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# Investment Conference Philosophy, Performance and Direction

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Satisfactory Returns To Shareholders



# Long-term, consistent strategies



Strengthen existing businesses through operating excellence and satisfying customer needs

Secure growth opportunities through entrepreneurial initiative

Renew the portfolio through value-adding transactions

Ensure sustainability through responsible long-term management

### MANAGING BALANCE SHEET EFFECTIVELY



# The Wesfarmers Way...



# Portfolio of High Performing Quality Assets Value creating business model

### **Autonomy**

Stand alone businesses
High calibre leadership teams with operational control
Lean corporate office

### **Outstanding People**

- Incentives aligned to generate shareholder value
- Retain & recruit quality people
- Cultural values: Integrity, Openness, Accountability & Boldness

### Accountability

- Delegation of decision making authority
- Accountability for performance
- Accountability for corporate reputation

#### **Reporting Systems**

- Divisional Boards
- Established integrated management systems
- Argenti process
- Project evaluation methodology

### **Delivering Results**

- Set targets & monitor performance
- Improve Returns
- Invest for Growth

## Portfolio of leading brands



### **Retail Businesses**





### **Industrial Businesses**



# Management Team



| Managing Director & CEO            | Richard Goyder   |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Finance Director                   | Terry Bowen      |
| Divisional Managing Directors      |                  |
| Food, Liquor and Fuel Retailing    |                  |
| Coles                              | Ian McLeod       |
| Big Box Retailing                  |                  |
| Home Improvement & Office Supplies | John Gillam      |
| Department Store Retailing         |                  |
| Target                             | Launa Inman      |
| Kmart                              | Guy Russo        |
| Insurance                          |                  |
| Insurance                          | Rob Scott        |
| Industrial Businesses              |                  |
| Resources                          | Stewart Butel    |
| Chemicals & Fertilisers            | Ian Hansen       |
| Industrial & Safety                | Olivier Chretien |
| Energy                             | Tom O'Leary      |





## **Group Performance Highlights**



- Group profit after tax of \$879 million, up 1% despite the foreshadowed fall in Resources earnings
- Operating revenue of \$26.5 billion
- Group EBIT of \$1.5 billion, down 11%
  - Excl. Resources, Group EBIT up 44% with EBIT from Retail businesses up
     23%
- Operating cash flow of \$2.1 billion, up 18%
- Earnings per share of 76.3 cents, down 26%
  - Reflecting 2009 equity issue
- 10% increase in interim dividend to 55 cents per share (fully franked)





- Results reflect the strength of having diversity of earnings
- Coles turnaround on track with EBIT increasing 13%
  - Focus on quality, service and value driving positive volume growth
- Resources affected by lower export coal prices as foreshadowed
  - Commenced expansion of Curragh, solid YTD production, costs well controlled
- Very strong performances from Bunnings, Target and Kmart
- Industrial businesses and Insurance recovering from negative external factors and slow economy
- Turnaround of former Coles Group businesses on track and pleasing
  - Significant work remains to extract further value







| Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)                 | 2009   | 2008   | <b>\$</b> % |
|---|--------|--------|-------------|
| Operating revenue                                 | 26,533 | 26,363 | 0.6         |
| EBITDA*   | 1,996  | 2,160  | (7.6)       |
| EBIT*   | 1,547  | 1,737  | (10.9)      |
| Net profit after tax*                             | 879    | 871    | 0.9         |
| Operating cash flow                               | 2,083  | 1,770  | 17.7        |
| Earnings per share (excl. employee res. shares)^* | 76.3   | 103.6  | (26.4)      |
| Earnings per share (incl. employee res. shares)^* | 76.0   | 102.9  | (26.1)      |
| Cash flow per share (incl. employee res. shares)  | 180.0  | 219.7  | (18.1)      |
| Dividends per share                               | 55     | 50     | 10.0        |
| Return on shareholders' funds (R12) (%)           | 6.5    | 7.4    | (0.9)pt     |



<sup>^ 2008</sup> restated for 2009 rights issues in accordance with AIFRS

<sup>\* 2008</sup> restated for change in accounting policy for Stanwell rebate payments

### **Divisional EBIT**



| Half Year ended 31 December (\$m) | 2009  | 2008  | <b>‡</b> % |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Coles                             | 486   | 431   | 12.8       |
| Home Improvement                  | 422   | 370   | 14.1       |
| Office Supplies                   | 27    | 25    | 9.0        |
| Target                            | 279   | 215   | 29.8       |
| Kmart                             | 154   | 75    | 105.3      |
| Resources*                        | 2     | 664   | (99.7)     |
| Insurance                         | 58    | 67    | (13.4)     |
| Industrial & Safety               | 51    | 68    | (25.0)     |
| Chemicals & Fertilisers           | 27    | 4     | 575.0      |
| Energy                            | 56    | 30    | 86.7       |
| Other^                            | 31    | (138) | n.m.       |
| Divisional EBIT                   | 1,593 | 1,811 | (12.0)     |
| Corporate overheads               | (46)  | (74)  | 37.8       |
| Group EBIT                        | 1,547 | 1,737 | (10.9)     |
|                                   |       |       |            |

<sup>^</sup> Includes \$39m (2008:\$148m) (pre tax) of non-trading costs



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# Creating Value from the Coles Acquisition

### **Achievements to Date**

# Business restructure

- ✓ Centralised structure replaced with autonomous divisions
- ✓ New, strengthened management teams at Coles, Kmart and Officeworks
- ✓ Leaner and more efficient divisional head offices
- ✓ Decision to keep Kmart

# Business improvements and Value creation

- ✓ Positive cultural change underway (store and customer focus)
- ✓ Significant change occurring in merchandising offers
- ✓ Improving promotional programs and in-store execution
- ✓ Improved store standards and service
- ✓ Reinvestment in network underway through prudent capex plans
- Exiting of underperforming stores
- ✓ Supply chain restructuring progressing well
- ✓ Improved supplier arrangements
- ✓ Significant working capital release with more to come







### Coles

- Turnaround on track
- Transforming the product offer
- Comprehensive renewal underway
- Significant work remains to extract further value



Strategies

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Building a solid foundation
- 2. Delivering consistently well
- 3. Driving the Coles difference
- Food & Liquor comp sales growth of 6.0% (5.9% in 2Q10); 1H10 deflation 0.9%
- Focus on quality, service and value drove strong customer growth
- Easy Ordering in 40+ stores, targeting 200 by June 2010
- Continued investment in store standards
- Renewal development continuing with 40+ stores trading at Dec 09
- Turnaround on track
- Signs of improving economic climate
- Customers remain value focused
- Changing business environment
- Transition to next phase of turnaround

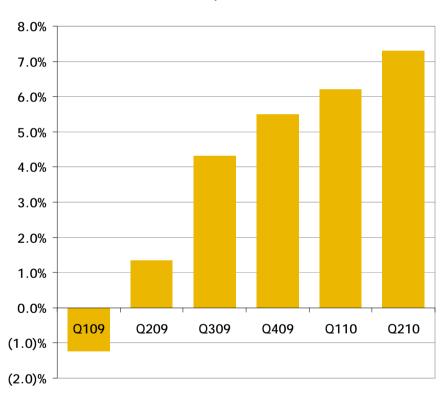


### Coles - 1H10 Sales Performance

- Five consecutive quarters of improved volume growth for Food & Liquor
- Good transaction growth
- Strong supermarket sales
- Solid liquor sales
- Strong underlying volume growth



#### F&L Comp Volume Growth





# Coles - Strategy 5 years - 3 phases of recovery

# Building a Solid Foundation

# Performance

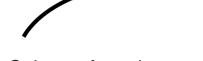
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- Create a strong top team
- Cultural change
- Availability & store standards
- Value and customer trust
- Renewal store development
- IT & supply chain infrastructure
- Liquor renewal
- Efficient use of capital

# Delivering Consistently Well

- Embed the new culture
- Team member development
- Improved customer service
- Improved efficiency
- Appealing Fresh food offer
- Stronger delivery of value
- Scale rollout of new format
- Auto replenishment completed

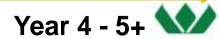
# Driving the Coles Difference



- Culture of continuous improvement
- Strong customer trust and loyalty
- Strong operational efficiency
- Innovative & Improved offer
- New stores, new categories

**Year 1 - 2** 

**Year 2 - 4** 



# Coles - Strategy Phase 1 Progress



| Create a strong top team         | Further executive appointments, creating strength and depth of top team Appointed over 150 new regional and store managers Talent mapping to identify & promote future leaders |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Cultural change                  | Improved incentives for store management<br>Labour turnover down, absenteeism falling  |
| Availability & store standards   | Improvement in on-shelf availability continuing On-going investment in store standards Continued focus on customer service   |
| Value and customer trust         | Improvements in range and quality of Coles brand products Strong reinvestment in prices  |
| Renewal store development        | Renewal progress continuing with 40+ stores trading at Dec 09.   |
| IT & supply chain infrastructure | Physical change in supply chain broadly complete Delivery times falling Easy Order in 40+ stores, targeting 200 stores by June 2010  |
| Liquor renewal                   | Distinctive multi-brand strategy<br>Increased volumes across all brands through improved value positioning<br>Progressive store renewal  |
| Efficient use of capital         | Improved working capital Disciplined approach to capital expenditure   |



# Home Improvement and Office Supplies

Bunnings

- Maintain focus on strengthening the customer offer and improving operational efficiency
- Network expansion
  - Strong development pipeline



**Strategies** 

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Profitable sales growth
- 2. Better stock flow
- 3. Engaging and developing a strong team
- 4. Lifting effectiveness and efficiency
- 5. Sustainability focus
- 14.1% cash sales growth with store-on-store growth of 11.2% for the half
- 7.2% lift in trade sales for the half
- Continued investment enhancing existing network
- Opened 8 new warehouses, 2 smaller format and 4 trade centres
- Continued cash sales growth, although tempered by cycling govt. stimulus
- Network expansion to continue at 10 to 14 stores per annum
- Significant investment in new store pipeline for the longer term



# Home Improvement and Office Supplies

Officeworks

 Good progress on improving operational effectiveness

Continued focus on
 delivering strategic agenda



**Strategies** 

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Improving the customer offer
- 2. Improve customer service
- 3. Team development & engagement
- 4. Make things simple & reduce costs
- 5. Drive sales & profitability
- Officeworks retail store sales growth of 12.7%; strong transaction growth
- Challenging market conditions for small-tomedium size business customers
- Pressures on margin and costs
- Ongoing store network expansion & reinvestment
- 4 new stores & 7 full store upgrades
- Focus on delivering strategic agenda
- Continued sales growth, but competitive pressures on margins



## Target

- Continued to gain market share
- Absolute focus on the customer and offer



**Strategies** 

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Focus on fundamentals
- 2. Brand reinforcement
- 3. Differentiation
- 4. Store network development
- 5. Customer service
- 6. Team member development
- 7. Business improvements
- Comp sales growth of 1.7% (1.6% in 2Q10)
- EBIT margin strengthened to 12.8%
- Improvements in CODB and supply chain
- Focus on inventory management
- 6 new stores & 13 refurbishments
- Cautious due to cycling of further stimulus payments up to June
- New product development and sourcing strategy to be implemented
- 1 new store & 15 refurbishments in 2H10



### **Kmart**

- Improved underlying profitability as a result of implemented turnaround initiatives
- Continue to re-set Kmart for renewal and growth



**Strategies** 

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Outstanding customer experience
- 2. Ranges customers want
- 3. Great value everyday
- 4. Clear communication
- 5. Every site a success
- 6. Best people, great company
- Comp sales decline of 1.6% (-1.1% in 2Q10)
- Improved margins from exit of unprofitable product and promotions, reduction in costs
- Inventory well controlled and below last year
- 2 new stores and over 30 floor and fitting room upgrades completed
- Results thus far are pleasing, however, turnaround will take time
- Growth phase commenced, renewal phase still active
- Moderate sales growth in short term



