees	0	382	382
Royalty	45	84	142
Interest revenue	182	138	294
	22,443	22,224	47,340
(b) Other Income			
Change in fair value of carbon credits	0	0	54
	0	0	54
3. Expenditure and Finance Costs			
(a) Expenditure			
Personnel remuneration and expenses	12,374	11,972	23,737
Other personnel related costs	178	218	489
Contractors and subcontractors	2,694	2,137	5,869
Consumables	920	883	961
External services	1,451	1,498	3,195
Travel and accommodation	792	838	1,495
Lease and rental costs	71	120	241
Depreciation	2,122	1,604	3,701
Amortisation	100	103	181
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	6	12
Loss on revaluation of trees	0	0	38
Impairment of assets	0	0	397
Reversal of impairment	0	0	(14)
Premises	1,227	1,055	2,623
Director's fees	113	125	250
Restructuring costs	0	(22)	196
Doubtful debt provision	3	0	(7)
Other	163	185	537
	22,208	20,722	43,901
(b) Finance Costs			
Bank loan and overdraft interest	0	1	1
	0	1	1
4. Auditor's Remuneration			
Amounts paid or due and payable to the auditors for:			
Auditing financial statements			
Parent entity auditor	62	60	120
	62	60	120

Audit fees costs are included in external expenses in Note 3 (a) Expenditure.

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5. Equity

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited has authorised, issued and paid up capital of 17,516,000 ordinary shares at 31 December 2015 (2014: 17,516,000). Shares do not have a par value.

All shares have equal rights with respect to voting, dividends and distribution on winding up. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends or repayment of capital.

During the period dividends recognised as distributions to shareholders totalled \$0k (2014: \$0k).

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the fair value of heritage book assets. Movements in the asset revaluation reserve are not reclassified to the profit and loss in subsequent periods.

Capital Management

Scion is 100% Crown owned. Scion completes a five year plan on an annual basis and as part of that five year plan, any capital requirements for the future. When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure the entity continues as a going concern while balancing its financial goals of delivering returns in line with market cost of capital, with its public good goals of reinvesting in science that will benefit New Zealand. Management uses total equity as capital. The group has no externally imposed capital requirements.

6. Provisions

The group has provisions for long service leave and restructuring. The long service leave provision totals \$553k in December 2015 (2014: \$484k). The provision was valued by an actuary as at 30 June 2015.

The group has a restructuring provision as at 31 December 2015 of \$43k (2014: \$3k).

The provisions are made up as follows:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Current Provision	157	83	235
Non-Current Provision	439	404	439
	596	487	674

Movement in each class of provision during the period is as follows:

	Long Service Leave \$000	Restruct- uring \$000	Total \$000	Long Service Leave \$000	Restruct- uring \$000	Total \$000	Long Service Leave \$000	Restruct- uring \$000	Total \$000
	31 December 2015			31 December 2014			30 June 2015		
Balance 1 July	553	121	674	484	110	594	484	110	594
Provision reversed during the period	0	0	0	0	(37)	(37)	0	(55)	(55)
Amounts used during the period	0	(78)	(78)	0	(70)	(70)	(66)	(55)	(121)
Provisions made during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	121	232
Discount rate adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24
Balance 31 December	553	43	596	484	3	487	553	121	674

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7. Pension Plans

(a) Defined Benefit Plan

Scion operates an unfunded final salary defined benefit plan. The level of benefits provided depends on the member's length of service and salary at retirement age. The plan is closed to new members and will cease when all current members have either retired or left the group. There are no assets backing the unfunded liability.

The cost of providing benefits under the defined benefit plan is determined using the projected unit credit actuarial valuation method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account. Past service cost is recognised immediately.

The defined benefit liability recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation, as actuarially determined at 30 June 2015, adjusted for payments during the current period and a provision for current service cost.

