



ASX Announcement

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Smartgroup announces 63% increase in H1 2017 profits and declares fully franked interim dividend of 16.5 cents per share

Smartgroup Corporation Ltd (ASX: SIQ), one of Australia's largest providers of salary packaging administration and novated leasing services, today reported its financial results for the half year ended 30 June 2017.

Profit after tax, as measured by NPATA¹, was \$30.3 million for the half year, a rise of 63% on the prior corresponding half year. Revenue was \$95.2 million, exceeding the prior corresponding half year by 57%.

Smartgroup had a net debt balance of \$74.3 million at 30 June 2017 with gearing less than 1.0x².

The Board of Directors has declared a fully franked interim dividend of 16.5 cents per share, representing an increase of 68% from the prior corresponding period, with a record date of 15 September 2017 and payment date of 29 September 2017.

Smartgroup Chief Executive Officer Deven Billimoria said, "It has been a good half year for the Group. We have continued to work on integrating the businesses acquired last year and achieving the synergies. The Group continues to focus on operational excellence to retain and grow our client base, while engaging with our clients at multiple levels to ensure strong ongoing relationships."

1. NPATA is Net Profit After Tax, adjusted to exclude the non-cash tax-effected amortisation of intangibles and significant non-operating items.
2. Based on last twelve months' EBITDA.



Deven Billimoria and Chief Financial Officer Tim Looi will hold a briefing tomorrow to discuss the results. The details are as follows:

Time: 8:30 am AEST

Date: Wednesday 23 August 2017

The audio briefing will be streamed live at this time and can be accessed via the Smartgroup company page on the Open Briefing website: <http://www.openbriefing.com/OB/2522.aspx>.

This can also be accessed from the investor section of the Smartgroup website: <http://ir.smartgroup.com.au/investors/>.

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