### Resources

- Forecast Curragh metallurgical sales increased to 6.3 – 6.8mt in FY10
- Global steel production recovery and increased metallurgical coal demand



**Strategies** 

1H10 Trading Update

- Maximise export sales and optimise sales mix
- 2. Cost reduction programs
- 3. Expansion opportunities
- 4. Extend product and market reach
- 5. Sustainability
- Earnings impacted by price reductions,
   Stanwell royalty and locked in FX losses
- A\$286m Curragh expansion to 8.0 -8.5mtpa export capacity approved; completion late CY2011
- Blackwater Creek diversion completed
- Curragh cost reduction programs on track
- JFY10 price negotiations underway
- Improved earnings performance in 2H10
- Curragh cost reduction programs ongoing



### Insurance

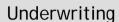
- Profitable growth to come from Lumley business improvement initiatives
- Bolt-on acquisitions continue to be assessed



Strategies

1H10 Trading Update

Outlook



- Stronger partnerships
- Disciplined underwriting and pricing
- Building a culture of achievement
- Managing claims effectively

#### **Broking**

- Client focused
- Develop engaged and highly capable team
- Develop new sales opportunities
- Underlying earnings improvement after adjustments\*
- Encouraging improvements in Lumley Australia and New Zealand
- Economic conditions and lower interest rates constrained broking income
- Further benefits from business improvement programme at Lumley
- Prospect of storms and fires remains a key risk to earnings in 2H10
- Commercial premium rate environment likely to remain competitive
- \* Adjustments relate to:
- Impact of lower interest rates on investment income (A\$19m)
- Losses associated with builders warranty run-off (\$6m)



### Chemicals & Fertilisers

- Solid return to earnings from Chemicals in 1H10
- Lower domestic fertiliser prices & \$A25m inventory write-down impacting fertiliser earnings in 1H10









**Strategies** 

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Growth through expansions
- 2. Optimise cost and capital
- 3. Sustainability
- 4. Improve capabilities and people development
- Ammonia production returned to historical levels; gas supply restored from 1 July 2009
- Strong demand for ammonium nitrate and sodium cyanide
- Fertiliser volumes up 17 per cent, market share maintained, however lower margins
- Reasonable growth in demand for mining chemicals expected
- Commissioning of sodium cyanide expansion
- Ammonium nitrate feasibility study progressing
- Recent strengthening of global and domestic fertiliser prices
- Seasonal break critical for fertilisers



# Industrial & Safety

- Slower industrial business activity following global financial crisis
- Strong pipeline of resources and infrastructure projects expected to benefit earnings



Strategies

1H10 Trading Update

Outlook

1. Increase sales to existing customers

- 2. Invest in higher growth sectors
- 3. Increase SME penetration
- 4. Managing margin
- 5. Improve competitiveness
- Results affected by business activity slowdown and margin pressures
  - Improvement in 2Q10 sales
- Cost of doing business reduced
- Distribution centre renewal continued
- Business positioned to benefit from any further improvement in market conditions
- Margin pressure likely to remain
- Capture growth opportunities



## Energy

- Earnings and return on capital above internal expectations in 1H10
- International LPG prices continue to increase

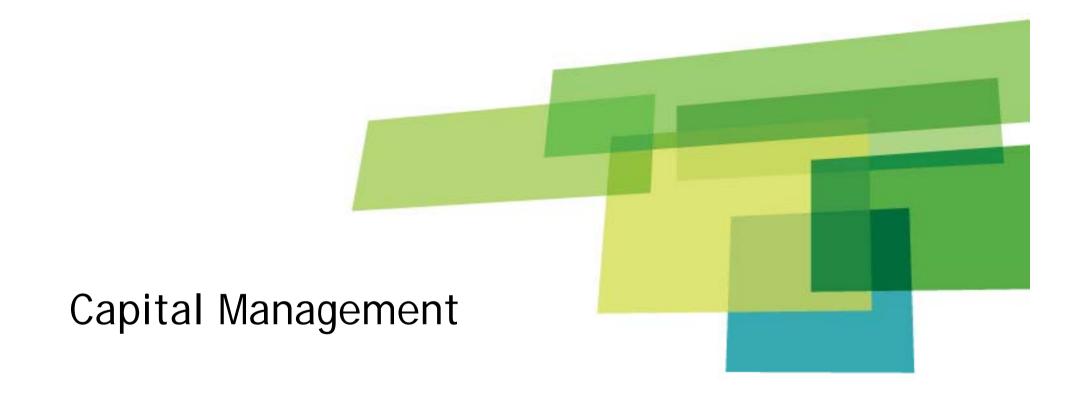


Strategies

1H10 Trading Update

- 1. Improve existing businesses
- 2. Expand deliver projects
- 3. Evaluate new opportunities
- Recovery of international LPG prices since 2H09
- Increased production and exports due to higher LPG content
- Industrial gas performance broadly stable in a slow market
- LPG earnings dependent on international LPG prices, LPG content and domestic gas prices in Western Australia
- Industrial gas sales growth expected from any further improvement in economic conditions







## Capital Management



- Balance sheet strengthened further through strong cash generation
- Net Debt to Equity of 15.5% at 31 December 2009
- Cash Interest Cover Ratio of 6.6 times (R12 basis)
- Net debt to R12 operating cash flow of 1.1 times at 31 December 2009
- Interim dividend increased to \$0.55 per share (fully-franked)
  - DIP to be neutralised with shares purchased on market



### **Debt Finance**

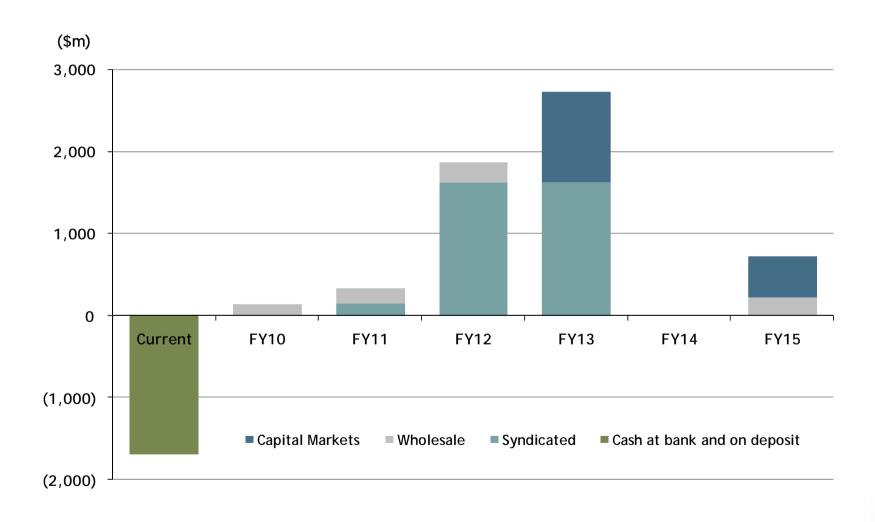


- Gross debt of \$5.7bn, net debt of \$3.8bn
  - Cash at bank & on deposit \$1.8bn
  - Committed undrawn facilities of \$1.4bn
- 1H10 all in cost of debt, including margins and fees, of ~8.7% after adjusting for one-off costs
- 75% hedged for 2H10
- Ongoing review of financing opportunities and requirements as market liquidity improves
- 5-year A\$500m domestic corporate bond issued in September 2009
- \$972m of facilities repaid during the period



# **Debt Maturity Profile Analysis**

(as at 31 December)



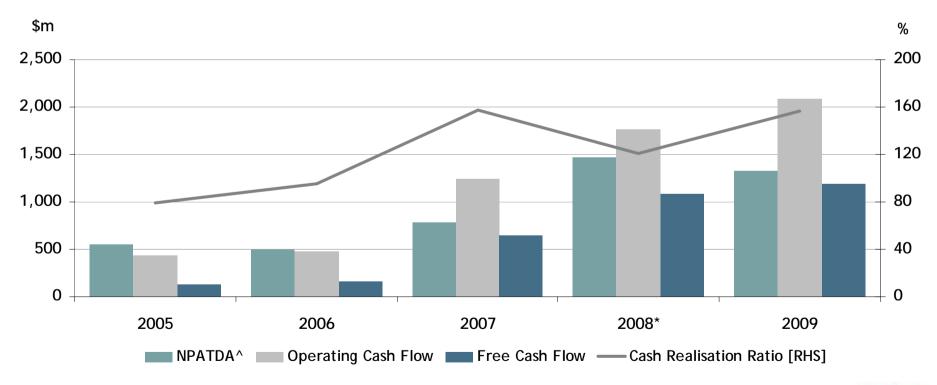


### Cash Flow

(6 months to 31 December)



- Improved cash flow despite significant reduction from Resources
- Successful focus on improving cash flow generation across the Group to date



<sup>^</sup> adjusted for significant non-cash asset write downs and provisions



<sup>\*</sup> restated for change in accounting policy treatment for Stanwell rebate payments





- Retail strategies progressed, continue to deliver improvements
  - Significant working capital released since acquisition
  - Further improvements in operating cycle expected
  - Inventory well controlled
  - Seasonally stronger working capital cash flows in the first half
- CSBP inventory reduced to historical averages

| Inflow/(Outflow)* (\$m) | 1H10 | 1H09  |
|-------------------------|------|-------|
| Retail                  | 578  | 463   |
| All other businesses    | (1)  | (340) |
| Total                   | 577  | 123   |

<sup>\*</sup> Cash movement relating to inventories, trade and other receivables, prepayments and trade and other payables







- Return on capital focus ensures effective use of capital
- Continued investment in organic growth and development opportunities
  - increase in property acquisitions
  - refurbishments and store roll outs
  - expansion of Curragh mine
  - feasibility study of AN expansion
- Completion of Blackwater Creek diversion
- FY10 capital expenditure expected to be ~\$1.9bn

| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| Coles                              | 442  | 204  |
| Home Improvement & Office Supplies | 207  | 214  |
| Target                             | 47   | 51   |
| Kmart                              | 34   | 41   |
| Resources                          | 108  | 109  |
| Insurance                          | 11   | 6    |
| Industrial & Safety                | 11   | 10   |
| Chemicals & Fertiliser             | 20   | 22   |
| Energy                             | 9    | 21   |
| Other                              | 2    | 9    |
| Total                              | 891  | 687  |





- Group is well-positioned to benefit from any further upturn in the economy
- Outlook for export coal is positive
  - if realised, will result in an increase in Resource earnings from 4Q10
- Recovery in Insurance and Industrial businesses
- Optimistic about the future performance of the retail businesses
- Remain cautious of the Australian retail environment in 2H10 given:
  - the potential impact of any further interest rate rises; and
  - retailers will trade without the assistance of the prior year government stimulus





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## Philosophy, Performance and Direction



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#### MANAGING BALANCE SHEET EFFECTIVELY



## Key Attributes



#### Growth **Opportunities**

#### Quality **Assets**

## **Earnings**

#### Coles

Home Improvement & Office Supplies

**Target** 

**Kmart** 

- Improving retail basics; Network investment: Performance turnaround
- Network expansion & improvement; Enhanced merchandising; Officeworks turnaround
- Merchandising and product development; Store roll-out programme; Supply chain efficiencies
- Performance turnaround: Reset the foundations: Network investment

- National store networks: Strong brands; Strength & depth of management
- National store networks: Leading market position in sectors
- 291 store network; Strong brand:
- Aust, and N7 store network; Strong brands

