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# FY24 RESULTS



# BIG RIVER INDUSTRIES LTD (ASX:BRI)

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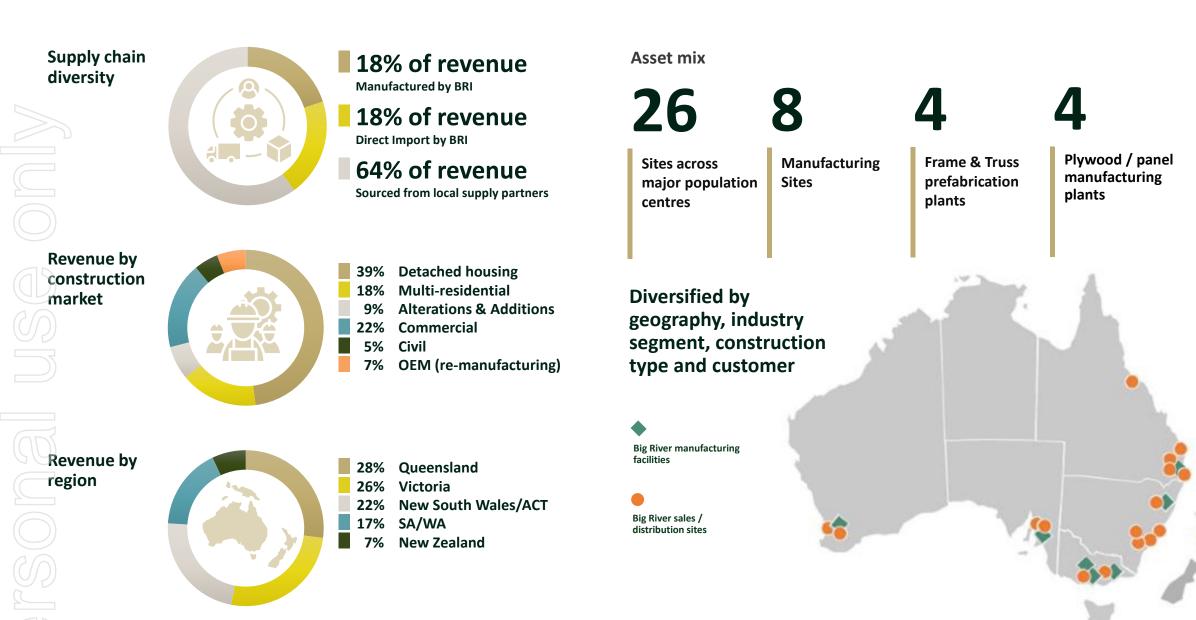
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### Business Overview



## **04** Core Divisions



# **Panels**

Industry leaders in decorative timber panels to the trade for architectural and Fit Out applications

Wall and ceiling panels
Cabinetry and benchtops
Premium engineered timber flooring
Bespoke engineered technical panel solutions

Cabinet makers & joiners
Fitout trades
Resellers/Merchants
Transport authorities
OEM's

Revenue (FY24) \$123.6m 9 Sites

## Construction

(Building Trades + Formwork & Commercial)

Leading diversified Formwork & Building Products manufacturing & distribution to trade businesses

Frame & Truss

Exterior cladding (Fibre cement & Maxiwall)

Doors & Mouldings

Timber flooring & decking

Formwork materials – Formply, LVL, steel decking & PVC systems

Home builders / Carpenters

Renovators / Fitout trades (Flooring, plasters etc)

Formworkers / Concreters

Civil companies / Site contractor

Large structural builders

Revenue (FY24) \$291.1m

17 sites

# **05** Investment Highlights

#### **Large Addressable Market**

- Vertically integrated manufacturer & distributor across all construction sectors
- Construction of approximately 120k homes per year and c\$10b spent on renovations in 2023/24.
- Government target of 1.2m new homes in next 5 yrs. <sup>2</sup>

#### **Diversified Product Mix**

- Two core divisions
  - Panels (primarily timber); and
  - Construction products
- Industry leader in decorative timber panels
- · Strong growth in lightweight cladding market
- Our scale and supply chain relationships provide ability to pivot quickly to new high growth products