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Net plan expense			
Current service cost	30	30	33
Interest cost on benefit obligation	0	0	51
Net actuarial (gains)/losses recognised in the year	0	0	(18)
Net plan expense	30	30	66

The net plan expense is included in the personnel remuneration and expenses line in Note 3(a) Expenditure.

	2015 \$000	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2012 \$000	2011 \$000
Benefit liability included in the Statement of Financial Position					
Present value of defined benefit obligation as at 30 June for the last five years	960	1,030	1,264	1,509	1,250

The defined benefit plan liability is actuarially valued on an annual basis at financial year end. No present value numbers or experience amount is available as at 31 December 2015. Current service cost for the period is an estimate.

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:			
Opening balance	960	1,030	1,030
Current service cost	30	30	33
Interest cost	0	0	51
Actuarial (gains)/losses recognised in the period	0	0	(18)
Benefits paid	(36)	0	(136)
Closing balance	954	1,060	960
Current provision	26	155	62
Non-current provision	928	905	898
	954	1,060	960

The history of experience adjustments is as follows:

	2015 \$000	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2012 \$000	2011 \$000
Experience adjustments on plan liabilities as at 30 June for last five years	(75)	(59)	(103)	(39)	(9)

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7. Pension Plans (continued)

(a) Defined Benefit Plan (continued)

The principal actuarial assumptions used in determining the defined benefit plan obligations as at 30 June are shown below:

	2015 \$000	2014 \$000
Discount rate	4.29%	4.95%
Future salary increases	4.50%	4.50%

At 30 June 2015 a change in the assumed rates of salary growth and resignation rates, all other assumptions remaining unchanged, would affect the balance of the liability as follows:

	GROUP AND PARENT	
	30 Jun 2015 \$000	30 Jun 2014 \$000
Current liability	960	1,030
Salary growth		
Reduction of 1% per annum	892	958
Increase of 1% per annum	1,035	1,100
Resignation rates		
150% of assumed rates	926	992
50% of assumed rates	995	1,061

Interest rate assumptions are based on Treasury's published risk free discount rates

(b) Defined Contribution Plan

During the period defined contributions totalling \$359k (2014: \$327k) were made to the Government Superannuation Fund and KiwiSaver.

8. Trade and Other Payables

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Trade payables	3,316	2,314	4,370
Other payables	1	0	1
Employee payables and accruals	2,243	2,160	2,157
Revenue in advance	3,437	2,301	1,154
	8,997	6,775	7,682

The carrying amount disclosed above is a reasonable approximation of fair value. Trade creditors are non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 60 days.

9. Income Tax

(a) Income Tax Expense

The major components of income tax expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income are:

Current income tax

Current income tax charge	358	522	1,094
Adjustments to prior year current income tax charge	0	0	5
	358	522	1,099

Deferred income tax

Deferred tax expenses/(income) related to prior year	0	0	10
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(283)	(87)	(169)
	(283)	(87)	(159)

Income tax expense/(income) reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	75	435	940
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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
9. Income Tax (continued)			
(b) Reconciliation between the aggregate tax expense/(income) recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income to tax expense/(income) calculated at the statutory income tax rate			
Accounting profit/(loss) before income tax	(15)	1,439	3,370
Tax at the statutory income tax rate of 28% (2014: 28%)	(4)	403	944
Adjusted by:			
Prior year income tax	0	0	13
Entertainment	9	6	11
Other	70	26	(28)
Income tax expense/(credit)	75	435	940

Tax losses of loss making entities within the group are fully offset against taxable profits of profit making entities.

(c) Deferred income tax relates to the following:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
<i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>			
Property, plant and equipment	(2,538)	(2,965)	(2,768)
Nursery inventory	(16)	(23)	(125)
Standing timber	(130)	(141)	(130)
	(2,684)	(3,129)	(3,023)
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>			
Patents and trademarks	189	170	189
Payroll provisions	755	783	772
Provision for doubtful debts	12	23	11
Income in advance	70	98	70
Other	(17)	25	24
	1,009	1,099	1,066
<i>Net Deferred Tax Asset per Statement of Financial Position</i>	(1,675)	(2,030)	(1,957)

The group has no unused tax losses (2014: \$0k).