- **Improvement**
- 5 year turnaround on track; 1H10 comp sales of 6.0%; EBIT up 12.8%
- Bunnings 1H10 cash sales comp of 11.2%; EBIT\* up 16.5%
- · Officeworks 1H10 retail store sales up 12.7%; EBIT up 9.0%
- EBIT margin strengthened to 12.8%; 1H10 sales comp of 1.7%
- 1H10 EBIT up 105%; EBIT margin strengthened; exit of unprofitable sales



<sup>\*</sup> Trading EBIT: excludes property

## **Key Attributes**



## Growth Opportunities

#### Quality Assets

#### Earnings Improvement

Resources

Insurance

**Industrial & Safety** 

Chemicals & Fertilisers

Energy

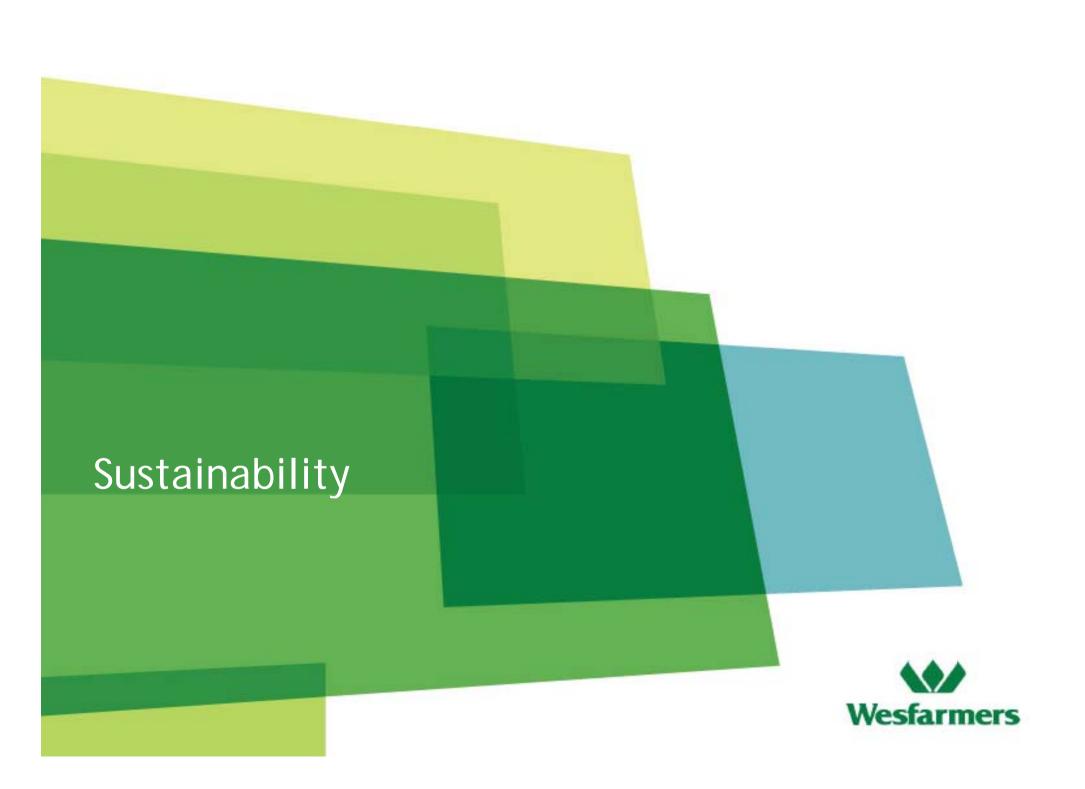
- Long term demand; Curragh expansion 8.0-8.5mt p.a.;
   Bengalla feasibility studies
- Broker consolidation;
   Expansion into related areas
- Targeted sales to existing customers & new customer segments & sectors; Strong pipeline of resources projects
- AN feasibility study commenced; Sodium Cyanide expansion; New market expansion
- East coast LNG opportunities;
   Alternative fuels and
   renewables

- Sizeable production capacity; Consistent quality, low costs
- Diverse mix of businesses;
   200,000 direct customer
   relationships
- #1 or #2 in most markets;
   Blackwoods extensive
   branch network
- Sole WA producer of AN;
   65% WA fertiliser market,
   unmatched infrastructure
- LPG vertical integration; Industrial gas, LNG and power production facilities

- Maintaining lowest quartile cash cost production of export coal
- Lumley improvement initiatives; Interest rate increases positive impact
- Margin & expense control;
   Sourcing, pricing and contract management
- Improved AN contribution;
   Increase in demand for mining chemicals
- Industrial gases sales growth; Recovery of international LPG prices

## A History of Strong Returns





### Sustainability

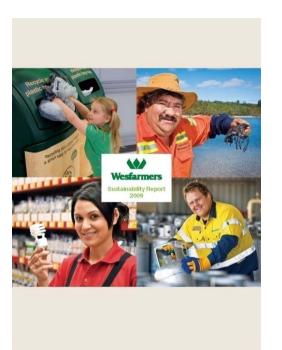


#### **Financial performance**

 All our actions are directed towards satisfying our corporate objective of providing a satisfactory return to shareholders. To be sustainable, Wesfarmers must continue to achieve high standards of financial performance thereby allowing us to make the most meaningful contribution possible to the community through wealth generation and employment creation

#### Safe and rewarding workplaces

 Wesfarmers is one of Australia's largest private sector employers. Attraction and retention of skilled and committed employees is one of our key priorities. We have an obligation to provide safe workplaces, to treat our people with decency and respect and provide them with opportunities for interesting and rewarding career paths. Each business unit is set a target of reducing its lost time injury frequency rate by 50 per cent a year on the path to zero. Remuneration of some senior staff is linked to achievement of safety targets



#### **Good value products and services**

Central to our business success is to maintain a reputation for quality and value across the range of our diversified suite
of operations. We seek to apply the same principles and standards to delivering export coal as we would to dealing with
clients in the insurance businesses or catering to the needs of our retail customer base.

#### Respect for customers and suppliers

• Retention of high levels of satisfaction in both these groups is essential if we are to continue to succeed. Extensive customer feedback systems are maintained in the retail operations.



### Sustainability



#### **Environmental responsibility**

 Our diverse range of businesses expose us to a number of challenging or potentially challenging environmental issues, including waste disposal, packaging, environmental contamination, energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. We set legal compliance as a minimum and seek to exceed that wherever possible. During 2008/2009 Wesfarmers became a signatory to the Australian National Packaging Covenant.

#### **Ethical dealings**

Respect for the letter and the spirit of the law is paramount. There are codes
of ethics and conduct in place at both Group and business unit level, as well
as for the Board of Directors. Every year hundreds of our employees
participate in detailed seminars covering obligations under the Trade
Practices Act in Australia and consumer protection legislation in New
Zealand.

Wesfarmers is a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Indexes for 2009, rating it in the top 10 per cent of companies assessed worldwide against economic, environmental and social criteria

#### **Community contribution**

We believe the company benefits from having a reputation as a good corporate citizen. We have a significant programme of support for community-focused organisations and causes for which the Board contributes up to 0.25 per cent of before tax profits each year. In 2008/2009 this amounted to A\$4.8 million within a total of \$27.4 million attributable to cash, product and in kind support provided to the community by our businesses – in addition community based organisations in Australia and New Zealand received \$31.8 million through activities facilitated by our retail businesses in the main.



## Sustainability



#### Sustainability reporting

Voluntarily publicly reporting on sustainability issues since 1998/99. The stand-alone Sustainability Report is published to coincide with the company's Annual General Meeting. The 2008 report runs to more than 70 pages of very detailed information on our environmental, health and safety and community engagement performance and was independently verified using the AA1000 Assurance Standard. The report can be accessed on-line at <a href="https://www.wesfarmers.com.au">www.wesfarmers.com.au</a>. Further information in relation to division specific sustainability initiatives is also available on-line.

#### **Climate change**

- Greenhouse gas emissions from wholly-owned business units or those where we have management responsibility are disclosed in the Sustainability Report. Our 08/09 emissions were approximately 6.53m tonnes CO2e, and we used approximately 29 petajoules of energy.
- Wesfarmers was again a respondent to the Carbon Disclosure Project in 2008, which provides full disclosure on greenhouse emissions and our overall approach to climate change issues. Our 2008 report can be accessed at <a href="www.cdproject.net">www.cdproject.net</a>. During 2008/2009, Wesfarmers has continued to review the issue of carbon emission targets in the context of Australian and NZ carbon emissions policies, whilst focusing on energy efficiency initiatives.
- Our coal operations continued to contribute to the Coal21 Fund established by the Australian coal industry to demonstrate
  promising technologies to reduce greenhouse emissions from coal-fired power stations. The Fund is expected to raise up to \$1
  billion over 10 years with Wesfarmers putting in around \$30 million.
- We support the development of a global emissions trading framework and the establishment of the Australian national carbon emissions trading laws ahead of a global agreement- we believe while such a scheme will provide an effective platform for reducing emissions it must also carefully factor in economic conditions and hence allow for flexibility in implementation. The Australian Federal Government commenced the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting scheme on 1 July 2008. The scheme will record the majority of Australia's greenhouse emissions and energy use. Wesfarmers has registered to participate in the scheme and has developed a management information system to comply with the complex requirements of these laws.

#### **Energy efficiency**

We have registered under the Australian government's Energy Efficiency Operations (EEO) programme which requires
companies using more than 0.5 petajoules in any year to conduct assessments and report on implementation of measures
designed to increase energy efficiency. We believe there are financial as well as environmental benefits to be obtained from
adopting a positive approach to this legislative requirement and made our first Public Report in December 2008.



## Financial Summary

|   |       | FY09   | 1H09   | 1H10   | % Change pcp |
|---|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Operating Results                             |       |        |        |        |              |
| Revenue                                       | A\$m  | 50,982 | 26,363 | 26,533 | 0.6          |
| EBITDA^                                       | A\$m  | 3,803  | 2,160  | 1,996  | 7.6          |
| Earnings before interest and tax <sup>^</sup> | A\$m  | 2,948  | 1,737  | 1,547  | 10.9         |
| Net profit after tax^                         | A\$m  | 1,523  | 871    | 879    | 0.9          |
| Operating Cash flows                          | A\$m  | 3,044  | 1,770  | 2,083  | 17.7         |
| Financial Position                            |       |        | _      |        |              |
| Total assets^                                 | A\$m  | 39,062 | 38,506 | 39,889 | 3.6          |
| Net borrowings                                | A\$m  | 4,435  | 9,312  | 3,824  | 58.9         |
| Shareholders' equity^                         | A\$m  | 24,248 | 19,043 | 24,626 | 29.3         |
| Capital expenditure on PPE (cash basis)       | A\$m  | 1,503  | 687    | 891    | 29.7         |
| Depreciation and amortisation                 | A\$m  | 855    | 423    | 449    | 6.1          |
| Financial Performance                         |       |        |        |        |              |
| Basic earnings per share #^                   | cents | 158.7  | 103.6  | 76.3   | 26.4         |
| Dividends per share                           | cents | 110    | 50     | 55     | 10.0         |
| Operating Cash flow per share*                | A\$   | 3.25   | 2.20   | 1.80   | 18.1         |
| Return on average shareholders' equity (R12)  | %     | 7.3    | 7.4    | 6.5    | 0.9pt        |
| Gearing (net debt to equity)                  | %     | 18.3   | 48.9   | 15.5   | 33.4pt       |
| Net interest cover (cash basis)               | times | 5.0    | 4.8    | 6.6    | 37.5         |

<sup>#</sup> adjusted for rights issue in accordance with AIFRS



<sup>^</sup> FY09 and 1H09 restated for change in Group accounting policy for Stanwell rebate payments

