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# 1H FY24 Results Presentation



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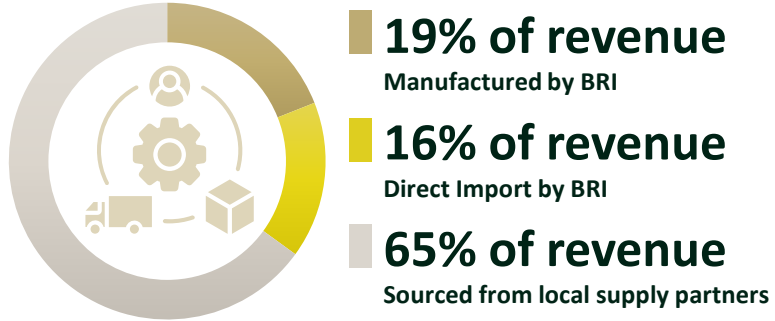


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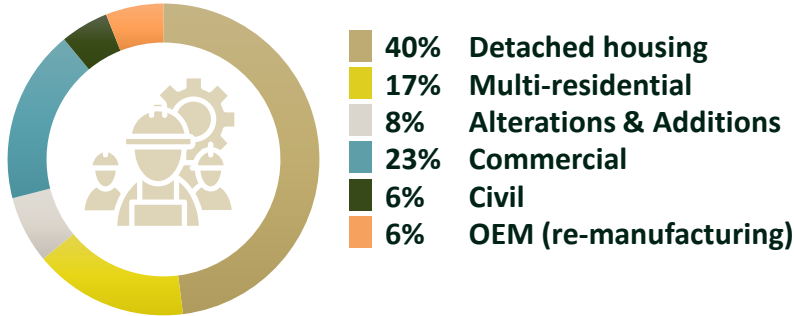
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# 03 Business Overview

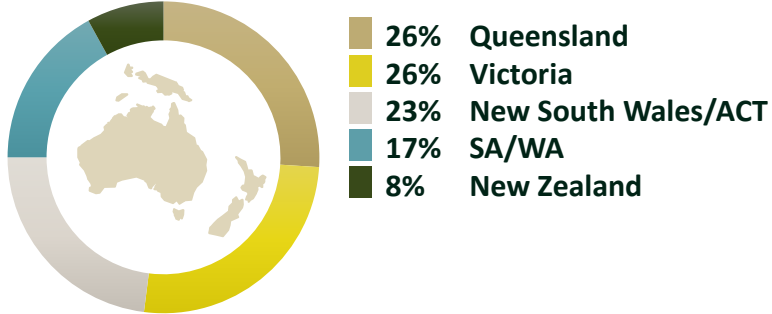
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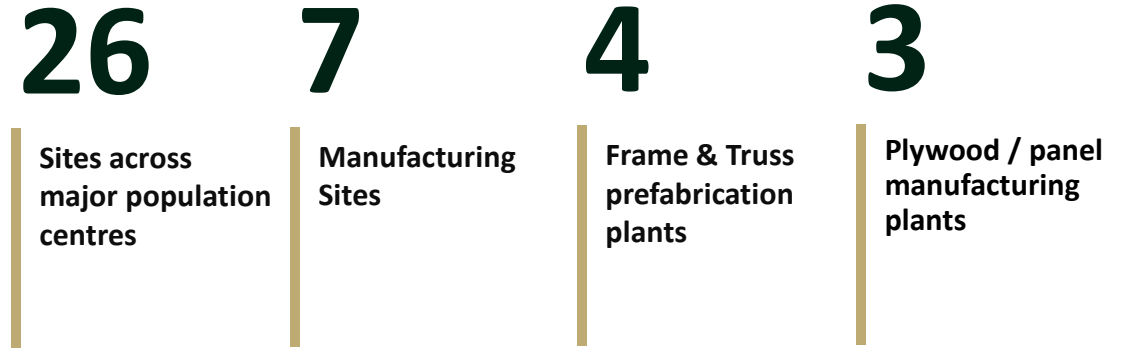
## Revenue by construction market



## Revenue by region



## Asset mix



Diversified by geography, industry segment, construction type and customer



## 04 Performance Headlines 1HFY24

### Solid Performance, disciplines & building for growth

#### Group 1HFY24 Revenue

**\$218.8m**

Consistent with prior period up 0.8% on 2HFY23 and down 5.9% on 1HFY23.