#### **Strong Financial Profile**

- \$415m revenue in FY24 driven by organic and strategic M&A
- \$17m EBIT in FY24; material cost synergies to emerge as volumes increase
- 98% cash conversion with stable working capital ratio of ~16%
- Balance sheet flexibility to pursue further M&A opportunities as appropriate

#### **Market Dynamics**

- Property is a cyclical industry driven by economic and structural forces
- Australian tax structure and government initiatives incentivises housing development / renovations / expansion
- Residential market subdued given higher interest rates & living cost pressures
- Long term growth fundamentals: vacancy shortage and reducing inflation

#### **Established Footprint**

- 26 sites in all major Australian states and NZ
  - Qld largest market with 28% revenue
- ~640 staff with average tenure of c10 years
- Capacity within manufacturing sites to deliver material revenue increase without further capex investment

#### **Shareholder returns**

- Big River shares provides exposure to Australia property, building and construction industries
- Strong record of delivering fully franked dividends

## **06** Performance Headlines FY24

Commercial market strength offset by material softening in residential market in late H1 and into H2

Cost synergies from acquisitions and improved operations, position business well when volumes and market return

**Group FY24 Revenue** 

\$414.7m

down 7.7% on FY23, impacted by soft residential market.

**Operating Expenses** 

up 4.1%

Strong cost management in macro inflationary environment, OPEX up 4.1% and L4L up 1.3%.

**EBITDA** (Before significant items)

\$32.6m

EBITDA (Before significant items) down 36.0% on FY23 with EBITDA margin of 7.9%, impacted by decline in revenue and gross margin.

**Working Capital** 

16.6%

Strong Balance Sheet performance, net working capital to revenue ratio of 16.6% as compared to 15.5% in pcp.

**Cash Conversion** 

98.2%

Focus on cash conversion continues with consistent conversion across both halves of FY24.

**Dividends** 

**7.5cps** 

Total dividend of 7.5cps for FY2024 is at 78.1% pay-out ratio.

#### **Safety & People**

Further investment in safety initiatives, external audits and site improvements.

- Two sites achieved milestones during year 1,000 & 1,500 LTI free days.
- Three new senior executives: Scott Barclay EGM Panels, Gareth Watson (EGM Supply Chain & Manufacturing) and Damien O'Loughlin EGM Business Transformation & Technology.

#### Growth

- Progressing organic growth initiatives lightweight cladding, timber flooring.
- Acquired Specialised Laminators Qld (SLQ) in May 2024.

#### Operational Efficiencies - Systems & processes

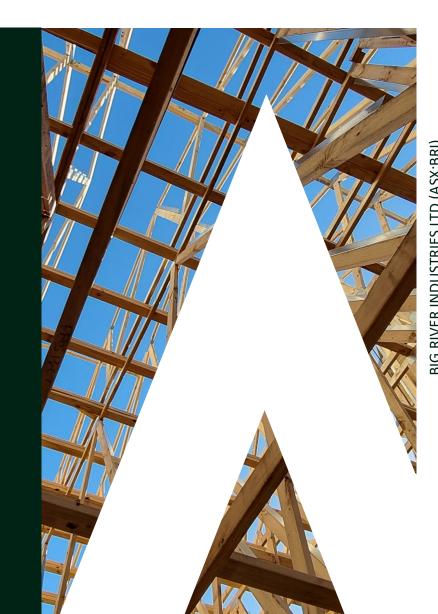
- Continued rollout of Group ERP platform resulting in improved collaboration and efficiencies.
- Good progress on Cyber, IT, HR, Finance and operations systems.

#### Synergie

- Upgraded or consolidated three sites. Grand opening of an upgraded Grafton manufacturing site.
- Supply chain initiatives delivering positive results as realise scale benefits.

#### One team Big River

- Group rebrand was launched in Q3 and being rolled out across the business.
  - Consolidating and extending Big River branding and marketing initiatives.