<sup>\*</sup> includes employee reserved shares

## Divisional Summary - 1H10



|                                    | Activities   | 1H10<br>Revenue<br>(A\$m) | 1H10 EBIT^<br>(A\$m) | 1H10<br>EBIT<br>Contributio | on  |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Coles                              | The division comprises one of Australia's largest supermarket businesses, liquor retailing outlets, fuel and convenience outlets.                          | 15,161                    | 486                  |                             | 30% |
| Home Improvement & Office Supplies | Australia and New Zealand's leading supplier of home improvement and outdoor living products, office products, and a major supplier of building materials. | 4,064                     | 449                  |                             | 28% |
| Target                             | Australian department store offering on-trend, fashionable apparel and soft homewares.   | 2,182                     | 279                  |                             | 18% |
| Kmart                              | Australian and New Zealand discount department store retailer offering a wide variety of quality and great value general merchandise and apparel.          | 2,226                     | 154                  |                             | 10% |



## Divisional Summary - 1H10 (cont.)

|                         | Activities   | 1H10<br>Revenue<br>(A\$m) | 1H10 EBIT^<br>(A\$m) | 1H10<br>EBIT<br>Contributio | on |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----|
| Resources*              | Mining of metallurgical and steaming coal to domestic and export markets.  | 624                       | 2                    |                             | 0% |
| Insurance               | Provider of underwriting, broking, premium funding and financial services activities in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.                     | 868                       | 58                   | $\bigcirc$                  | 4% |
| Industrial & Safety     | Australia and New Zealand's market leaders in the supply of maintenance, repair and operating products and safety products.                    | 637                       | 51                   |                             | 3% |
| Chemicals & Fertilisers | Manufacture and marketing of industrial chemicals and fertilisers used in the mining, mineral processing, industrial and agricultural sectors. | 433                       | 27                   |                             | 2% |
| Energy                  | Production, marketing and distribution of LPG and LNG; manufacture and marketing of industrial gases; and power generation                     | 304                       | 56                   |                             | 3% |
| Other Businesses        | 50% interest in Gresham Partners; Gresham Private Equity investments; 50% interest in Wespine; and 23% interest in BWPT                        | 34                        | 31                   |                             | 2% |



<sup>^</sup> before corporate overheads

<sup>\*</sup> EBIT was affected by locked-in exchange rate losses of \$65 million and Stanwell rebate expense of \$106m

## Creating Value from the Coles Acquisition

#### **Achievements to Date**

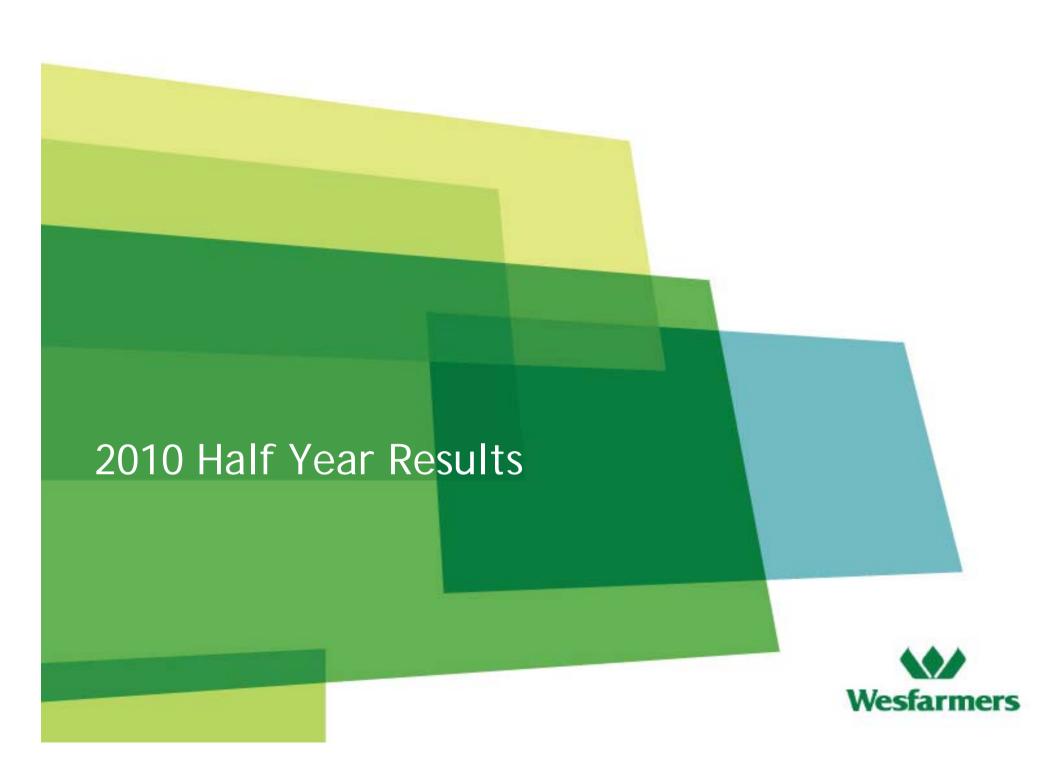
## Business restructure

- ✓ Centralised structure replaced with autonomous divisions
- New, strengthened management teams at Coles, Kmart and Officeworks
- ✓ Leaner and more efficient divisional head offices
- ✓ Decision to keep Kmart

# Business improvements and Value creation

- ✓ Positive cultural change underway (store and customer focus)
- ✓ Significant change occurring in merchandising offers
- ✓ Improving promotional programs and in-store execution
- ✓ Improved store standards and service
- ✓ Reinvestment in network underway through prudent capex plans
- Exiting of underperforming stores
- ✓ Supply chain restructuring progressing well
- ✓ Improved supplier arrangements
- ✓ Significant working capital release with more to come





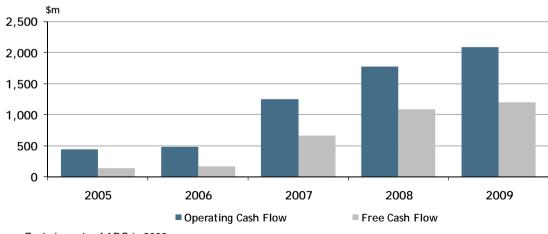
## 2010 Half Year Results Performance Highlights

#### **Group Performance Highlights**

- Group NPAT of \$879 million, up 1%
  - Despite the foreshadowed significant fall in Resources' earnings
- Operating revenue of \$26.5 billion
- Group EBIT of \$1.5 billion, down 11%
  - Group EBIT increased 44% excluding Resources
  - Earnings from retail businesses up 23%
- Operating cash flow of \$2.1 billion, up 18%
- Earnings per share of 76.3 cents, down 26%
  - reflecting 2009 equity issue
- 10% increase in interim dividend to 55 cents per share (fully franked)

| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m)                | 2009   | 2008   | <b>\$</b> % |
|---|--------|--------|-------------|
| Operating revenue                                 | 26,533 | 26,363 | 0.6         |
| EBITDA*   | 1,996  | 2,160  | (7.6)       |
| EBIT*   | 1,547  | 1,737  | (10.9)      |
| Net profit after tax*                             | 879    | 871    | 0.9         |
| Operating cash flow                               | 2,083  | 1,770  | 17.7        |
| Earnings per share (excl. employee res. shares)^* | 76.3   | 103.6  | (26.4)      |
| Earnings per share (incl. employee res. shares)^* | 76.0   | 102.9  | (26.1)      |
| Cash flow per share (incl. employee res. shares)  | 180.0  | 219.7  | (18.1)      |
| Dividends per share                               | 55     | 50     | 10.0        |
| Return on shareholders' funds (R12) (%)           | 6.5    | 7.4    | (0.9)pt     |

\*2008 restated for change in accounting policy for Stanwell rebate payments



Excludes sale of ARG in 2006

### 2010 Half Year Results Performance Highlights

#### **Divisional Performance Overview**

- Results reflect the strength of having diversity of earnings
- Coles turnaround on track with EBIT increasing 13%
  - Focus on quality, service and value driving positive volume growth
- Resources affected by lower export coal prices as foreshadowed
  - Commenced expansion of Curragh, solid YTD production, costs well controlled
- Very strong performances from Bunnings, Target and Kmart
- Industrial businesses and Insurance recovering from negative external factors and slow economy
- Turnaround of former Coles Group businesses on track and pleasing
  - Significant work remains to extract further value

| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009  | 2008  | <b>‡</b> % |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Coles                              | 486   | 431   | 12.8       |
| Home Improvement                   | 422   | 370   | 14.1       |
| Office Supplies                    | 27    | 25    | 9.0        |
| Target                             | 279   | 215   | 29.8       |
| Kmart                              | 154   | 75    | 105.3      |
| Resources*                         | 2     | 664   | (99.7)     |
| Insurance                          | 58    | 67    | (13.4)     |
| Industrial & Safety                | 51    | 68    | (25.0)     |
| Chemicals & Fertilisers            | 27    | 4     | 575.0      |
| Energy                             | 56    | 30    | 86.7       |
| Other^                             | 31    | (138) | n.m.       |
| Divisional EBIT                    | 1,593 | 1,811 | (12.0)     |
| Corporate overheads                | (46)  | (74)  | 37.8       |
| Group EBIT                         | 1,547 | 1,737 | (10.9)     |

<sup>\* 2008</sup> restated for change in accounting policy for Stanwell rebate payments

n.m. = not meaningful



<sup>^</sup> Includes \$39m (2008: \$148m) of non trading costs





- Food & Liquor Sales
  - Q2 comparative stores sales growth of 5.9%
  - Strong underlying volume growth driven by rising customer numbers
  - Continued transformation of the product offer; improved quality and stronger value
  - Comprehensive renewal; more than physical change
- Liquor "renewal" gaining momentum

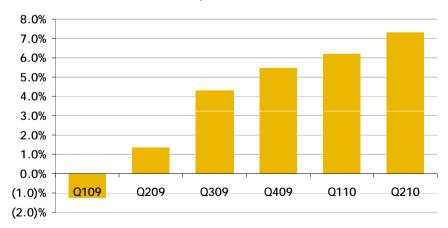
#### Outlook

- Turnaround on track
- Signs of improving economic climate
- Customers remain value focused
- Changing business environment
- Increasing competition
- Transition to next phase of turnaround strategy

| Financial Performance |                             |        |        |             |  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--|
| Half Year ende        | d 31 December (A\$m)        | 2009   | 2008   | <b>\$</b> % |  |
| Revenue               |                             | 15,161 | 14,626 | 3.7         |  |
| EBIT <sup>1</sup>     |                             | 486    | 431    | 12.8        |  |
| Food & Liquor         | Revenue <sup>3</sup>        | 12,028 | 11,191 | 7.5         |  |
|                       | Total store sales growth %  | 7.1    | 3.9    | 3.2pt       |  |
|                       | Comp store sales growth %   | 6.0    | 2.6    | 3.4pt       |  |
|                       | Trading EBIT <sup>1,3</sup> | 429    | 382    | 12.3        |  |
|                       | EBIT Margin                 | 3.6    | 3.4    | 0.2pt       |  |
| Convenience           | Revenue <sup>3</sup>        | 3,121  | 3,425  | (8.9)       |  |
|                       | Total store sales growth %2 | 6.6    | 8.9    | (2.3)pt     |  |
|                       | Comp store sales growth %2  | 4.8    | 5.3    | (0.5)pt     |  |
|                       | Trading EBIT <sup>3</sup>   | 47     | 36     | 30.6        |  |