#### Operating Expenses

**up 3.8%**

Strong cost management in macro inflationary environment, OPEX up 3.8% and flat L4L.

#### Investment in growth

**~\$1.0m**

Investment in people systems and processes to deliver efficiencies, synergies & growth.

#### Underlying EBITDA

**\$20.0M**

Underlying EBITDA down 28.3% on 1HFY23 to \$20m with solid EBITDA margin of 9.2%.

#### Working Capital

**15.7%**

Strong Balance Sheet performance, net working capital to revenue ratio of 15.7% as compared to 17.7% in pcp.

#### Cash Conversion

**98.0%**

EBITDA to Cash conversion at 98.0% compared to 74.9% in 1HFY23.

#### Return on Funds Employed

**20.6%**

ROFE (EBIT/Funds Employed) of 20.6% in line with long term targets.

#### Dividends

**5.5cps**

Interim dividend of 5.5cps at 64.5% pay-out ratio.



## 05 1HFY24 Progress on strategic priorities

### Safety & People

- Investment in safety initiatives, external audits and site improvements.
- Staff development & investing in key talent.

### Growth

- Good progress on organic growth initiatives across the group – lightweight cladding.
- Increase in acquisition opportunities.

### Systems & processes

- Good progress on Cyber, IT Systems, HR, Finance and operations systems to deliver efficiencies and set up the business for further growth.

### Synergies

- Supply chain initiatives delivering positive results as we continue to align the business, consolidate purchasing and realise scale benefits.

### One team Big River

- Consolidating and extending Big River branding and marketing initiatives.



# 06 New Branding Overview

February  
2024  
Market  
Launch

April 2024  
Grafton Grand  
Opening

May 2024  
Albion Park  
Branch Launch

Good Business.  
Good People.

Phased roll out of brand over 18 months

## 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.

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**We're building  
our new brand.**

New look. Same exceptional service.