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10. Property, Plant and Equipment

GROUP	Land & Improvements \$000	Buildings \$000	Plant & Equipment \$000	Furniture & Fittings \$000	Motor Vehicles \$000	Books & Periodicals \$000	Capital Work in Progress \$000	Total \$000
At 1 July 2015								
Carrying amount net of accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 July 2015	1,784	15,126	10,395	987	362	251	1,448	30,353
Additions	0	0	131	0	0	0	1,220	1,351
Transfers from CWIP	0	0	57	0	0	0	(57)	0
Depreciation expensed	(31)	(808)	(1,185)	(45)	(53)	0	0	(2,122)
Carrying amount net of accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31 December 2015	1,753	14,318	9,398	942	309	251	2,611	29,582
At 31 December 2015								
Cost or fair value	2,220	23,260	40,988	2,755	812	251	2,723	73,009
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(467)	(8,942)	(31,590)	(1,813)	(503)	0	(112)	(43,427)
Net carrying amount	1,753	14,318	9,398	942	309	251	2,611	29,582

Books and periodicals include some library books classified as Heritage Assets. The group engaged Rowan Gibbs, an antiquarian bookseller of 37 years' experience of Smith's Bookshop Limited to determine the fair value of the heritage library books as at 30 June 2013. Fair value is the amount for which the books could be exchanged between a knowledgeable willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction as at valuation date. Fair value is determined by reference to recent prices realised at national and international auctions and prices being asked for by specialist dealers for comparable items. Refer to note 21 regarding other heritage assets. The heritage asset library books have been valued at \$82,008 (2014: \$82,008).

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10. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

GROUP	Land & Improvements \$000	Buildings \$000	Plant & Equipment \$000	Furniture & Fittings \$000	Motor Vehicles \$000	Books & Periodicals \$000	Capital Work in Progress \$000	Total \$000
At 1 July 2014								
Carrying amount net of accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 July 2014	1,839	16,239	9,661	1,058	363	251	830	30,241
Additions	0	223	1,362	0	109	0	780	2,474
Transfers from CWIP	0	43	377	0	0	0	(420)	0
Disposals	0	0	(6)	0	0	0	0	(6)
Depreciation expensed	(28)	(332)	(1,139)	(46)	(59)	0	0	(1,604)
Carrying amount net of accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31 December 2014	1,811	16,173	10,255	1,012	413	251	1,190	31,105
At 30 June 2014								
Cost or fair value	2,220	23,269	38,779	2,743	695	251	830	68,787
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(381)	(7,030)	(29,118)	(1,685)	(332)	0	0	(38,546)
Net carrying amount	1,839	16,239	9,661	1,058	363	251	830	30,241
At 31 December 2014								
Cost or fair value	2,220	23,535	40,348	2,743	804	251	1,190	71,091
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(409)	(7,362)	(30,093)	(1,731)	(391)	(0)	(0)	(39,986)
Net carrying amount	1,811	16,173	10,255	1,012	413	251	1,190	31,105

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10. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

GROUP	Land & Improvements \$000	Buildings \$000	Plant & Equipment \$000	Furniture & Fittings \$000	Motor Vehicles \$000	Books & Periodicals \$000	Capital Work in Progress \$000	Total \$000
At 1 July 2014								
Carrying amount net of accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 July 2014	1,839	16,239	9,661	1,058	363	251	830	30,241
Additions	0	228	2,547	20	117	0	1,315	4,227
Transfers from CWIP	0	43	538	0	0	0	(581)	0
Disposals	0	(4)	(19)	0	0	0	(4)	(27)
Impairment provision made	0	(251)	(34)	0	0	0	(112)	(397)
Reversal of impairment provision	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Depreciation expensed	(55)	(1,139)	(2,298)	(91)	(118)	0	0	(3,701)
Carrying amount net of accumulated depreciation and impairment at 30 June 2015	1,784	15,126	10,395	987	362	251	1,448	30,353
At 30 June 2015								
Cost or fair value	2,220	23,260	40,851	2,755	812	251	1,560	71,709
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(436)	(8,134)	(30,456)	(1,768)	(450)	0	(112)	(41,356)
Net carrying amount	1,784	15,126	10,395	987	362	251	1,448	30,353