<sup>1.</sup> Excludes non-trading items. 2. Excl. fuel 3. Excl. Property

#### F&L Comp Volume Growth





### Home Improvement & Office Supplies 2010 Half Year Performance



#### Highlights

#### Home Improvement

- 14.1 % cash sales growth
- 11.2% store-on-store growth (Q210: 7.9%)
- 7.2% lift in trade sales
- Opened 8 warehouses, 2 smaller formats & 4 trade centres
- Continued investment, enhancing existing network
- Ongoing strategic commitment

#### Office Supplies

- Officeworks retail store sales growth 12.7%
- Strong transaction growth
- OW Business sales gaining momentum
- Ongoing Officeworks store network expansion & reinvestment
- Opened 4 stores and completed full upgrades on 7 stores
- Good progress on improving operational effectiveness Sales growth, but competitive pressures on margin

| Financi     | al Performance          |       |       |            |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Half Year e | nded 31 December (A\$m) | 2009  | 2008  | <b>‡</b> % |
| Revenue     | Home Improvement        | 3,402 | 3,009 | 13.1       |
|             | Office Supplies         | 662   | 602   | 10.0       |
|             |                         | 4,064 | 3,611 | 12.5       |
| EBIT        | Home Improvement        | 422   | 370   | 14.1       |
|             | Office Supplies         | 27    | 25    | 9.0        |
|             |                         | 449   | 395   | 13.7       |

#### Outlook

#### Home Improvement

- Continued cash sales growth
  - Cycling against Australian government stimulus in pcp
- Positive trade contribution as housing construction market recovers
- Maintain focus on customer offer and operational efficiency
- Network expansion 10 to 14 stores p.a., strong pipeline

#### Office Supplies

- Focused on delivering strategic agenda





- EBIT margin strengthened to 12.8%
  - Margins maintained across product ranges
  - Higher mix of apparel sales
  - Improvements in CODB and Supply Chain processes
- Comp Store sales growth for the half 1.7% (Q2 growth 1.6%)
- Market share growth over the period
- Inventory management tight in anticipation of cycling Australian govt. stimulus in December
- Six new store openings and 13 refurbishments

- Cautious due to further stimulus payments to cycle up to June
- Inventory controlled at every level
- Careful management of margin and costs
- Continued focus on the customer
- Implementing a new product development and sourcing strategy
- One new store opening and 15 refurbishments

| Financial Performance              |       |       |            |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Half Year ended 3) December (A\$m) | 2009  | 2008  | <b>‡</b> % |
| Revenue                            | 2,182 | 2,094 | 4.2        |
| EBITDA                             | 311   | 245   | 26.9       |
| Depreciation & Amortisation        | (32)  | (30)  | (6.7)      |
| EBIT                               | 279   | 215   | 29.8       |
| Total revenue growth (%)           | 4.2   | 8.0   | (3.8)pt    |
| Comp. store sales growth (%)       | 1.7   | 4.0   | (2.3)pt    |
| EBIT margin (%)                    | 12.8  | 10.3  | 2.5pt      |
| Store numbers                      | 291   | 283   |            |







- Improved underlying profitability
  - Improved margins from exit of unprofitable product and promotions
  - Reduction in supply chain and non-store costs
- Comparative sales decline of 1.6% (Q2 decline 1.1%)
- Inventory well controlled and remains below last year
- Two new stores opened, over 30 stores received floor and fitting room upgrades
- Pleasing sales and profit growth at Kmart Tyre and Auto

- Continue to reset the foundations
  - Renewal remains active
  - Ongoing investment in fixing the core metrics of the business model
- Next phase of Growth commenced
  - Inviting customers to reconsider Kmart "Expect Change"
- Moderate sales growth in short term
  - Continued impact of business reset and cycling of Australian government stimulus

| Financial Performance                   |       |       |            |
|---|-------|-------|------------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m)      | 2009  | 2008  | <b>‡</b> % |
| Revenue                                 | 2,226 | 2,249 | (1.0)      |
| EBITDA                                  | 182   | 100   | 82.0       |
| Depreciation & Amortisation             | (28)  | (25)  | (12.0)     |
| EBIT^                                   | 154   | 75    | 105.3      |
| Total revenue growth (%)                | (1.0) | 0.8   | (1.8)pt    |
| Comp. store sales growth (%)            | (1.6) | 0.4   | (2.0)pt    |
| EBIT margin (%)                         | 6.9   | 3.3   | 3.6pt      |
| Store numbers (incl. Kmart Tyre & Auto) | 438   | 446   |            |

<sup>^</sup>Excludes non-trading items.



#### Resources - 2010 Half Year Performance

#### Highlights

- Continued improvement in safety performance
- \$286m Curragh expansion to 8.0 8.5mtpa export capacity approved
- Blackwater Creek achieved practical completion
- Curragh cost reduction programmes on track
  - Mine cash costs (A\$/t) reduced 8% in 1H10 v 1H09

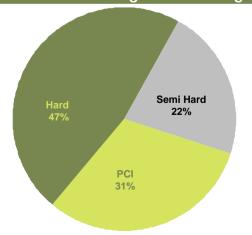
#### Outlook

- Strong signs of recovery from global financial crisis
  - Global steel production recovery and increased metallurgical coal demand
  - Cost pressures likely to re-emerge
- Forecast Curragh metallurgical sales increased to
   6.3 6.8mt in FY10
  - Estimated sales mix (Hard 47%; Semi-Hard 22%; PCI 31%)
- Awaiting JFY 2010 price negotiation outcomes
- Improved earnings performance in 2H10
- Curragh cost reduction programmes ongoing

| Financial Performance              |       |       |             |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009  | 2008  | <b>\$</b> % |
| Revenue                            | 624   | 1,427 | (56.3)      |
| EBITDA                             | 61    | 715   | (91.5)      |
| Depreciation & Amortisation*       | (59)  | (51)  | (15.7)      |
| EBIT# *                            | 2     | 664   | (99.7)      |
| ROC (R12 %)*                       | 20.6  | 92.6  | (72.0)pt    |
| Coal Production (000 tonnes)       | 7,278 | 7,938 | (8.3)       |
| Safety (R12 LTIFR)^                | 2.3   | 5.0   |             |

<sup>\*</sup>Restated in 2008 following Stanwell royalty accounting change; Stanwell royalty now appears in EBITDA

#### Forecast Curragh Metallurgical Coal Sales



#### FY2010 estimate

6.3 - 6.8 million tonnes



<sup># 2009</sup> incl. carried-forward locked-in exchange rate losses of \$65m (2008: nil) and Stanwell royalty expense of \$106m (2008: \$66m)

<sup>^</sup> Curragh and Premier only

#### Insurance - 2010 Half Year Performance

#### Highlights

- Underlying earnings improvement after adjusting for:
  - Impact of lower interest rates on investment income (A\$19m)
  - Losses associated with builders warranty run-off (A\$6m)
- Strong improvements in Lumley Australia and New 7ealand
  - Improved risk selection, premium rate increases and benign weather conditions
- Progress on growth opportunities
- Economic conditions and lower interest rates constrained broking income

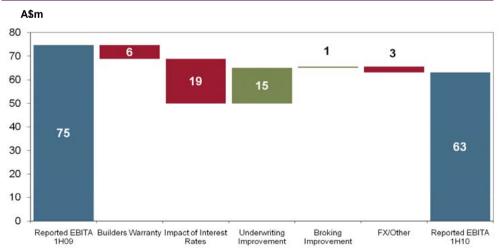
#### Outlook

- Further benefits expected from Lumley business improvement initiatives
- Move from La Nina to El Nino cycle potentially beneficial to claims
- Commercial premium rate environment likely to remain competitive
- Any interest rate increase to have a positive impact on investment income
- Recent management appointments in Broking to leverage capabilities

| Financial Performance              |      |       |             |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|-------------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009 | 2008^ | <b>\$</b> % |
| Revenue                            | 868  | 864   | 0.5         |
| EBITA Underwriting                 | 38   | 47    | (19.1)      |
| EBITA Broking                      | 25   | 28    | (10.7)      |
| EBITA Other*                       |      | -     |             |
| EBITA Insurance Division           | 63   | 75    | (16.0)      |
| EBIT Insurance Division            | 58   | 67    | (13.4)      |
| Net Earned Loss Ratio (%)          | 64.2 | 68.9  | 4.7 pt      |
| Combined Operating Ratio (%)       | 97.0 | 98.7  | 1.7 pt      |
| EBITA Margin (Broking) (%)         | 25.2 | 27.2  | (2.0) pt    |
|                                    |      |       |             |

<sup>\*</sup>Other includes other activities and corporate costs

#### **EBITA Comparison**



<sup>1.</sup> Impact of lower interest rates on fixed income investments (excludes hedge on OCR)

<sup>^</sup> Restated as a result of reallocation of corporate costs to Other

<sup>2.</sup> Impact of weakening GBP/AUD and NZD/AUD exchange rates and other items



- Ammonia production returned to historical levels following restoration of full gas supply from 1 July 2009
- Strong demand for ammonium nitrate and sodium cyanide
- Fertiliser volumes up 17 per cent indicating return to traditional levels of nutrient application
- A\$25 million 1H10 fertiliser inventory write-down
- A\$4 million profit on sale of Mt Weld phosphate rock assets

- Reasonable growth in demand for mining chemicals expected
- Commissioning of sodium cyanide expansion delayed until 2H10 due to equipment issues
- FEED study to expand ammonium nitrate production at Kwinana progressing
- Customer "terms of trade" and seasonal break critical for fertilisers

| Financial Performance              |             |       |       |            |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) |             | 2009  | 2008  | <b>‡</b> % |
| Revenue                            | Chemicals   | 292   | 291   | 0.3        |
|                                    | Fertilisers | 141   | 167   | (15.6)     |
|                                    |             | 433   | 458   | (5.5)      |
| EBITDA                             |             | 57    | 34    | 67.6       |
| Depreciation & Amortisation        |             | (30)  | (30)  |            |
| EBIT                               |             | 27    | 4     | 575.0      |
| Sales Volume (000t):               | Chemicals   | 385.3 | 334.4 | 15.2       |
|                                    | Fertilisers | 263.8 | 225.7 | 16.9       |
| ROC (R12 %)                        |             | 6.2   | 7.3   | (1.1)pt    |
| Safety (R12 LTIFR)                 |             | 2.6   | 2.2   |            |





- Results affected by business activity slowdown and margin pressures
  - Improvement in second quarter sales
- Cost of doing business improved
  - With benefits into future periods
- Distribution centre renewal continued
- CRM system developed and roll out of wireless warehousing technology ongoing

- Business positioned to benefit from any further improvement in market condition, but margin pressure likely to remain
- Strong pipeline of resources and infrastructure projects
- Leveraging strong position and strengthening capabilities to capture growth opportunities

| Financial Performance              |      |      |             |
|------------------------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009 | 2008 | <b>\$</b> % |
| Revenue                            | 637  | 687  | (7.3)       |
| EBITDA                             | 58   | 75   | (22.7)      |
| Depreciation & Amortisation        | (7)  | (7)  | -           |
| EBIT                               | 51   | 68   | (25.0)      |
| EBIT margin (%)                    | 8.0  | 9.9  | (1.9) pt    |
| ROC (R12 %)                        | 12.1 | 17.1 | (5.0) pt    |
| Safety (R12 LTIFR)                 | 1.3  | 4.4  |             |







- Recovery of international LPG prices since second half of last year
- Increased production and exports due to higher LPG content
- Industrial gas performance broadly stable in slow market

- LPG earnings dependent on international LPG prices,
   LPG content and domestic gas prices in Western
   Australia
- Industrial gas sales growth expected from any further improvement in economic conditions

| Financial Performance              |       |      |            |
|------------------------------------|-------|------|------------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009  | 2008 | <b>‡</b> % |
| Revenue                            | 304   | 322  | (5.6)      |
| EBITDA                             | 79    | 52   | 51.9       |
| Depreciation & Amortisation        | (23)  | (22) | (4.5)      |
| EBIT                               | 56    | 30   | 86.7       |
| ROC (R12 %)                        | 12.6  | 9.1  | 3.5pt      |
| WLPG production (kt)               | 105.0 | 84.4 | 24.4       |
| Safety (R12 LTIFR)                 | 2.6   | 5.9  |            |