WE'RE  
BIG RIVER  
GROUP



**BIG RIVER**  
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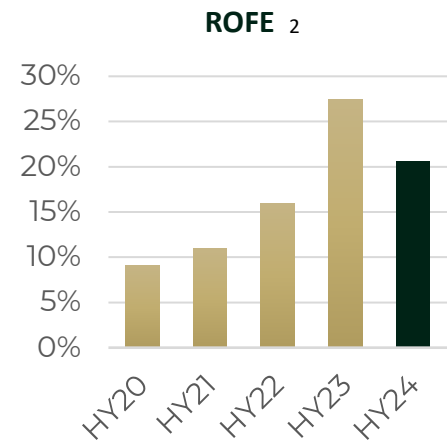
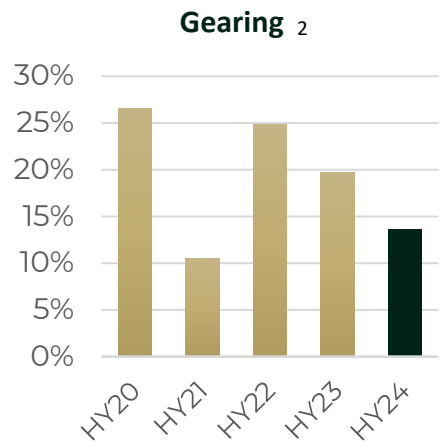
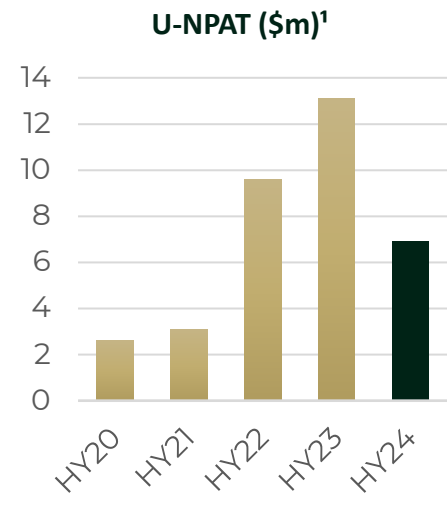
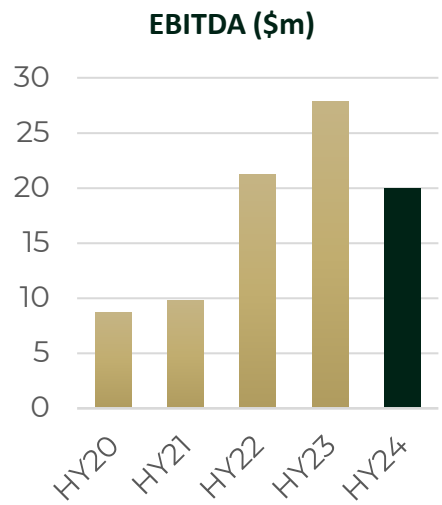
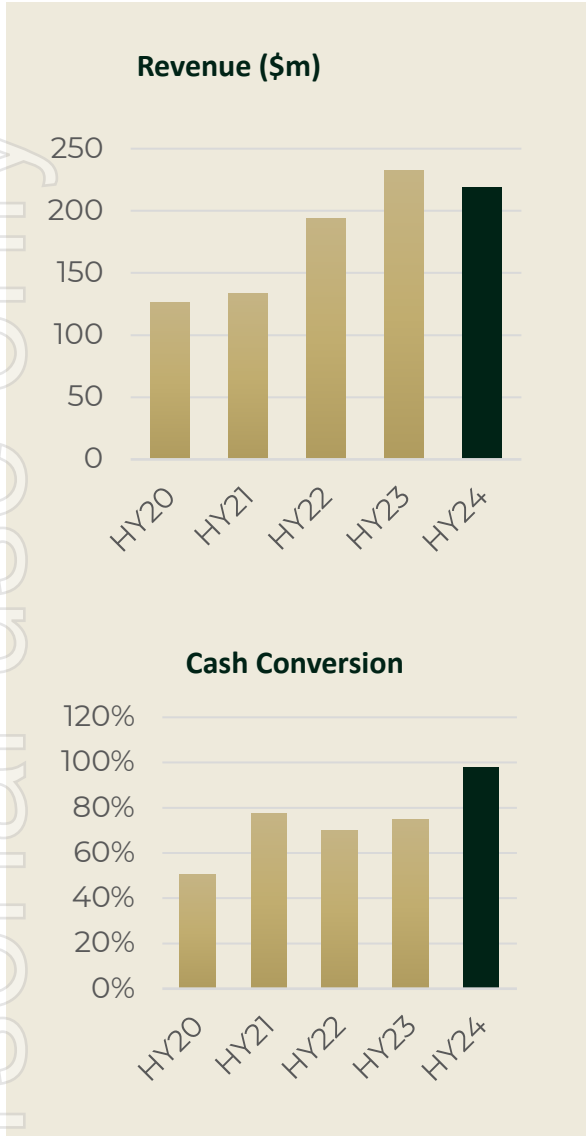


**BIG RIVER**  
TRADE CENTRE

**T/MBERWOOD**  
PANELS

**PLY/TECH**  
PANELS

# 07 Historical Performance



<sup>1</sup> U-NPAT is NPAT before significant items.  
<sup>2</sup> Definitions of Gearing ratio and ROFE covered within the appendix – page 17.