# **08** New Branding Progress

February 2024 Market Launch

April 2024
Grafton Grand

May 2024 Albion Park

Opening

**Branch Launch** 

Good Business. Good People.

Phased roll out of brand over 18 months



# We're building our new brand.

New look. Same exceptional service.













# **Strategic Rebrand Initiative**

Fortifying market position by unifying diverse portfolio of brands.

Foster synergies and coherence across business operations.

Leverage scale, extensive experience and expertise across the group.

Deliver personalised local service with national scale & capability for our customers.

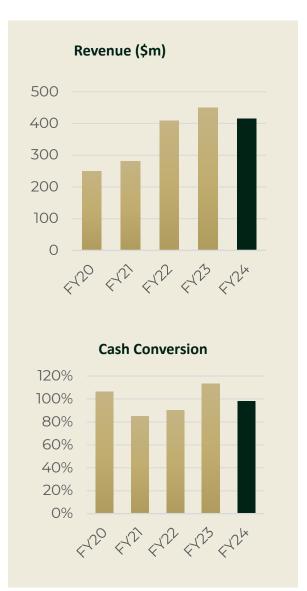
Consolidate our resources and expertise under one cohesive brand identity.

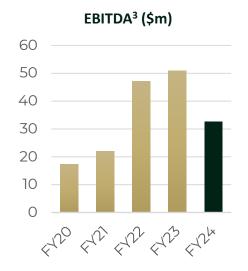
Unify group under shared common values. Drive sustained growth in years to come.

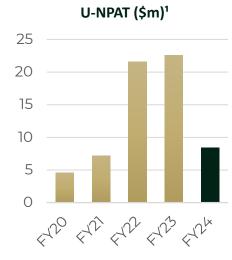
Rollout across all sites over FY25 & FY26.

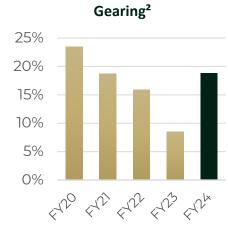
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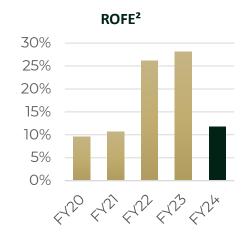












# 10 Big River Journey

Continuing growth momentum

#### **Successful acquisitions strategy**

- Big Hammer (Qld)
- Pine Design (SA)
- TWP (VIC & ACT)
- United Building Products (NSW)
- Revolution Panels (Qld)
- FA Mitchell (NSW)
- Epping Timber (VIC)
- Specialised Laminators (QLD)

#### Delivering

- National network
- Depth in capability
- Increased product offering



Expanded supply chain capability – international and local manufacturing

Continuing to expand synergies and operational efficiencies

# 5 Year performance

**EPS** +6.1% CAGR



Revenue +10.7% CAGR



**EBITDA** +13.5% CAGR



Cash
Conversion
99.6% Average

99.6% Average over 5 years

## 11 Divisional Performance

		Revenue			EBITDA			EBITDA margin	
AUD in millions	FY24	FY23	% Change	FY24	FY23	% Change	FY24	FY23	
Construction	291.1	321.0	(9.3%)	24.2	39.3	(38.4%)	8.3%	12.2%	
Panels	123.6	128.5	(3.8%)	15.5	19.2	(19.3%)	12.5%	14.9%	
Corporate costs	-	-	-	(7.1)	(7.6)	(6.6%)	-	-	
Total	414.7	449.5	(7.7%)	32.6	50.9	(36.0%)	7.9%	11.3%	

#### **Construction products**

- Construction division volumes and margins impacted by decline in residential housing starts and site delays.
- The Commercial market delivered growth in the latter half of the year, expected to continue into FY25.
- Continued positive performance in the lightweight cladding market.
- Supply chain pressured eased during the year, operations returning to historically normal levels.

#### **Panels**

- The residential downturn impacted the results in the second half given being later in the construction cycle.
- NZ market was soft but may recover earlier due to reduction of interest rates.
- Integration of Specialised Laminators Queensland adds extended capability and end-markets to the business.
- Grafton manufacturing upgraded site now delivering increased volumes of bespoke decorative panels and high value formply.