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11. Biological Assets

Biological assets consist of tree plantations. The group has 73.2 hectares of trees planted initially for experimental purposes. When experiments are completed, they are classified as biological assets. Trees will be harvested when they reach maturity.

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Carrying amount 1 July	466	504	504
Gain/(loss) from changes in fair value less estimated point-of-sale costs	0	0	(38)
Carrying amount 31 December	466	504	466

The above biological assets are level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The group has tree plantations at three locations:

- 31 hectares of immature Radiata Pine is located at Puruki. The trees were planted for experimental purposes. The group has a forestry right which expires in 2067.
- 5.5 hectares of Mexican Cypress are located at Tikokino. The trees were planted for experimental purposes. The Mexican Cypress has a clear fell date of June 2033.
- 34.5 hectares of immature Radiata Pine is located at Mamaku plus 2.2 hectares of mature Sitka Spruce. The trees were planted for experimental purposes. The group has a forestry right which terminates when the trees are harvested or in 2024, whichever is the earlier.

The tree plantations were valued as at 30 June 2015 by PF Olsen Limited, an independent forestry management and consultancy company.

The valuation method for immature trees is the net present value of future net harvest revenue less estimated costs of owning, protecting, tending and managing trees. For mature trees fair value is deemed to be the net harvest revenue value.

Fair value is sensitive primarily to log prices. Significant increase (decreases) in log prices would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value.

12. Intangible Assets

Software

Opening balance 1 July

At cost

Less accumulated amortisation

Opening net carrying amount 1 July

Opening net carrying amount 1 July

External additions

Current year amortisation

Closing carrying amount 31 December

Closing balance 31 December

At cost

Less accumulated amortisation

Closing net carrying amount 31 December

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
At cost	3,817	3,618	3,618
Less accumulated amortisation	(3,439)	(3,270)	(3,270)
Opening net carrying amount 1 July	378	348	348
Opening net carrying amount 1 July	378	348	348
External additions	71	33	211
Current year amortisation	(100)	(103)	(181)
Closing carrying amount 31 December	349	278	378
At cost	3,889	3,650	3,817
Less accumulated amortisation	(3,540)	(3,372)	(3,439)
Closing net carrying amount 31 December	349	278	378

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
12. Intangible Assets (continued)			
Carbon Credits			
Carrying amount 1 July	133	79	79
Increase/(Decrease) in fair value	0	0	54
Carrying amount 31 December	133	79	133
Total intangible assets 31 December	482	357	511
		Parent	
	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
13. Investments in Subsidiaries			
Opening shares in subsidiaries	0	0	0
Acquired in current year	0	0	0
Closed in current year	0	0	0
Closing shares in subsidiaries	0	0	0

	Shares	Percentage Held 31 Dec 2015	Percentage Held 31 Dec 2014	Percentage Held 30 Jun 2015	Balance Date
Subsidiaries					
Te Papa Tipu Properties Limited	100	100%	100%	100%	30 June
Forest Research Holdings Limited	100	0%	100%	100%	30 June
Sala Street Holdings Limited	100	100%	0%	0%	30 June

Sala Street Holdings Limited was incorporated on 9 November 2015 and will hold investments in Scion's Terax technologies. It has not traded to the period ended 31 December 2015.

On 27 May 2014 New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited acquired 100% of the shares of Forest Research Holdings Limited for nil consideration. The company was acquired for the purpose of holding investments in Scion Terax technologies. The fair value of the assets acquired was nil. The company did not trade and was voluntarily de-registered on 25 November 2015.