# 08 Divisional Performance

|                       | Revenue |        |          | EBITDA |        |          | EBITDA margin |        |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|---------------|--------|
| AUD in millions       | 1HFY24  | 1HFY23 | % Change | 1HFY24 | 1HFY23 | % Change | 1HFY24        | 1HFY23 |
| Construction products | 154.3   | 165.7  | (6.9%)   | 14.6   | 20.7   | (29.5%)  | 9.5%          | 12.5%  |
| Panels                | 64.5    | 66.7   | (3.3%)   | 9.3    | 10.6   | (12.3%)  | 14.4%         | 15.9%  |
| Corporate costs       | -       | -      | -        | (3.9)  | (3.4)  | 14.7%    | -             | -      |
| Total                 | 218.8   | 232.4  | (5.9%)   | 20.0   | 27.9   | (28.3%)  | 9.2%          | 12.0%  |

## Construction products

- Volume and margin impacted by decline in Frame and Truss volumes cycling off historical highs in pcp.
- Commercial growth on solid pipelines partly dampened by site delays.
- Strong growth in growing lightweight cladding market with James Hardie fibre cement and Maxiwall.
- Deflationary impacts on structural timber and LVL.

## Panels

- Strong performance in the Qld business – expansion into new site in Q3.
- NZ improved and was flat on pcp.
- Soft market conditions in Victoria impacted the branches in that market.
- New head of Panels, Scott Barclay, appointed to drive growth.

## Head Office

- Key staff appointments across finance, IT and HR.



## 09 Profit & Loss

| AUD in millions                      | 1HFY24      | 1HFY23      | % Change       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Revenue                              | 218.8       | 232.4       | (5.9%)         |
| Raw materials and consumables        | (161.0)     | (168.1)     | (4.2%)         |
| <b>Gross profit</b>                  | <b>57.8</b> | <b>64.3</b> | <b>(10.1%)</b> |
| Operating expenses                   | (37.8)      | (36.4)      | 3.8%           |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                        | <b>20.0</b> | <b>27.9</b> | <b>(28.3%)</b> |
| Depreciation and amortisation        | (7.3)       | (6.9)       | 5.8%           |
| <b>EBIT</b>                          | <b>12.7</b> | <b>21.0</b> | <b>(39.5%)</b> |
| Finance costs                        | (2.7)       | (2.2)       | 22.7%          |
| <b>PBT before significant items</b>  | <b>10.0</b> | <b>18.8</b> | <b>(46.8%)</b> |
| Income tax expense                   | (3.1)       | (5.7)       | (45.6%)        |
| <b>NPAT before significant items</b> | <b>6.9</b>  | <b>13.1</b> | <b>(47.3%)</b> |
| Significant items:                   |             |             |                |
| - Acquisition costs                  | (0.1)       | (0.3)       | (66.7%)        |
| - Fair value gain                    | 0.3         | -           | -              |
| <b>NPAT to equity owners</b>         | <b>7.1</b>  | <b>12.8</b> | <b>(44.8%)</b> |

### Highlights

- Revenue down 5.9% driven by lower residential activity, impact of continued labour shortages and site delays.
- Gross margin down 130 basis points versus 1HFY23. This key driver was reduced by Frame & Truss volumes and increased competitive pressures.
- Operating expenses: like-for-like operating cost is well managed in the current inflationary macro-economic environment as we continue to invest in people, processes and systems to invest in the business for future growth.
- Finance cost increase – full period of additional borrowings and interest rate changes.

## 10 Balance Sheet

| AUD in millions                  | 31-Dec-2023  | 30-Jun-2023  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash                             | 24.3         | 34.3         |
| Trade and other receivables      | 48.2         | 59.9         |
| Inventories                      | 68.8         | 69.5         |
| Fixed assets                     | 24.2         | 23.9         |
| Right-of-use assets              | 27.9         | 25.5         |
| Intangibles                      | 59.8         | 60.8         |
| Other assets                     | 3.7          | 1.7          |
| <b>Total assets</b>              | <b>256.9</b> | <b>275.6</b> |
| Trade and other payables         | 48.7         | 59.7         |
| Borrowings                       | 43.3         | 45.5         |
| Lease liabilities (right-of-use) | 29.3         | 26.9         |
| Current tax payable              | 0.8          | 5.4          |
| Contingent consideration         | 2.5          | 5.8          |
| Provisions and other liabilities | 11.8         | 11.6         |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>         | <b>136.4</b> | <b>154.9</b> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                | <b>120.5</b> | <b>120.7</b> |

### Highlights

- Strong balance sheet to support the growth and acquisition strategy.
- Strong financial disciplines resulted in 17.2% reduction in net working as compared to pcp.
- Continued focus on maintaining strong disciplines with receivables in a challenging trading environment.
- Reduction of \$2.2 million debt drawn in 1HFY24 is due to optimising working capital facilities across the Group.

