Enabling Connectivity
**Advanced Timing for a Synchronised World**

All electronic systems, including communications and location systems, require precise electronic ‘heartbeats’. These ‘heartbeats’ are produced by resonating quartz crystals, and are used to generate the extremely accurate electrical, radio or optical signals used in systems around the globe.

Rakon’s advanced frequency and timing solutions hold time and provide a stable timing reference for equipment in the network. Its products enable synchronised time, and the efficient and reliable transfer of data at ever increasing precision and speed.

Whether it be within wired, wireless or fibre telecommunications networks, navigation devices, or satellites in space – Rakon products enable connectivity.

**Performance Snapshot**

**FINANCIAL YEAR 2017**

- Revenue up 16.0% to $94.7m
- Operating expenses up 55.2% to $4.0m
- Underlying EBITDA ▼ 55.2% to $(13.6m)
- Net profit ▼ 30.4% to $9.5m

A decline in revenue from the telecommunications market was a major contributor to the decrease in total sales volumes and revenue, as equipment makers continued to delay investment in new equipment in all markets. Non-recurring items in Financial Year (FY)2017:

- Total restructure costs of $3.0 million.
- Total impairments of $6.6 million.

Operating expenses down $5.9 million due to a part year benefit from cost reduction initiatives.

Net debt reduced by $8.1 million.

Research and Development (R&D) investment delivering new generations of OCXOs and TCXOs.

While we experienced a lift in business in the telecommunication market in the final quarter, it was not enough to recover the reduced demand that had negatively affected revenue in the first three quarters.

Brent Robinson
Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director

**Global Locations**

- Manufacturing Site
- Sales & Support Location
- Research & Development Site

All amounts in this document are in NZ$ unless otherwise specified.

2 Product acronyms and definitions are explained in the Glossary on page 19.
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Chairman's Report

Last year Rakon invested in the Internet of Things (IoT) start-up Thinxtra. This company is placed in a unique position to lead the IoT revolution in its territory of Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. Currently it has Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) contracts to deploy a network in Australia and specific commitments from customers with a gross revenue committed of AU$18 million over the next eight years, and it has over 50 million potential connections in its current pipeline. So far Thinxtra has raised AU$16 million and Rakon currently has 42% equity stake. Thinxtra’s team has been huge. From all of us on the Board he departs with our heartfelt thanks and admiration, for everything his leadership has achieved.

Firstly

Chairman

Chairman's Report

 Milestones and Change

Rakon had its 50th birthday on 4 April this year, a significant milestone and one not easily achieved by any company, especially one listed on the stock exchange. During that time Rakon has had its share of ups and downs of typical of similar tech companies; our milestones and a lot of reasons for Rakon’s future business.

Darren, while departing the Board, plays a very important role at Rakon managing the global sales & marketing function over the one country that we do business in, and being responsible for 50 team members. Darren’s knowledge and experience in the frequency control marketplace is unparalleled, and his energy and dedication to the role is highly valued by the Board. Darren’s management has worked very hard to right the business for optimum efficiency, as we announced at last year’s Annual Shareholders’ Meeting. We have reduced the annualised debt by $8.1 million and increasing operating cash flow to $5.6 million. The underwriting condition in operating expenses on an annualised basis of $9.0 million before restructuring costs will have a positive impact on next year’s profit. During the period of restructuring, the Board agreed to write down certain assets and goodwill to the tune of $6.6 million. Cost reductions incurred one-off costs, including restructuring costs of $3.0 million. These factors, combined with weaker demand, a competitive revenue reduction from the NZD versus the USD of $2.9 million and the asset write-down, significantly contributed to the $13.6 million net loss after restructuring costs.

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Managing Director’s Report

The Financial Year 2017 in Review

Tough trading conditions and restructuring costs were contributors to Rakon reporting a net loss after tax of $13.6 million on revenue of $384.1 million for the full year ended March 31, 2017.