Te Papa Tipu Properties Limited was incorporated on 25 March 2004. The company owns the Group's land assets.

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited is the registered holder of 100% of the shares of Future Forests Research Limited however these shares are held in trust for the members and therefore it has not been treated as a subsidiary for consolidation purposes.

All subsidiaries are incorporated in New Zealand.

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
14. Investments in Associates			
(a) Investment Details			
Biopolymer Network Limited	240	250	240
Terax 2013 Limited	0	0	0
Terax Limited Partnership	73	73	73
	313	323	313

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited has a 33.33% (2014: 33.33%) shareholding in Biopolymer Network Limited, a company carrying on research, development and commercialisation of biopolymers.

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited has a 50% shareholding in Terax 2013 Limited. The company was incorporated in February 2012. Terax 2013 Limited manages Terax Limited Partnership in which Scion also has a 50% interest. Terax Limited Partnership was registered on 8 April 2013.

The group's proportion of voting power held in each associate is the same as its ownership interest.

All of the companies are incorporated in New Zealand.

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
(b) Movements in the carrying amount of the Group's investments in Associates			
Opening share of increase/(decrease) in net assets	313	285	285
Investment in associates	250	100	150
Share of increase/(decrease) in net assets of associate	(250)	(62)	(122)
Closing share of increase/(decrease) in net assets	313	323	313

(c) Summarised financial information

The following table illustrates summarised financial information relating to the group's associates:

Extract from the associates' Statement of Financial Position:

Current assets	1,102	1,229	1,102
Non-current assets	250	224	250
	1,352	1,453	1,352
Current liabilities	501	559	501
	501	559	501
Net assets	851	894	851
Share of associates' net assets	313	323	313

Extract from the associates' Statement of Comprehensive Income:

Revenue	1,965	4,005
Net Profit	113	(240)

There are no known contingent liabilities relating to Associates.

Associates' accounts extracts are as at 30 June 2015. Accounts for Biopolymer Network Limited have been received subsequently and show no material change in Scion's share of net assets from June 2015. No December 2015 accounts have been received from Terax.

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
15. Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash on hand	8	7	8
Bank	1	52	1
Call deposits	1,749	225	2,181
Short term deposits	7,598	5,032	5,554
	9,356	5,316	7,744

Deposits earn interest at rates ranging from 2.75% to 3.55% (2014: 3.5% to 4.2%). For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, Cash and Cash equivalents are equivalent to cash and cash equivalents presented in the Statement of Financial Position.

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
16. Trade and Other Receivables			
Trade receivables	3,052	2,653	4,794
Allowance for impairment loss	(40)	(83)	(37)
Other debtors	40	39	41
Prepayments	711	935	567
Accrued revenue	2,106	2,343	608
Related party receivables:			
Associates	229	207	352
Other related parties	359	2	112
	6,457	6,096	6,437

(a) The carrying amount disclosed above is a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short term nature of the receivables.

(b) Allowance for Impairment Loss

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30–60 day terms. A provision for impairment loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that a trade receivable is impaired. An increase in the allowance for impairment loss of \$3k (2014: \$0k) has been recognised for specific debtors. The allowance is included in a separate line item in Note 3 (a) Expenditure.

Movements in the allowance for impairment loss were as follows:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Opening balance 1 July	37	83	83
Reversal of prior year provision	0	0	(11)
Charge for the year	3	0	1
Bad debts written off	0	0	(36)
Closing balance 31 December	40	83	37

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16. Trade and Other Receivables (continued)

At 31 December, the ageing analysis of trade receivables is as follows.

Movements in the allowance for impairment loss were as follows.