#### Other Businesses - 2010 Half Year Performance

#### Highlights

#### **Gresham Private Equity**

- Carrying value of investment in Gresham Private Equity Funds A\$166m
- Investments held in diverse range of industries
- Quarterly revaluations of remaining investments are to Wesfarmers' earnings and are non-cash in nature

#### Interest Revenue

Reflects increased level of funds on deposit

#### Other

- Change in discount rate last year increased the level of self insurance provisions required
- Last year also included write-downs in carrying value of other smaller investments

| Financial Performance              |              |      |       |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------|-------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | Holding<br>% | 2009 | 2008  |
| Associates share of profit/(loss): |              |      |       |
| Gresham Private Equity Funds       | Various      | 29   | (1)   |
| Gresham Partners                   | 50           | 2    | 1     |
| Wespine                            | 50           | 4    | 4     |
| Bunnings Warehouse Property Trust  | 23           | 10   | (5)   |
| Sub-total                          |              | 45   | (2)   |
| Interest revenue                   |              | 29   | 22    |
| Non-trading items^                 |              | (39) | (79)  |
| Other*                             |              | (4)  | (79)  |
| Total                              |              | 31   | (138) |

<sup>^</sup> Kmart DC closure and restructure costs A\$33m (2008: A\$14m), Coles property write downs A\$6m (2008: A\$64m)



<sup>\*</sup> Includes Bunnings Property Management Limited, self insurance and other investments



### Coles



# coles











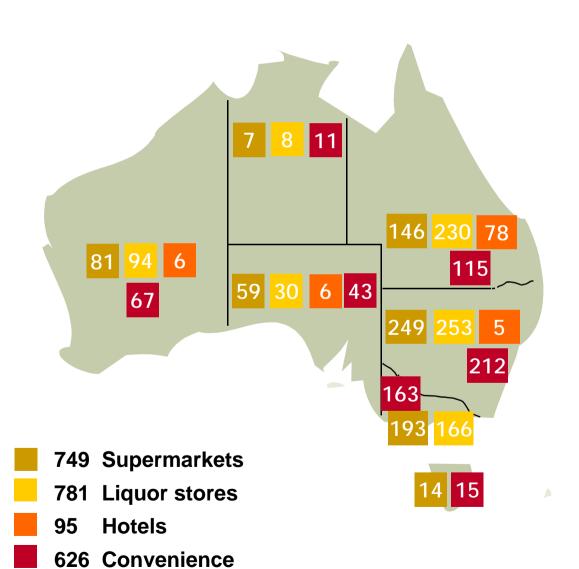


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### Our national footprint...

As at 31 December 2009





| Supermarkets (sqm)       | 1,593,007 |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Liquor (sqm) – ex hotels | 182,246   |



# Coles - Strategy 5 years - 3 phases of recovery

## Building a Solid Foundation

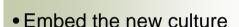
## Delivering Consistently Well

## Driving the Coles Difference

#### **Performance**



- Create a strong top team
- Cultural change
- Availability & store standards
- Value and customer trust
- Renewal store development
- IT & supply chain infrastructure
- Liquor renewal
- Efficient use of capital



- Team member development
- Improved customer service
- Improved efficiency
- Appealing Fresh food offer
- Stronger delivery of value
- Scale rollout of new format
- Auto replenishment completed



improvement

- Strong customer trust and loyalty
- Strong operational efficiency
- Innovative & Improved offer
- New stores, new categories

**Year 1 - 2** 

**Year 2 - 4** 



## Coles - Strategy Phase 1 Progress



| Create a strong top team              | Further executive appointments, creating strength and depth of top team Appointed over 150 new regional and store managers Talent mapping to identify & promote future leaders |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Cultural change                       | Improved incentives for store management Labour turnover down, absenteeism falling   |
| Availability & store standards        | Improvement in on-shelf availability continuing On-going investment in store standards Continued focus on customer service   |
| Value and customer trust              | Improvements in range and quality of Coles brand products Strong reinvestment in prices  |
| Renewal store development             | Renewal progress continuing with 40+ stores trading at Dec 09.   |
| IT & supply chain infrastructure      | Physical change in supply chain broadly complete Delivery times falling Easy Order in 40+ stores, targeting 200 stores by June 2010  |
| Liquor renewal                        | Distinctive multi-brand strategy Increased volumes across all brands through improved value positioning Progressive store renewal  |
| Efficient use of capital              | Improved working capital Disciplined approach to capital expenditure   |
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# Home Improvement & Office Supplies

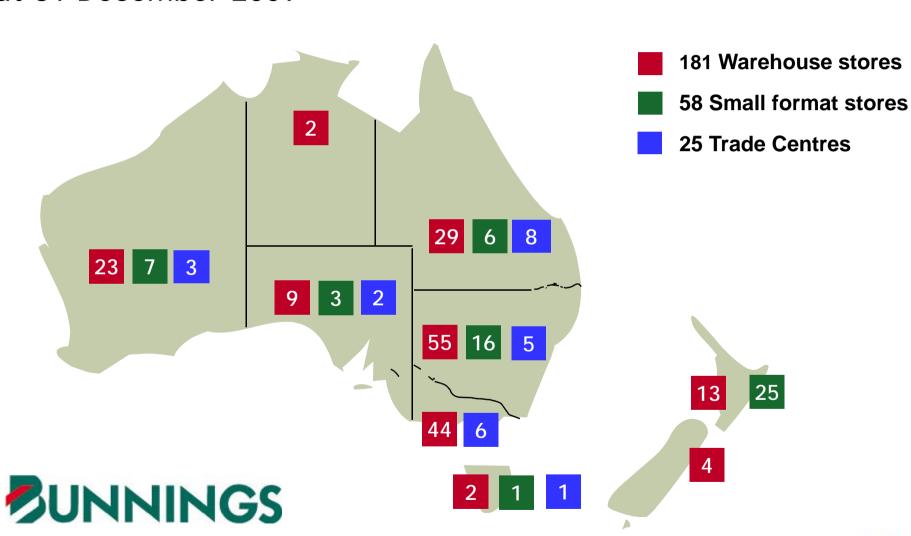






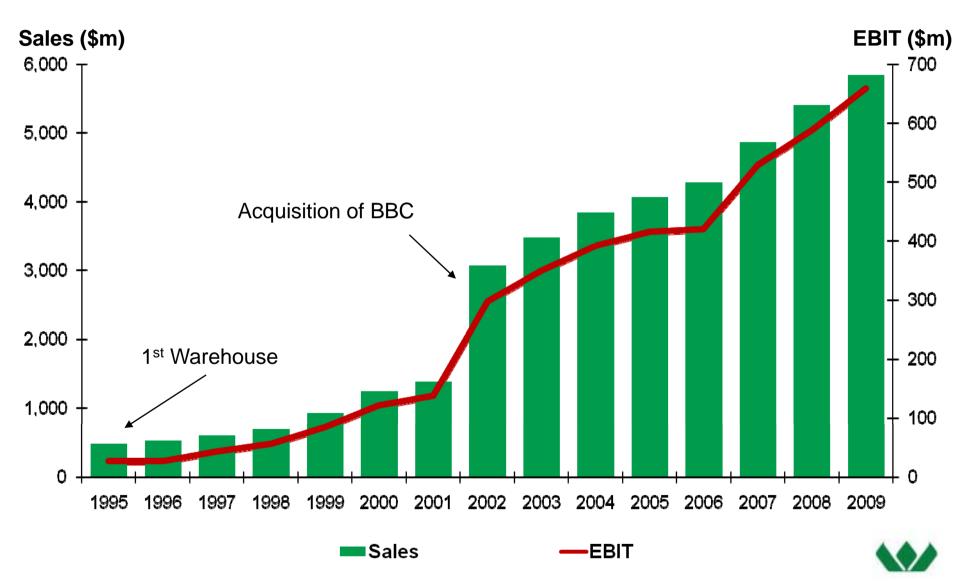


# Bunnings Network at 31 December 2009



# Bunnings sales & EBIT growth

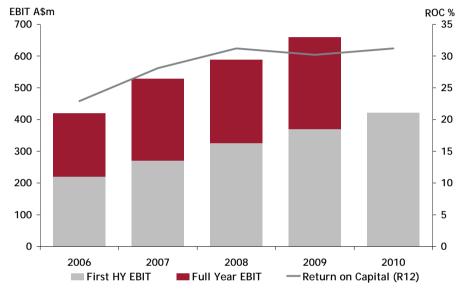








| Growth Strategies  Home Improvement Strategies |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Profitable sales growth                        | Lifting customer service  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Enhanced merchandising  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Network expansion & enhancement   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Better stock flow                              | Improving the end to end supply chain to lift in-stock levels, reduce costs |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | and increase productivity   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Engaging and developing a                      | Effective delivery of safety, training and other team development           |  |  |  |  |  |
| strong team                                    | programmes  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lifting effectiveness and                      | Focus on reducing the cost of doing business through the continued          |  |  |  |  |  |
| efficiency                                     | development of systems and other business improvement and productivity      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | projects  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sustainability focus                           | Continued commitment to reducing water, energy consumption and              |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | wastage   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Improving affordability of sustainability projects for customers            |  |  |  |  |  |



| (A\$m)             | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 1H10  |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue            | 4,276 | 4,939 | 5,359 | 5,845 | 3,402 |
| EBIT               | 421   | 528   | 589   | 659   | 422   |
| EBIT/Revenue Ratio | 9.8%  | 10.7% | 11.0% | 11.3% | 12.4% |

# Office Supplies

| <b>Growth Strateg</b>  | ies  |
|------------------------|--|
| Officeworks Strategies | ;  |
| Improving the          | Enhance and expand the range (products & services)         |
| customer offer         | Provide more useful customer information                   |
|                        | Eco friendly products & services                           |
|                        | Special orders service rollout                             |
| Improving customer     | New point of sale system                                   |
| service                | Driving stronger customer focus                            |
|                        | Provide team with tools & training                         |
|                        | New labour scheduling system                               |
|                        | Investing process efficiencies back in to customer service |
| Team development &     | Strong focus on team members; investment in training       |
| engagement             | Significant lift in 'cultural engagement'                  |
|                        | Reward & recognition                                       |
|                        | Developing, attracting & retaining the best                |
| Reduced costs and      | Stock management improvements                              |
| complexity             | Supply chain productivity & CODB gains                     |
|                        | Reduction in store support cost base                       |
|                        | Processes & procedures simplified, complexity removed      |
| Drive sales and        | Open 8 to 10 new Officeworks stores p.a.                   |
| profitability          | Upgrade 8 to 10 existing stores p.a.                       |
|                        | Further website enhancements                               |
|                        | Attracting new business customers                          |

## Officeworks & Harris Technology Network



#### **Business**

- 4 Fulfilment Centres
  - 3 Service Centres





Target



# Target. 100% happy



# Target - Strategies

| <b>Growth Strategies</b>  |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Strategic initiatives     | Comments  |
| Focus on fundamentals     | Meeting customer needs on range, price and service  |
| Brand<br>reinforcement    | Evolution of "100% Happy" Unique philosophy and positioning Leveraging an emotional connection                    |
| Differentiation           | Bringing the best of what's new in the<br>world to Target<br>Design and Innovation Group<br>Pop-up retailing      |
| Store network development | New stores and investment in existing stores  |
| Customer Service          | Ease of store shopping: -layout, signage, price marking, POS features, airport register queuing                   |
| Team member development   | Supervisor/Team Member empowerment Recruitment and retention  |
| Business improvements     | Supply Chain efficiencies<br>Major systems improvements eg Direct<br>Sourcing System<br>Environmental initiatives |