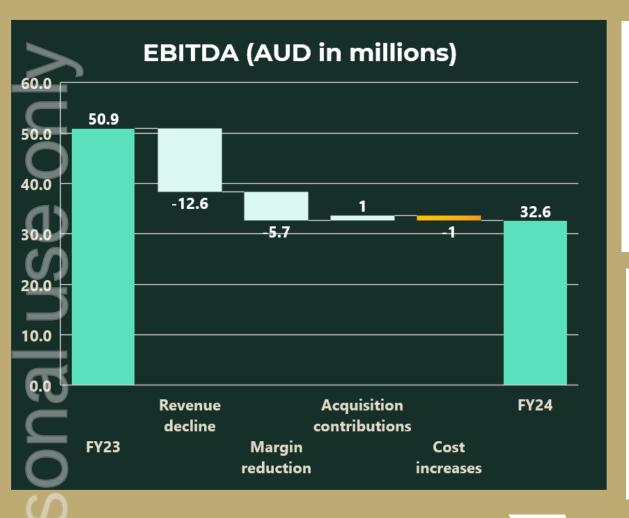
# **12** Profit & Loss

AUD in millions	FY24	FY23	% Change
Revenue	414.7	449.5	(7.7%)
Raw materials and consumables	(306.7)	(326.2)	(6.0%)
Gross profit	108.0	123.3	(12.4%)
Gross Margin %	26.0%	27.4%	(142 bps)
Operating expenses	(75.4)	(72.4)	4.1%
EBITDA	32.6	50.9	(36.0%)
Depreciation and amortisation	(15.3)	(13.8)	10.9%
ЕВІТ	17.3	37.1	(53.4%)
Finance costs (net)	(5.4)	(4.8)	12.5%
PBT before significant items	11.9	32.3	(63.2%)
Income tax expense	(3.5)	(9.7)	(63.9%)
NPAT before significant items	8.4	22.6	(62.8%)
Significant items:			
- Acquisition costs	(0.8)	(0.6)	33.3%
- Fair value gain	0.8	-	-
- Rebranding costs	(0.6)	-	-
- Income tax benefit	0.3	0.1	200.0%
NPAT to equity owners	8.1	22.1	(63.8%)

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Revenue down 7.7% driven by lower residential activity, impact of continued labour shortages and site delays.
- Gross margin down 142 basis points versus FY23. This was due to reduced Frame & Truss volumes and increased competitive pressures.
- Operating expenses: like-for-like operating cost (+1.3%) is well managed in the current inflationary macro-economic environment as we continue to invest in people, processes and systems for future growth.
- Finance cost increase due to additional borrowings and interest rate changes.

# **13** Profitability Waterfall



## Revenue

Revenue decline contributed to 24.8% decline in EBITDA

# **Gross Margin**

Gross margin reduction of 142 bps contributed 11.2% decline in EBITDA

# EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

Acquisitions delivered 2.0% growth in EBITDA

1. Before significant items.

# **Operating Expenses**

Cost increases of 1.3% L4L contributed to 2% decline in EBITDA

## **14** Balance Sheet

AUD in millions	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
Cash	20.5	34.3
Trade and other receivables	56.0	59.9
Inventories	72.5	69.5
Income tax receivable	0.4	-
Fixed assets	25.2	23.9
Right-of-use assets	29.2	25.5
Intangibles	66.8	60.8
Other assets	2.0	1.7
Total assets	272.6	275.6
Trade and other payables	56.1	59.7
Borrowings	48.1	45.5
Lease liabilities (right-of-use)	30.7	26.9
Current tax payable	0.1	5.4
Contingent consideration	5.9	5.8
Provisions and other liabilities	12.5	11.6
Total liabilities	153.4	154.9
Net assets	119.2	120.7

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Strong balance sheet to support the growth and acquisition strategy.
- Strong financial disciplines resulted in 2.3% reduction in like-for-like net working capital (Excluding SLQ).
- Continued focus on maintaining strong controls with receivables in a challenging trading environment.
- Increase in Fixed assets, Right-ofuse assets, and Intangibles is primarily due to acquisition of Specialised Laminators.
- Increase of \$2.6 million in borrowing was for the acquisition of Specialised Laminators which was partially offset by reduction in working capital facilities.