The Rakon outlook for the current financial year has been somewhat clouded with forecasts issued earlier in the year. A 16% decline in revenue, mainly coming from the telecommunications market for the period, was a major contributor to the decrease in total sales revenue and volume, while also contributing to the disappointing result. In line with the revenue decline, gross profit of $33.7 million reduced 29.8% compared to the previous financial year. Rakon continued to be affected in our key telecommunications market segment by reduced demand from equipment makers as major global network operators have continued to delay infrastructure investment.

During the year, action was taken to address the impact of reduced revenue on earnings. Key priorities during the year have been to reduce general and administration spending, which continues to be a major contributor to the decrease in total sales revenue and volume, and to recover the reduced demand that had negatively affected revenue in the first three quarters.

Thus, although a disappointing result, there were a number of key achievements in FY2017. Operating cash flow for the period increased 30.4% to FY2017’s $8.5 million. Following the restructuring and reorganisation fully implemented, the company was profitable at a Net Profit After Tax (NPAT) level in quarter four, excluding impairments. In FY2017 the recovery of our property in Argenta, France was completed. Further building-out-related costs are to be achieved before a sales completion which is expected in FY2018. Lastly, our research and development investments have enabled us to deliver new generations of our TICO and TCOCO. We have had a lot of sample activity as a result of our efforts over the last few years. Further achievements generated by our investment in research and development and new technology that was outlined in detail on pages 15 and 16.

Market Update

Telecommunications

Throughout the year, the negative trend continued in telecommunications with US dollar revenue down 16% in the year, due to a number of factors. Mobile network operator spending remained down through Calendar Year 2016 and this resulted in the OneTime equipment manufacturers having restructuring of their own. In addition, rationalisation of products after Nokia’s takeover of Alcatel-Lucent had a negative impact on some of Rakon’s mainstream programmes.

In quarter four the trend reversed. While we experienced a slight in business in the telecommunications market, it was not enough to reverse the reduced demand that had negatively affected revenue in the first three quarters.

Space and Defence

Combined space and defence business grew eight percent in US dollar terms and we are starting to generate growth from a focus on this globally. Space business has continued to increase for the last three years, with new deliveries to customers in Asia. Significant projects have been generated in the US space marketplace for the period, with a major contribution from the defence sector. As a result of our efforts over the last few years, Rakon is now the only US Tier One company contributing revenue to this market, following the sale of our European business in FY2016.

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A full year benefit as a result of the FY2017 cost reduction action is forecast. The fourth quarter FY2017 net profit before tax is forecast to be $4.2 million. This provides opportunities for Rakon to grow the business in the global positioning market, utilising the combination of Rakon’s lower cost manufacturing platform and Rakon’s technology.

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Rakon Celebrates 50 Year History in Hi-Tech Industry

It was the era of black and white television, The Beatles, and the space race between the US and Russia to the moon. It was the 1960s and on the other side of the world, in his garage in little New Zealand, a man was making crystals to generate radio frequency. That man was Warren Robinson, founder of Rakon. Back then, Warren saw a large gap in the market for crystals and so he decided to make his own. The company was incorporated on 4 April 1967.

Fast track fifty years where connected technology is in use more than ever, and diverse applications are evolving rapidly. The company continues to design and make frequency control devices based around quartz. However, today, there is a plethora of communication and location systems, all of which require accurate clocking signals to generate precise electrical, radio or optical signals in networks and systems everywhere—and at the heart of many, is a Rakon product.

In April the company acknowledged this achievement across its multiple sites worldwide.

Brent Robinson says the competitive nature of the industry and rapid pace of technology requirements makes the 50th anniversary of Rakon particularly significant.

“Certainly the can-do attitude and transparency we have had with our customers has forged very strong relationships with them and that is something inherent within the New Zealand culture. Also our relative isolation to the rest of the world provided the opportunity, particularly in the early Global Positioning System (GPS) days, to develop in-house our own unique proprietary test equipment, which gave us an advantage.

In 2015, the company diversified through its investment in Thinxtra – an IoT business. In February this year, Taiwanese company Taiwan Crystal Technology Co. Limited took a 16.6 percent share in Rakon, giving both companies a broader range of products and alternative channels, into new and existing markets.