	Total	0-30 Days	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	61-90 Days	+91 Days	+91 Days CI*	
	CNI*	CI*	CNI*	CI*	PDNI*	CI*	PDNI*	CI*	CI*	
	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	
31 Dec 2015	Consolidated	3,052	2,316	0	489	0	154	0	53	40
31 Dec 2014	Consolidated	2,653	1,827	0	356	0	81	0	306	83
30 Jun 2015	Consolidated	4,794	4,367	0	183	0	118	0	89	37

* Current not impaired (CNI)

* Past due not impaired (PDNI)

* Considered impaired (CI)

(c) For related party terms and conditions refer to Note 24.

17. Inventories

Consumable stores (at cost)
Nursery stock
Closing carrying amount

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Consumable stores (at cost)	13	14	9
Nursery stock	58	0	447
Closing carrying amount	71	14	456

Consumable stores recognised as an expense for the six months ended 31 December 2015 are \$18k (2014: \$31k) for the Group and the parent company. The expense has been included in the "consumables" line in Note 3(a). There were no consumable stores inventory write-downs in the period.

18. Financial Instruments

Financial Instruments include:

Loans and Receivables

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Trade Receivables

Other Debtors

Related Party Receivables

Other Financial Liabilities

Trade

Other Payables

Related Party Payables

All the above financial instruments apart from derivative financial instruments are measured at amortised cost. Due to their short term nature their carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of their fair value. Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value.

All financial instruments held at fair value are Level 2.

Management have not identified any concentrations of risk for any of the below risk categories.

Liquidity Risk

The group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of a bank debt facility and a bank overdraft. Management monitors, on a monthly basis, our free capacity within the debt facility and our forecasted ability to pay for that debt.

Trade payables (\$3,316k) are non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 60 days. The company and group liabilities all have contractual maturities of less than 120 days.

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18. Financial Instruments (continued)

Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the group to credit risk consist of bank balances and accounts receivable. The group generally does not require any security.

Significant new non-Government customers are credit checked. Trade receivable ageing is reviewed monthly and all aged trade receivables are followed up. Credit stops are used for non-paying customers.

Maximum exposures to credit risk as at balance date are:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Current account	1	52	1
Call and short term deposits	9,347	5,257	7,735
Trade receivables	3,012	2,570	4,757
Other debtors	40	39	41
Related party receivables	588	209	464

The above maximum exposures are net of any provision for impairment on these financial instruments.

Market Risk

Market risk on financial instruments comprise the following three types of risk:

Interest Rate Risk

The group's exposure to market interest rates relates primarily to the groups cash deposits. Cash and cash equivalents have increased during the six months to 31 December 2015 to a group balance of \$9,356k (2014: decreased to \$5,316k).

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Cash on hand	8	7	8
Current account	1	52	1
Call deposits	1,749	225	2,181
Short term deposits	7,598	5,032	5,554
	9,356	5,316	7,744

The current account is managed at low levels and interest returns on the current account are not material. Cash funds in excess of our current requirements are invested in short-term bank deposits to attract improved interest returns. At 31 December 2015 short term deposits were earning 3.4% to 3.55% interest (2014: 4% and 4.2% respectively). Money at call was earning interest at 2.75%.

At 31 December 2015, if interest rates moved as indicated in the table below, with all other variables being held constant, post tax profit and equity would have been affected as follows:

Judgement of reasonably possible movements in interest rates:	Parent and Group					
	31 December 2015		31 December 2014		30 June 2015	
	Change in Interest Rate	Effect on Post Tax Profit \$000	Change in Interest Rate	Effect on Post Tax Profit \$000	Change in Interest Rate	Effect on Post Tax Profit \$000
	+1	67	+1	19	+1	56
	-1	(67)	-1	-19	-1	(56)

Management has taken account of Reserve Bank of New Zealand indications of future interest rate movements in the OCR and various other market indicators and after considering these indicators, believes the interest rate changes are reasonable and possible.

Currency Risk

Only small balances are held in currencies other than New Zealand dollars, with these materially all in debtors. Collection on all these debtors is expected within 60 days resulting in minimal foreign exchange risk.

Other Price Risk

Other price risk primarily relates to the market price of financial instruments. As Scion does not trade in financial instruments there is no perceived risk in this category.