# 15 Cash Flow

AUD in millions	FY24	FY23
Receipt from customers	460.6	497.8
Payment to suppliers and employees	(428.6)	(441.2)
Government grants	-	1.0
Operating cash flow before interest and tax	32.0	57.6
Interest paid (net)	(3.3)	(3.1)
Income tax paid	(10.0)	(9.3)
Cash generated from operating activities	18.7	45.2
Business acquisitions	(5.7)	(5.6)
Contingent consideration paid	(3.5)	(3.6)
Capital expenditure (net) <sup>1</sup>	(2.6)	(4.2)
Proceed from sale of land	-	2.7
Investment in financial assets	(0.1)	(0.1)
Cash used in investing activities	(11.9)	(10.8)
Proceeds from borrowings	5.0	5.0
Lease payment	(11.4)	(9.9)
Dividends paid	(11.6)	(15.1)
Cash used in financing activities	(18.0)	(20.0)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalent <sup>2</sup>	(11.2)	14.4

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Focus on cash conversion continues with consistent conversion from 1HFY24 - 98.0% and FY24 - 98.2%.
- Higher tax payment in FY24 includes payment of tax liability relating to FY23.
- Contingent consideration paid from cash generated.
- Dividend paid during FY24:
  - 8.5 cps final dividend for FY23.
  - 5.5 cps interim dividend for FY24.
- Additional \$5 million borrowing for acquisition of Specialised Laminators.

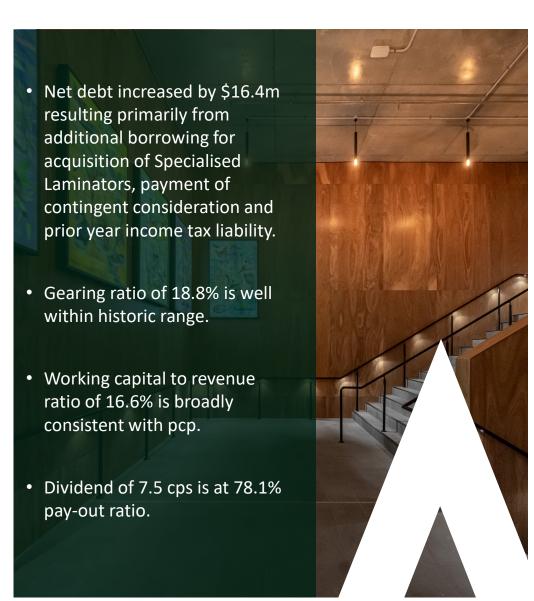
Gross capital expenditure (before lease funding and proceed from disposal) is \$4.0m (FY23: \$4.7m). Cash and cash equivalents = Cash – Bank Overdraft.