“Listening to our key ecosystem partners, staying abreast of developments and evolving the business accordingly to meet their requirements – and those of the industry – is mandatory.” Robinson said.

Rakon has a proud history of delivering industry ‘firsts’, has won a number of industry and supplier awards and its products can be found in many international programmes.
**New Directors**

**Q&A**

Rakon conducted these interviews with the Board to understand their experiences, expertise and technology direction. I founded Siward in 1988 and spent 19 years as Managing Director / CEO. I believe in the importance of good management and strong leadership, and I want to share my industry experience and technology direction. I founded Siward in 1988 and spent 19 years as Managing Director / CEO. I believe in the importance of good management and strong leadership, and I want to share my industry experience and technology direction.

What do you bring to the Board? As a new entrant, Rakon is well positioned with Intellectual Property (IP), technology companies in international markets and has 25 years’ experience in the Frequency Control (FCP) sector. Based on Siward’s analysis of the technology leader in the Frequency Control Industry today, this gives Rakon the potential to increase profitability. I think that for Rakon to improve its performance and value it needs to establish a long-term sustainable competitive advantage – one that is difficult to copy and hard to lose. In your view what is the biggest driver of change in the technology industry today? I’m optimistic about all the new technology and change that is happening around the globe. I believe that the key to success is embracing new technologies, more so than ever before. My main aim is to help Rakon improve its performance and value and to establish a long-term sustainable competitive advantage that is difficult to copy and hard to lose.

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Financial Summary

Summary of Revenue and Profit/(Loss)
For the year ended 31 March 2017

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<td>One off cash gains realised on derivatives closed out</td>
<td>(1,096)</td>
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<td>Impairment</td>
<td>(6,504)</td>
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<td>Other non cash items</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
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<td>Income tax (expense)/credit</td>
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<td>(874)</td>
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<td>Net (loss)/profit after tax</td>
<td>(13,558)</td>
<td>(1,731)</td>
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Summary of Statement of Cash Flow
For the year ended 31 March 2017

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<td>– Investing activities</td>
<td>(8,364)</td>
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<td>– Financing activities</td>
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<td>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</td>
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<td>291</td>
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<td>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>(156)</td>
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<td>76</td>
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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2017

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<td>– Trade and other receivables</td>
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<td>– Property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>12,740</td>
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<td>– Intangible assets</td>
<td>6,467</td>
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<td>– Investment in associates</td>
<td>12,034</td>
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<td>– Interest in joint venture</td>
<td>3,722</td>
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<td>– Deferred revenue</td>
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<td>Equity</td>
<td>Share capital</td>
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<td>– Other reserves</td>
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<td>(20,700)</td>
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<td>– Accumulated losses</td>
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<td>74,957</td>
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Achievements Snapshot FY2017

OBJECTIVE
Grow market share in core markets and emerging markets.

Telecommunications
• Design wins for advanced discrete OCXOs for 5G base station platforms.
• Active contributor to the development of International Telecommunication Union (ITU-T) standards for 5G network synchronisation standards.

Global Positioning
• Expanded Asian manufacturing partnership to meet the growing demand for OCXO for GPS/Galileo/Global Positioning System (GPS)/Galileo applications.
• New customer for Rakon’s Mercury™ and Mercury+™ ASIC for 5G terrestrial systems.

Other
• Piloted Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) system with a goal of improving efficiency globally.

OBJECTIVE
Invest in R&D to develop new technologies.

Research
• Next-generation miniature OCXO product platform development. (AUS, JPN)
• Fundamental crystal and materials research in partnership with Victoria University. (NZ)
• New methods of temperature compensation for next generation of Rakon ASICs. (NZ)

Technology Development
• Improvement of state-of-the-art long-term aging performance by a factor of ten. (France)
• Class leading TCO technology targeting OCXO level of performance. (NZ)
• Continued development of next-generation OCXOs based on Mercury™ ASIC. (France, JPN)
• Minimisation of SAW oscillators by a ratio of two. (France)

Other
• New patents applied for and several patents pending. (Global)

New Products
Refer to page 116.

OBJECTIVE
Continued improvement in operational excellence and efficiency.