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
19. Reconciliation of operating surplus after taxation with cash flows from operating activities			
Reported surplus after taxation	(90)	1,004	2,430
Add (less) non-cash items:			
Depreciation	2,122	1,604	3,701
Amortisation	100	103	181
Impairment provision	0	0	383
Movement in deferred tax benefit	(283)	(87)	(159)
Revaluation of biological assets	0	0	38
Fair value of carbon credits	0	0	(54)
	1,939	1,620	4,090
Add(less) items classified as investing activity:			
Investment purchases included in payables	0	0	(15)
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(1)	6	12
Share in associate company loss	250	62	122
Capital related items in creditors	48	(217)	(10)
	297	(149)	109
Movements in working capital items:			
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors and prepayments	(19)	2,106	1764
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	385	394	(48)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors and accruals	1,231	(1,096)	(101)
Increase/(Decrease) in taxation payable	(412)	219	437
	1,185	1,623	2,052
Net cash flows from operating activities	3,331	4,098	8,681

20. Contingent Liabilities

Treaty of Waitangi Issues

Two verified land claims affecting the group currently exist:

- (i) Ngati Whakaue – covering the whole Rotorua Campus
- (ii) Ngati Wahiao – covering the southern end of the Rotorua Campus

No reliable estimates can be made of these potential liabilities.

21. Contingent Assets

Heritage Assets

The company has identified its library, herbarium and germplasm collections as heritage assets. For the herbarium and germplasm collections the Directors believe that there is no practical basis upon which to reliably value these collections. For the library refer to note 10.

22. Commitments

Operating Lease Commitments – Group as Lessee:

The group has entered into commercial leases on certain motor vehicles and items of office equipment. The leases have lives of three or four years with renewal options included in the motor vehicle leases only. There are no restrictions placed on the lessee by entering into these leases.

Future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Lease commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:			
Within one year	22	38	28
One to five years	43	65	53
	65	103	81

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22. Commitments (continued)

Operating Lease Commitments – Group as Lessor:

The group has entered into commercial property leases on its surplus corporate buildings and land. These non-cancellable leases have remaining terms of up to four years on buildings and 30 years on land leases. All leases include a clause to enable upward revision of the rental charge on an annual basis according to prevailing market conditions.

Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
Lease commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:			
Within one year	249	224	340
One to five years	477	420	468
Greater than five years	523	619	570
	1,249	1,263	1,378

Capital Commitments:

Capital expenditure contracted for at balance date but not provided for	0	0	121
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23. Transactions with Related Parties

a) Parent

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited is wholly owned by the New Zealand Government (the ultimate parent). All transactions with the Government, Government departments and agencies and Government entities are conducted at arm's length. Government Core funding and Public Good Science funding comprises close to 50% of research revenue earned by Scion.

During the year New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited entered into the following transactions:

	31 Dec 2015 \$000	PARENT 31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
b) Subsidiary Company			
<i>Te Papa Tipu Properties Ltd</i>			
Charge for services	38	38	76
Payment of rent	(199)	(199)	(398)
Net Paid on behalf	93	111	231
Amount (payable)/receivable at balance date – Intercompany account	23	132	91
c) Associates			
<i>Biopolymer Network Ltd</i>			
Supplied goods and services	855	900	1,779
Received goods and services	0	0	(1)
Receivable at balance date	163	163	167
<i>Terax 2013 Ltd</i>			
Supplied goods and services	209	77	177
Receivable at balance date	65	14	35
<i>Terax Limited Partnership</i>			
Services provided	68	41	68
Receivable/(Payable) at balance date	0	0	16
d) Other Related Parties			
<i>WQI Ltd</i>			
Supplied goods and services	76	88	243
Received goods and services	(9)	(6)	(9)
Receivable/(Payable) at balance date	1	31	134

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	PARENT 31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
23. Transactions with Related Parties (continued)			
d) Other Related Parties (continued)			
<i>Future Forests Research Ltd</i>			
Services provided	562	216	726
Co-funding	0	(20)	(40)
Receivable at balance date	358	2	112

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited has a 5.05% shareholding in WQI Limited (2014: 5.05%). The company's policy is to record such investments at fair value but these shareholdings have not been recorded in the financial statements as their value is not considered to be material to the parent and group. Refer to Note 13 for details on the company's shareholding in Future Forests Research Limited and Note 14 for shareholdings in associates.