# 11 Capital Management

| AUD in millions                                       | 31-Dec-2023   | 30-Jun-2023   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Total borrowing facility**                            | 86.1          | 86.1          |
| <b>Facility drawn</b>                                 | <b>43.3</b>   | <b>45.5</b>   |
| Utilisation ratio %                                   | 50.3%         | 52.8%         |
| Cash  | 24.3          | 34.3          |
| <b>Net debt (Facility drawn – Cash)</b>               | <b>19.0</b>   | <b>11.2</b>   |
| Share capital   | 99.7          | 98.5          |
| Reserves  | 20.8          | 22.2          |
| <b>Equity</b>   | <b>120.5</b>  | <b>120.7</b>  |
| <b>Funds employed (Net debt + Equity)</b>             | <b>139.5</b>  | <b>131.9</b>  |
| <b>Gearing ratio % (Net debt over Funds employed)</b> | <b>13.6%</b>  | <b>8.5%</b>   |
| <b>Working capital to revenue ratio %</b>             | <b>15.7%</b>  | <b>15.5%</b>  |
| <b>Cents per share</b>                                | <b>1HFY24</b> | <b>1HFY23</b> |
| Dividend declared                                     | 5.5           | 8.6           |
| Basic earnings per share                              | 8.5           | 15.6          |
| <b>Dividend pay-out ratio %</b>                       | <b>64.5%</b>  | <b>55.0%</b>  |

## Highlights

- Net debt increased by \$7.8 resulting from payment of contingent consideration and prior year income tax liability.
- Strong cash conversion of 98% compared to 74.9% in pcip.
- Gearing ratio of 13.6% is well within historic range and lower than 19.7% at 31-Dec-2022.
- Working capital to revenue ratio is broadly consistent with 30-Jun-2023 but improved from 17.7% at 31-Dec-2022 to 15.7% at 31-Dec-2023.
- Dividend of 5.5 cps is at 64.5% pay-out ratio.

\*\*Total Borrowing facilities are a mix between Corporate Debt and Working Capital facilities. At period end there was \$21m unused acquisition debt.

# 12 Cash Flow

| AUD in millions  | 1HFY24        | 1HFY23       |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Receipt from customers                                       | 252.4         | 262.7        |
| Payment to suppliers and employees                           | (232.8)       | (241.8)      |
| <b>Operating cash flow before interest and tax</b>           | <b>19.6</b>   | <b>20.9</b>  |
| Interest paid  | (1.7)         | (1.4)        |
| Income tax paid  | (8.5)         | (6.7)        |
| <b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>              | <b>9.4</b>    | <b>12.8</b>  |
| Business acquisitions  | -             | (5.6)        |
| Contingent consideration paid                                | (3.2)         | (3.6)        |
| Capital expenditure  | (1.2)         | (1.6)        |
| Proceed from sale of land                                    | -             | 2.7          |
| Investment in financial assets                               | (0.1)         | -            |
| <b>Cash used in investing activities</b>                     | <b>(4.5)</b>  | <b>(8.1)</b> |
| Proceeds from borrowings                                     | -             | 5.0          |
| Lease payment  | (5.3)         | (4.7)        |
| Dividends paid   | (7.0)         | (8.1)        |
| <b>Cash used in financing activities</b>                     | <b>(12.3)</b> | <b>(7.8)</b> |
| <b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalent <sup>1</sup></b> | <b>(7.4)</b>  | <b>(3.1)</b> |

## Highlights

- OCFBIT to EBITDA conversion of 98% ahead of 74.9% in 1HFY23.
- Strong financial disciplines resulted in 17.2% reduction in working capital as compared to 31-Dec-2022.
- Contingent consideration paid from cash generated.
- Final dividend of 8.5 cps for FY23 paid during 1HFY24.
- Higher tax payment in 1HFY24 includes payment of tax liability relating to FY23.