# Target Network - 31 December 2009







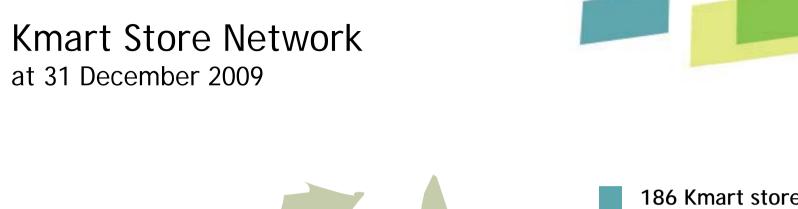


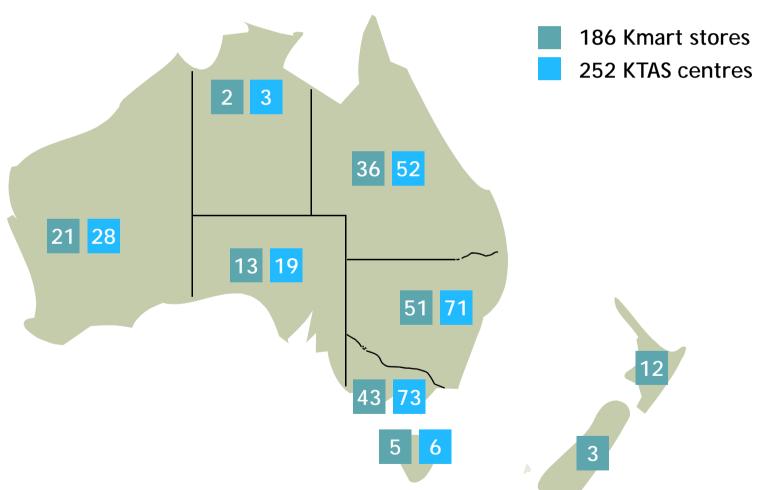
# **Kmart**











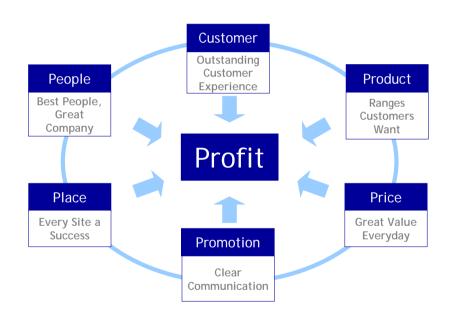


# **Kmart Strategies**



### **Growth Strategies**

| Strategies | Comments   |
|------------|--|
| Customer   | Continue to improve the in-store experience and rebuild customer trust |
|            | Customer compliments on the rise                                       |
|            | Extended trading hours for enhanced convenience                        |
| Product    | Discontinued discounting products to below cost                        |
|            | Significant reduction in SKU's per store                               |
|            | On-going execution of supply chain rationalisation                     |
|            | Improved product ranges, everyday products for families                |
| Price      | Continued progress on removing excessive category discounting          |
|            | Simplified pricing communication strategy                              |
|            | Focussed on improving price perception                                 |
| Promotion  | "Expect Change" campaign launched January; invitation to customers to  |
|            | return to Kmart  |
|            | Clearer, uncluttered catalogues  |
|            | Promoting items rather than '% off'                                    |
| Place      | Improve network profitability  |
|            | Deliver the best new locations that support the customer offer         |
|            | Continue to improve service and convenience                            |
|            | Network refresh, ~60 stores over the next two years                    |
| People     | Building a customer focussed culture                                   |
|            | People accountable for focussing on customers and results              |
|            | Store managers in store on weekends                                    |
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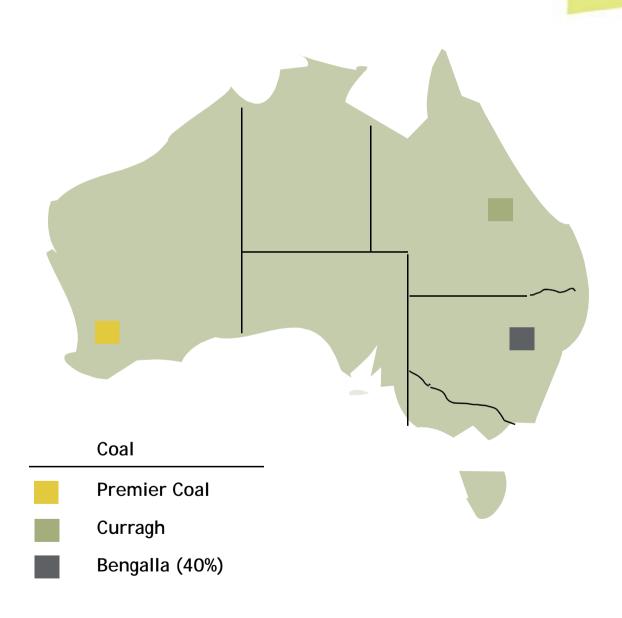


# Resources





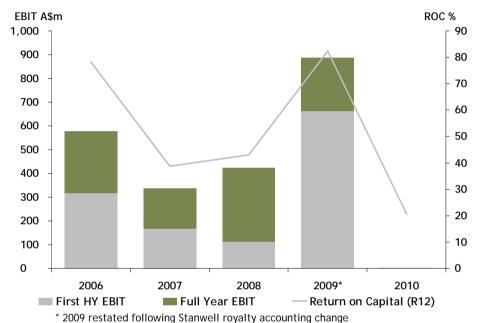
# **Resources - Locations**



# Resources - Performance



| Opportunities             | Strategies   |
|---------------------------|--|
| Maximise export sales and | Long-term contracts ongoing  |
| optimise sales mix        | Price relativity maintained  |
|                           | Maximise higher value products   |
| Cost reduction programmes | Improve operational performance  |
|                           | Cost reduction programmes in place   |
|                           | People, process and systems  |
|                           | Evaluate improved mining technology  |
| Expansion opportunities   | Commencement of A\$286m capital works for Curragh expansion; increase of   |
|                           | 1.5 - 2.0mtpa metallurgical coal exports from late CY2011                  |
|                           | Blackwater Creek diversion project completed; ahead of budget and          |
|                           | timeline   |
| Extend product and market | Evaluate acquisitions that offer economies of scale or downstream benefits |
| reach                     | Brownfield growth opportunities  |
| Sustainability            | Safety outcome   |
|                           | Environmental performance  |
|                           | Community engagement   |



<sup>(</sup>A\$m) 2006 2007 2008 2009\* 1H10 Revenue 1,304 1,134 1,311 2,411 624 **EBIT** 578 338 423 886 2 EBIT/Revenue Ratio 44.3% 36.7% 0.3% 29.8% 32.3%



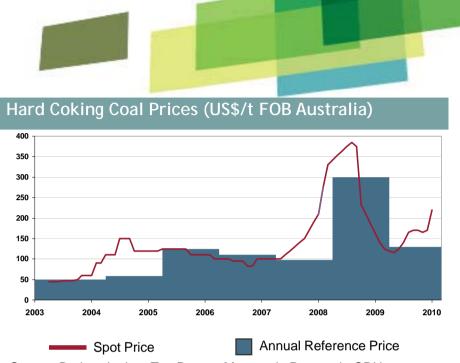
1H10 includes carried-forward locked-in exchange rate losses of A\$65m (FY2009: A\$88m) and Stanwell royalty expense of A\$106m (FY2009: A\$183m)

<sup>\* 2009</sup> restated following Stanwell royalty accounting change

# **Resources - Sales**

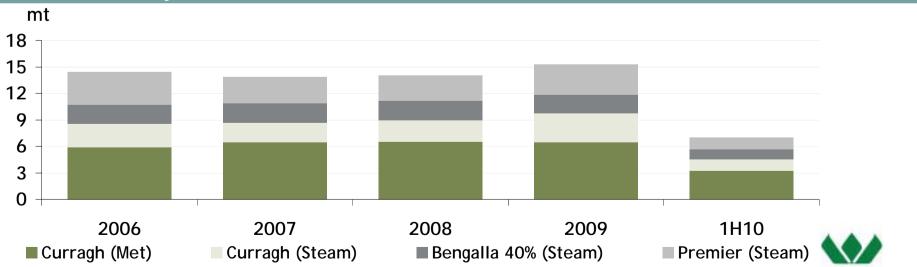
| Coal Sales Volumes by Mine (FY09) |          |          |               |       |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Mine                              | Domestic | Export   | Export        | Total |  |  |  |
| (mtpa)                            | Steaming | Steaming | Metallurgical | TOtal |  |  |  |
| Curragh, QLD                      | 3.3^     | n.a.     | 6.5           | 9.8   |  |  |  |
| Premier, WA                       | 3.4      | n.a.     | n.a.          | 3.4   |  |  |  |
| Bengalla*, NSW                    | 0.2      | 1.8      | n.a.          | 2.1   |  |  |  |
| J. J.                             |          |          |               |       |  |  |  |
| Total                             | 6.9      | 1.8      | 6.5           | 15.2  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Wesfarmers interest of 40%



Source: Barlow Jonker, Tex Report, Macquarie Research, CRU

#### Historic Coal Sales Volumes by Mine



<sup>^</sup>Includes 935kt of export steaming sales of which 400kt was diverted to metallurgical coal (PCI) n.a. = not applicable to this site

# Hedging profile as at 31 December 2009



#### **Curragh – Open Contracts**

| Year end<br>30 Jun | Current US\$<br>sold forward<br>(US\$m) | Average<br>A\$ / US\$<br>hedge rate |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2010*              | 220                                     | 0.81                                |
| 2011               | 330                                     | 0.79                                |
| 2012               | 62                                      | 0.80                                |
| 2013               | 24                                      | 0.76                                |

Bengalla – Open Contracts

| Year end<br>30 Jun | Current US\$<br>sold forward<br>(US\$m) | Average<br>A\$ / US\$<br>hedge rate |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2010*              | 42                                      | 0.80                                |
| 2011               | 73                                      | 0.80                                |
| 2012               | 34                                      | 0.77                                |
| 2013               | 10                                      | 0.78                                |

Closed contracts: As previously advised, in November 2008 some forward exchange contracts were 'closed-out'.

A\$20m locked-in losses remain and will be booked in 2H10.