Other Related Parties

The group's transactions during the six months, and period end balances with other related parties, are as follows:

i) New Zealand Forest Owners Association Incorporated (related party up to 30 September 2015)

Provided services totalling \$0k (2014: \$1,302k). The amount receivable at period end was \$0k (2014: \$818k). No goods or services were received during the period (2014: \$0k).

ii) Juken New Zealand Ltd (related party up to 30 September 2015)

Provided services totalling \$12k (2014: \$120k). No services were received during the period (2014: \$6k). The amount receivable at period end was \$0k (2014: \$87k). The amount payable at period end was \$0k (2014: \$7k).

iii) Waiariki Institute of Technology

Provided services totalling \$3k (2014: \$4k). Services received during the period totalled \$20k (2014: \$15k). No amounts were receivable or payable at the end of the period.

iv) Grow Rotorua Limited (related party up to 15 September 2015)

Provided services totalling \$2k (2014: \$5k) during the period. No services were received. There was no receivable at period end (2014: \$0k).

v) Te Arawa Group Holdings Limited

Provided services totalling \$0k during the period (2014: \$2k). No services were received. There was no receivable at period end (2014: \$0k).

Mr Sheldon Drummond, a director of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited, was a director of New Zealand Forest Owners Association Inc and an employee of Juken New Zealand Ltd up to 30 September 2015. Ms Colleen Neville, a director of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited, is Chief Executive Officer of Te Arawa Group Holdings Limited.

Mrs Judith Stanway is Chair of Te Papa Tipu Properties Limited and a Director at Terax 2013 Limited.

Dr Warren Parker, CEO of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited, is a director of Te Papa Tipu Properties Limited, and until 15 September 2015, a director of Grow Rotorua Limited.

Mr Rob Trass, CFO and Company Secretary of New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited, is an Audit and Risk Committee member at Waiariki Institute of Technology.

e) Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties

Sales to and purchases from related parties are made in arm's length transactions both at normal market prices and on normal commercial terms. Outstanding balances at year-end are unsecured and interest free. No guarantees are provided or received for any related party receivables or payables.

No related party debts were written off during the year (2014: \$0k) and no impairment allowance has been raised for any of these debts.

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	31 Dec 2015 \$000	31 Dec 2014 \$000	30 Jun 2015 \$000
24. Key Management Personnel			
Short term employee benefits	1,074	1,125	2,094
KiwiSaver employee benefits	17	10	19
	1,091	1,135	2,113

25. Segment Information

The group operates principally in New Zealand providing scientific research and technology to Government and commercial clients.

26. Reporting Period

These financial statements cover the period 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015 and have not been audited.

Scion Directory 2015/2016

Board of Directors

Mr Tony Nowell (Chairman)
Mrs Judith Stanway (Deputy Chair)
Ms Elizabeth Chambers – resigned 30 December 2015
Mr Sheldon Drummond
Dr Barry O’Neil
Ms Colleen Neville

Mr Rob Trass – Company Secretary

Executive Management

Dr Warren Parker – Chief Executive Officer
Dr Russell Burton – General Manager, Research and Investments
Dr Elspeth MacRae – Science General Manager, Manufacturing and Bioproducts
Dr Brian Richardson – Science General Manager, Forest Science
Mr Steve Sopora – General Manager, Business Development and Commercialisation – resigned 18 December 2015
Ms Keri-Anne Tane – General Manager, People and Performance
Mr Rob Trass – Chief Financial Officer

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