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



# Short term delays, strong medium-term outlook

**The outlook is supported by solid project pipelines in the short-term though site delays are expected to continue and have pushed the pipeline well into CY24.**

**Housing approvals have been in decline, but the medium-term is looking positive given reduced inflation, plateauing of interest rates, elevated migration levels, low vacancy rates and high housing demand.**

Our short to medium-term commercial projects pipeline remains strong, given delays caused by site, labour and weather issues.

Multi residential developments have grown in Queensland and will be led by a growing Build to Rent sector in the medium-term and growing medium density work.

The housing is expected to be soft in CY24 with rebound expected in 12 months on high demand.

Western Australia should continue to be the strongest state followed by Queensland and South Australia.

The Sydney and Melbourne markets are expected to continue to be soft for the remainder of the year but should be positively impacted by migration.

NZ results expected to be flat on good pipelines given soft residential market and potential shipping delays.



# Strategy & Financial

**The business is continuing to actively explore opportunities to add value-accretive businesses to the Group.**

**Acquisition opportunities have increased over the past 6 months.**

Our Grafton Consolidation project is now complete and delivering increased volumes of decorative specialist panels and formply.

The business will continue to consolidate purchasing to deliver synergies and mitigate expected increased competition and margin pressures.

Investment in People, systems and processes will continue as we strive to deliver efficiencies, synergies and long-term growth. These costs will be partly offset in the short-term by cost saving initiatives.

Extended site delays have pushed the pipeline into the second half of CY24. If projects continue to be delayed, then 2HFY24 revenue could be below the first half result.

# 15 Appendix - Profitability

| AUD in millions                 | 1HFY20  | 1HFY21    | 1HFY22   | 1HFY23   | 1HFY24  |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Revenue                         | 126.1   | 133.5     | 193.8    | 232.4    | 218.8   |
| EBITDA                          |         |           |          |          |         |
| - Construction                  | 7.1     | 7.6       | 13.1     | 20.7     | 14.6    |
| - Panels                        | 3.5     | 4.4       | 10.9     | 10.6     | 9.3     |
| - Corporate costs               | (1.9)   | (2.2)     | (2.8)    | (3.4)    | (3.9)   |
| Total EBITDA                    | 8.7     | 9.8       | 21.2     | 27.9     | 20.0    |
| Depreciation                    | (3.6)   | (4.2)     | (5.3)    | (5.6)    | (6.2)   |
| Amortisation                    | (0.3)   | (0.2)     | (0.6)    | (1.3)    | (1.1)   |
| EBIT                            | 4.8     | 5.4       | 15.3     | 21.0     | 12.7    |
| Finance costs                   | (1.3)   | (1.0)     | (1.5)    | (2.2)    | (2.7)   |
| Income tax expense              | (0.9)   | (1.3)     | (4.2)    | (5.7)    | (3.1)   |
| NPAT (before significant items) | 2.6     | 3.1       | 9.6      | 13.1     | 6.9     |
| Significant items:              |         |           |          |          |         |
| - Acquisition costs             | (0.3)   | (0.2)     | (0.8)    | (0.3)    | (0.1)   |
| - Wagga impairment              | -       | (9.3)     | -        | -        | -       |
| - Fair value gain               | -       | 0.2       | -        | -        | 0.3     |
| NPAT (statutory)                | 2.3     | (6.2)     | 8.8      | 12.8     | 7.1     |
| Earnings per share (basic)      | 3.7 cps | (9.8) cps | 10.9 cps | 15.6 cps | 8.5 cps |
| Dividend per share              | -       | 2.6 cps   | 5.5 cps  | 8.6 cps  | 5.5 cps |
| Dividend pay-out ratio %        | -       | Nm        | 50.0%    | 55.0%    | 64.5%   |