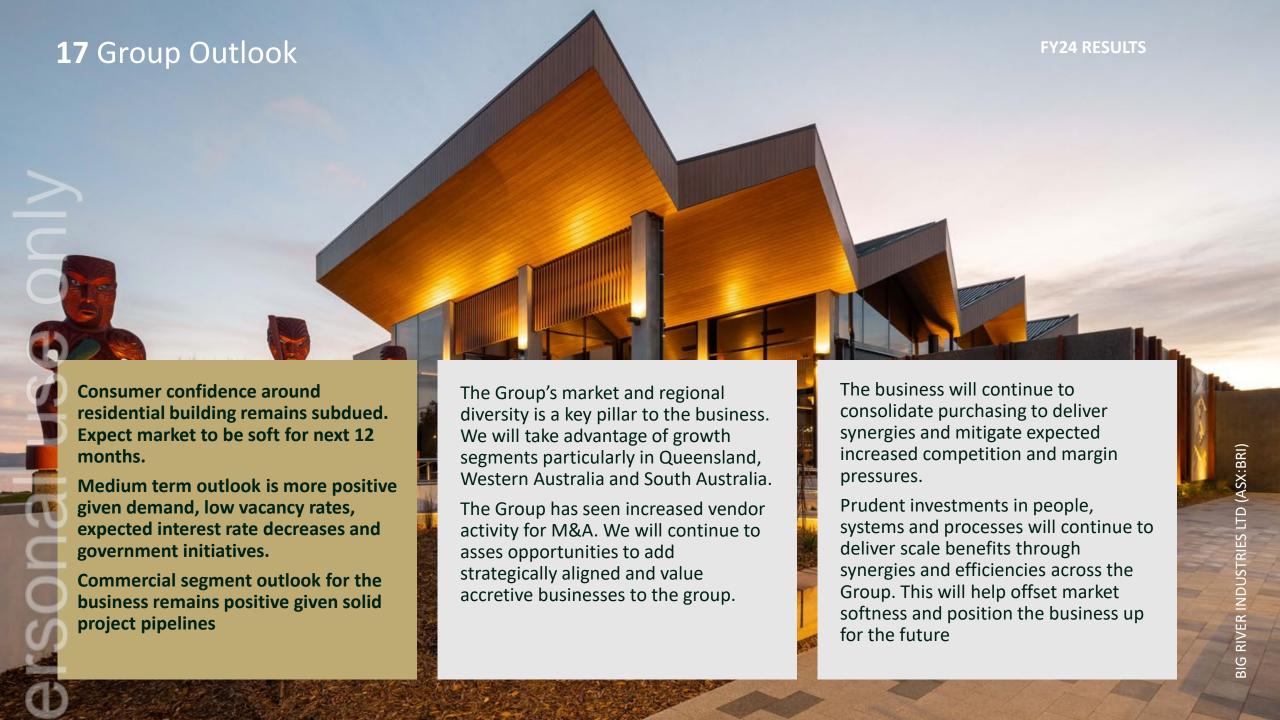
# **16** Capital Management

AUD in millions	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2023
Total borrowing facility <sup>1</sup>	80.9	86.1
Facility drawn	48.1	45.5
Utilisation ratio %	59.5%	52.8%
Cash	20.5	34.3
Net debt (Facility drawn – Cash)	27.6	11.2
Share capital	102.8	98.5
Reserves	16.4	22.2
Equity	119.2	120.7
Funds employed (Net debt + Equity)	146.8	131.9
Gearing ratio % (Net debt over Funds employed)	18.8%	8.5%
Working capital to revenue ratio %	16.6%	15.5%

Cents per share	FY24	FY23
Dividend declared	7.5	17.1
Basic earnings per share	9.6	26.8
Dividend pay-out ratio %	78.1%	63.9%

1. Total borrowing facilities are a mix between corporate loans and working capital facilities. At period end there was \$16m unused corporate loan.





# Appendices



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# Appendix - Profitability

AUD in millions	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Revenue	248.9	281.4	409.3	449.5	414.7
EBITDA					
- Construction	19.1	16.1	31.9	39.3	24.2
- Panels	1.8	10.6	21.4	19.2	15.5
- Corporate costs	(3.6)	(4.8)	(6.2)	(7.6)	(7.1)
Total EBITDA	17.3	21.9	47.1	50.9	32.6
Depreciation	(7.6)	(8.8)	(10.8)	(11.4)	(13.0)
Amortisation	(0.7)	(0.6)	(1.4)	(2.4)	(2.3)
EBIT	9.0	12.5	34.9	37.1	17.3
Finance costs (net)	(2.3)	(1.9)	(3.2)	(4.8)	(5.4)
Income tax expense	(2.1)	(3.4)	(10.1)	(9.7)	(3.5)
NPAT before significant items	4.6	7.2	21.6	22.6	8.4
Significant items, net of tax:					
- Acquisition costs	(0.6)	(1.0)	(0.8)	(0.5)	(0.7)
- Wagga impairment	-	(4.5)	0.5	-	-
- Fair value gain	0.4	0.1	-	-	0.8
- Rebranding costs	-	-	-	-	(0.4)
NPAT to equity owners	4.4	1.8	21.3	22.1	8.1
Earnings per share (basic)	7.1 cps	2.6 cps	26.0 cps	26.8 cps	9.6 cps
Dividend per share	2.4 cps	5.6 cps	15.5 cps	17.1 cps	7.5 cps
Dividend pay-out ratio %	33.8%	215.1%	59.6%	63.9%	78.1%