• Standardised Rakon’s global quality systems to ensure industry-leading quality.
• Enhanced qualification test of new products and continued process quality improvements affecting worldwide FY2017 have directly resulted in new Tier One customer orders.

Piloted Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) system with a goal of improving efficiency globally.
The partnership with Siward gives both companies a broader range of products and alternative channels into new and existing markets.

Product Development Improving Energy Efficiency

Through its advanced technologies, many of Rakon’s products are becoming smaller, higher performing, more reliable and more energy efficient than legacy designs. Improving the efficiency of Rakon products also enables its customers to deliver lower power solutions, which reduces environmental impact and waste in the environment.

Why Customers Choose Rakon

10 years of strong heritage in high technology across multiple markets, embedded in renowned international programmes.
Consortium to pioneer in next generation product development.
Reliability and performance, including under severe conditions.
Broad product offering.
Cost competitive global manufacturing platform.
Localised technical support and customer service network.
Partnered and long term supply to major Tier One and Tier Two customers in key markets.
Leveraging established and corporate partnerships.
Rakon belief in its customers, participation in industry standards committees, and continually evolves the business around emerging requirements of larger industries.

New Rakon Products Introduced FY2017

Dual Output Digital Signal Generator (DOSS®) A pair of output signals from one DSO. Designed for in-service test of OCSOs, OCXOs, TCXOs, XO’s and XO’s.

Timing for Next Generation Networks

From 2016 to 2022, estimates are that LTE mobile subscriptions will have a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 20% and global mobile data traffic will grow by ten times of what it is today. Infrastructure supporting this growth will come from 5G LTE and the evolution to 4G and 5G technologies. These networks are built across radio heads, fronthaul transport networks, backhaul transport networks and end gate and core switching equipment. This equipment and infrastructure requires high stability OCSOs for global master clocks that enable synchronisation across the network. In addition, TCXOs are extensively used in transport network, and VCXOs are needed to generate the high spectral frequencies on which the 4.5G and 5G networks will operate. With its broad product portfolio, Rakon is well positioned to address the advanced timing requirements for current and next generation networks.

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Rakon and Thinxtra IoT Update

At a phenomenal pace Thinxtra – backed by cornerstone investor Rakon – has seen rapid expansion from just a key IoT enabler and network provider in the Asia-Pacific region. Thinxtra’s rapidly deploying Sigfox’s low-cost, Low Power Wide Area network (LPWAN) technology to enable devices on home appliances, lawn mowers, gas bottles, couriers and many more applications to send short messages via the internet to our pc, smart phone or tablet. Smoke alarm battery dead? Gas bottle low? The need for manual checking may soon be a thing of the past.

“Having Rakon as an investor and partner is bringing low cost Sigfox solutions to the market, which will help us in the long run. Our relationship with Rakon has made us one of the leading New Zealand influencers and is a strong reference for Thinxtra when talking to key IoT partners and securing connection deals for the company,” CEO Barancourt says.

“For the financial year ended 31 March 2017, Thinxtra CEO Loic Barancourt has been significant milestones for the partners and securing connection deals says establishing relationships with key

Thinxtra Highlights

• Protected Bass Strait ferry launches its new Thinxtra-powered beacon communications ecosystem at an early stage
• Opened sales offices in Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland.
• Signed five universities in ANZ to develop IoT solutions
• Signed up 130 local ecosystem partners (platform suppliers, mining and environmental monitoring).
• Opened an office in New Zealand.
• Sent messages containing its precise location on the Sigfox Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN)

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Oven Controlled Crystal Oscillator (OCXO) A Crystal oscillator with additional circuitry to keep its internal temperature constant.

Digital Pulse Compression Sub-System A fully programmable system solution used to enhance the communications ecosystem at an early stage.

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Voltage Controlled Crystal Oscillator (VCXO) A crystal oscillator with additional circuitry to generate a repeating electric signal.

Digital Matter for a commitment to 100,000 GPS trackers.

Australia at the Australian Utility Week in Sydney.

Two teams were named winners of the Friendship Cup. Both teams used Sigfox connectivity to keep in touch with their coaches and communicate with the audience.

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