## 16 Appendix – Cash Flow

| AUD in millions   | 1HFY20       | 1HFY21       | 1HFY22       | 1HFY23       | 1HFY24       |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>EBITDA</b>   | <b>8.7</b>   | <b>9.8</b>   | <b>21.2</b>  | <b>27.9</b>  | <b>20.0</b>  |
| Working capital changes & other items                       | (4.3)        | (2.2)        | (6.4)        | (7.0)        | (0.4)        |
| <b>Operating cash flow before interest and tax (OCFBIT)</b> | <b>4.4</b>   | <b>7.6</b>   | <b>14.8</b>  | <b>20.9</b>  | <b>19.6</b>  |
| Interest paid   | (0.8)        | (0.9)        | (1.5)        | (1.4)        | (1.7)        |
| Income tax paid   | (1.0)        | (1.8)        | (1.8)        | (6.7)        | (8.5)        |
| <b>Operating cash flow</b>                                  | <b>2.6</b>   | <b>4.9</b>   | <b>11.5</b>  | <b>12.8</b>  | <b>9.4</b>   |
| Net capital expenditure <sup>2</sup>                        | (0.5)        | (0.3)        | (2.9)        | 1.1          | (1.2)        |
| Payment for intangibles                                     | (0.4)        | (0.3)        | (0.1)        | -            | -            |
| Investment in financial assets                              | -            | -            | -            | -            | (0.1)        |
| <b>Free cash flow</b>                                       | <b>1.7</b>   | <b>4.3</b>   | <b>8.5</b>   | <b>13.9</b>  | <b>8.1</b>   |
| Business acquisitions                                       | (16.5)       | -            | (13.5)       | (5.6)        | -            |
| Contingent consideration paid                               | (0.2)        | (1.2)        | (1.8)        | (3.6)        | (3.2)        |
| Net proceeds from issue of shares                           | 6.1          | 13.8         | -            | -            | -            |
| Proceeds from borrowings                                    | 8.7          | (13.6)       | 10.0         | 5.0          | -            |
| Lease repayments  | -            | (2.6)        | (3.6)        | (4.7)        | (5.3)        |
| Dividends paid  | (1.4)        | (1.5)        | (2.3)        | (8.1)        | (7.0)        |
| <b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalent<sup>1</sup></b>     | <b>(1.6)</b> | <b>(0.8)</b> | <b>(2.7)</b> | <b>(3.1)</b> | <b>(7.4)</b> |

1. Cash and cash equivalents = Cash – Bank Overdraft.

2. Net Capital Expenditure for 1HY23 being net of land sale



## 17 Appendix – Capital Management

| AUD in millions                                    | 31-Dec-2019  | 31-Dec-2020  | 31-Dec-2021  | 31-Dec-2022  | 31-Dec-2023  |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overdraft and trade finance                        | 0.8          | 1.5          | 2.8          | 2.7          | -            |
| Bank bills   | 22.6         | 12.2         | 36.0         | 41.0         | 41.0         |
| Equipment finance liability                        | 2.0          | 2.0          | 2.4          | 2.3          | 2.3          |
| Less: Cash   | -            | (6.5)        | (6.5)        | (16.9)       | (24.3)       |
| <b>Net debt</b>                                    | <b>25.4</b>  | <b>9.2</b>   | <b>34.7</b>  | <b>29.1</b>  | <b>19.0</b>  |
| Equity   | 70.0         | 78.1         | 105.0        | 118.3        | 120.5        |
| <b>Funds employed (Net debt + Equity)</b>          | <b>95.4</b>  | <b>87.3</b>  | <b>139.7</b> | <b>147.4</b> | <b>139.5</b> |
| <b>Gearing ratio<sup>1</sup></b>                   | <b>26.6%</b> | <b>10.5%</b> | <b>24.8%</b> | <b>19.7%</b> | <b>13.6%</b> |
| <b>EBIT before significant items (LTM)</b>         | <b>8.7</b>   | <b>9.6</b>   | <b>22.4</b>  | <b>40.6</b>  | <b>28.8</b>  |
| <b>Return on funds employed (ROFE)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>9.1%</b>  | <b>11.0%</b> | <b>16.0%</b> | <b>27.5%</b> | <b>20.6%</b> |

1. Gearing ratio = Net debt over Funds employed.
2. ROFE = EBIT before significant items over Funds employed.



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