# 20 Appendix – Cash Flow

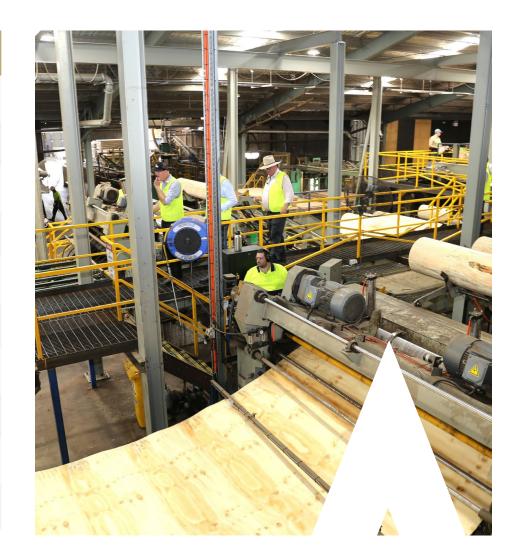
AUD in millions	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
EBITDA	17.3	21.9	47.1	50.9	32.6
Working capital changes & other items	1.1	(3.3)	(4.6)	(6.7)	(0.6)
Operating cash flow before interest and tax (OCFBIT)	18.4	18.6	42.5	57.6	32.0
Interest paid (net)	(2.2)	(1.7)	(2.4)	(3.1)	(3.3)
Income tax paid	(1.3)	(2.7)	(2.9)	(9.3)	(10.0)
Cash generated from operating activities	14.9	14.2	37.2	45.2	18.7
Net capital expenditure (net) <sup>2</sup>	(1.1)	(1.7)	(5.9)	(1.5)	(2.6)
Payment for intangibles	(1.0)	(0.4)	(0.2)	-	-
Investment in financial assets	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Free cash flow	12.8	12.1	31.0	43.6	16.0
Business acquisitions	(19.6)	(21.0)	(13.5)	(5.6)	(5.7)
Contingent consideration paid	(0.2)	(1.2)	(2.0)	(3.6)	(3.5)
Net proceeds from issue of shares	6.1	19.2	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowings	12.3	0.2	10.0	5.0	5.0
Lease payment	(4.9)	(5.3)	(7.9)	(9.9)	(11.4)
Dividends paid	(1.4)	(3.4)	(6.7)	(15.1)	(11.6)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent <sup>1</sup>	5.1	0.6	10.9	14.4	(11.2)

<sup>1.</sup> Cash and cash equivalents = Cash – Bank Overdraft.

<sup>2.</sup> Net Capital Expenditure for FY23 is net of proceed from sale of land.

# 21 Appendix – Capital Management

	AUD in millions	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
>	Overdraft and trade finance	2.8	1.4	2.5	2.6	-
	Bank bills	25.9	26.0	36.0	41.0	46.0
	Equipment finance liability	2.0	2.2	2.5	1.9	2.1
	Less: Cash	(8.7)	(7.8)	(19.8)	(34.3)	(20.5)
	Net debt	22.0	21.8	21.2	11.2	27.6
	Equity	71.7	94.7	112.4	120.7	119.2
	Funds employed (Net debt + Equity)	93.7	116.5	133.6	131.9	146.8
	Gearing ratio <sup>1</sup>	23.5%	18.7%	15.9%	8.5%	18.8%
	EBIT before significant items	9.0	12.5	34.9	37.1	17.3
	Return on funds employed (ROFE) <sup>2</sup>	9.6%	10.7%	26.1%	28.1%	11.8%



<sup>1.</sup> Gearing ratio = Net debt over Funds employed.

<sup>2.</sup> ROFE = EBIT before significant items over Funds employed.

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