<sup>\*</sup> Represents six month period ending 30 June 2010

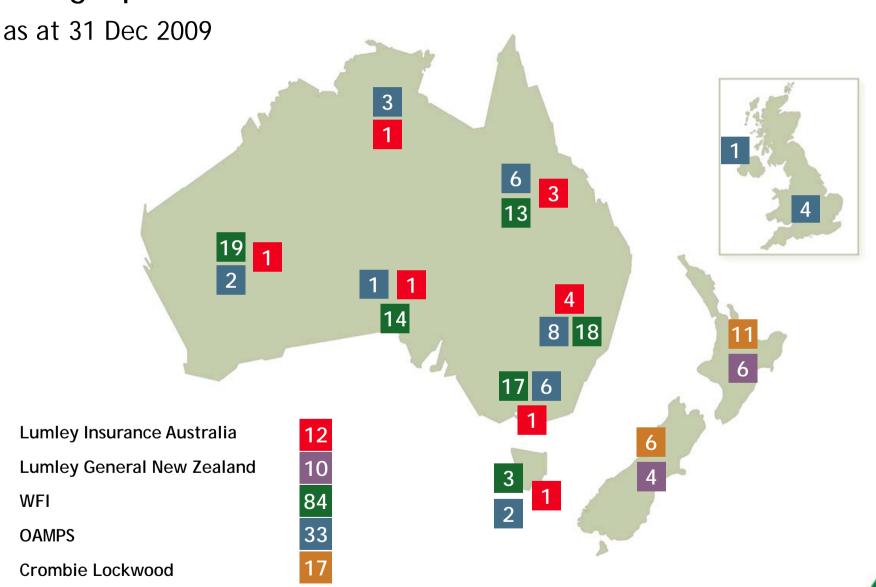
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## Insurance



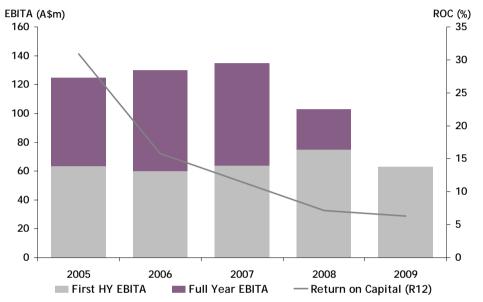


# Geographical Presence



# Insurance - Performance

| G            | Growth Strategies   |   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|              | Fundamental Objective   | Strategies  |  |  |  |  |
| Underwriting | Profitable growth through leadership in chosen segments   | Stronger partnerships Disciplined underwriting and pricing Managing claims effectively Growth in chosen segments Building a culture of achievement  |  |  |  |  |
| Broking      | To understand our clients, earn their trust and provide solutions to enable them to financially survive any insurable event | Support our brokers in being client focused Improve efficiency and productivity Develop engaged and highly capable people Develop new sales opportunities:  - Life Risk - Create a new SME insurance solution Targeted broking acquisitions |  |  |  |  |



| (A\$m)                               | 2006  | 2007  | 2008^ | 2009   | 1H10  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Gross Written Premium (underwriting) | 1,026 | 1,191 | 1,328 | 1,358  | 680   |
| Broking revenue                      | na    | 119   | 209   | 218    | 100   |
| EBITA Underwriting*                  | 129   | 109   | 81    | 40     | 38    |
| EBITA Broking*                       | na    | 32    | 58    | 64     | 25    |
| EBITA Other*                         | (4)   | (11)  | (4)   | (1)    | -     |
| EBITA Insurance Division             | 125   | 130   | 135   | 103    | 63    |
| EBIT Insurance Division              | 125   | 120   | 122   | 91     | 58    |
| Combined Operating Ratio             | 87.5% | 93.0% | 98.3% | 102.4% | 97.0% |

The above table includes Lumley from Oct 2003, OAMPS from Nov 2006, and Crombie Lockwood from Mar 2007



<sup>^</sup> Includes A\$10m adjustment and A\$3m reclassification

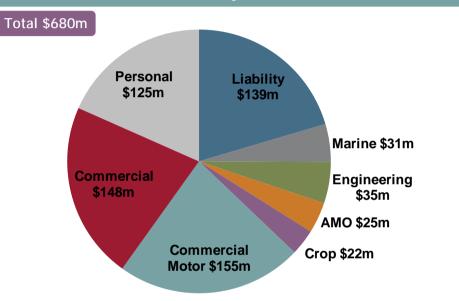
<sup>\* 2006</sup> to 2009 restated for reallocation of corporate costs to Other

# Insurance - Underwriting Performance

| Key Performance Indicators          |      |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Half Year ended 31 December (%)     | 2009 | 2008^ | ‡%pt  |
| Gross Earned Loss Ratio             | 66.3 | 68.0  | 1.7   |
| Net Earned Loss Ratio               | 64.2 | 68.9  | 4.7   |
| Reinsurance Expenses (% GEP)        | 23.4 | 21.9  | (1.5) |
| Exchange Commission (% RI excl XOL) | 23.3 | 24.1  | (0.8) |
| Commission Expense (% GWP)          | 13.8 | 13.9  | 0.1   |
| Total Earned Expenses (% GEP)       | 29.4 | 27.3  | (2.1) |
| Combined Operating Ratio (% NEP)    | 97.0 | 98.7  | 1.7   |
| Insurance Margin (% NEP)            | 5.7  | 6.9   | (1.2) |

<sup>^</sup> Restated as a result of reallocation of corporate costs to Other

#### 1H10 Gross Written Premium by Class of Business





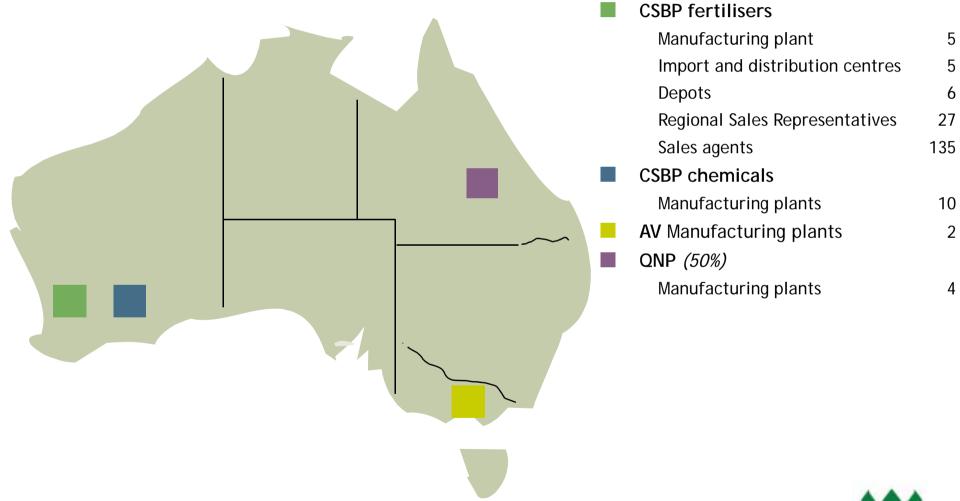
# Chemicals & Fertilisers





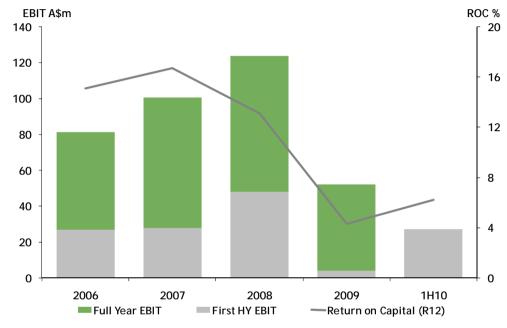


# Chemicals & Fertilisers - Locations



# Chemicals & Fertilisers - Performance

| Growth Strategies      |     |  |
|------------------------|-----|--|
| Strategic Initiatives  |     | Comment  |
| Growth                 | WIP | Improve ammonia plant production performance     |
|                        | ✓   | Sodium cyanide expansion (+8,000 tpa)            |
|                        | WIP | Identify additional AN capacity opportunities    |
| Optimise cost and      | ✓   | Refinance QNP – cash to sponsors                 |
| capital                | WIP | Inventory management (fertilisers)               |
|                        | WIP | Expense and logistics management                 |
| Sustainability         | WIP | Remediation and sale of surplus land (Bayswater) |
|                        | ✓   | Expanded nutrient stripping wetland at Kwinana   |
|                        | WIP | Preparation for CPRS                             |
|                        | ✓   | Water recycling project at AV                    |
| Improved capabilities  | WIP | Ongoing information systems improvements         |
| and people development | WIP | Continued investment in training and development |
|                        | WIP | General cultural alignment                       |



| (A\$m)                          | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009* | 1H10 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Revenue                         | 595   | 592   | 997   | 1,162 | 433  |
| EBIT                            | 81    | 101   | 124   | 52    | 27   |
| EBIT/Revenue Ratio              | 13.6% | 17.1% | 12.4% | 4.5%  | 6.2% |
| Sales Volumes - Chemicals (kt)  | 490   | 449   | 605   | 747   | 385  |
| Sales Volumes - Fertlisers (kt) | 959   | 901   | 1,057 | 739   | 264  |

<sup>\*2009</sup> Varanus Island incident caused disruption to contracted gas supply. Restoration of full gas supply July 2009.



# Industrial & Safety Business Portfolio



"All your workplace needs"



Australia

Safety Specialist



Industrial Specialists







New Zealand













# Industrial & Safety - Distribution Network

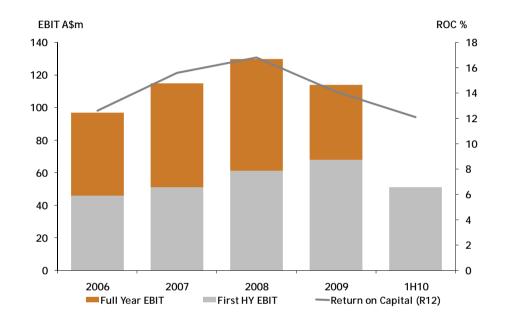
241 locations (164 Australia, 77 New Zealand)

| Australia   | No. |                                      |                  |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Blackwoods >>>  | 69  | MRO, "All your workplace needs"      | 2 4 1 16         |
| Atkins ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES  | 5   | Electrical                           | 14 5             |
| Protector<br>Alsafe   | 45  | Safety                               | 2 1 4 9 3        |
| <b>Bullivants</b>   | 22  | Materials handling, lifting, rigging | 4 2 6 4          |
| Total FASTENERS   | 16  | Fasteners                            | 4 1              |
| <b>EMOTION</b> INDUSTRIES   | 7   | Engineering                          | 11 5             |
| New Zealand   | No. |                                      | 7 2 — 3 1<br>1 1 |
| Blackwoods Paykels<br>NETS LANGEST ANAGE OF BEGINNERING SUPPLIES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES | 20  | MRO, hose, conveyor                  |                  |
| NZ Safety Specialists in Safety & Protection  | 24  | Safety                               |                  |
| protectorsafety   | 22  | Safety                               | 20 24<br>11 22   |
| Packaging House Building partnerships, delivering solutions  As at 1st of Jan           | 11  | Packaging, hygiene                   |                  |

# Industrial & Safety - Performance



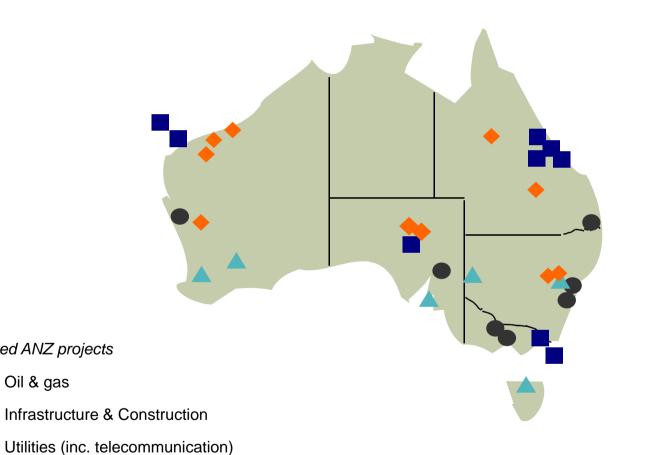
| Growth Strategies                    |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Opportunities                        | Strategies   |
| Increase sales to existing customers | Maintained strong DIFOT performance and security of supply |
|                                      | to customers   |
|                                      | Leveraging specialist offering; product range extensions   |
|                                      | Improving sales effectiveness                              |
|                                      | Expanding range of value-added services                    |
|                                      | Substantial growth in e-business                           |
| Invest in higher growth sectors      | Construction and infrastructure                            |
|                                      | Oil & gas  |
|                                      | Selected offshore markets                                  |
|                                      | Food service, hospitality, health & aged care              |
| Increase SME penetration             | Strong customer service focus                              |
|                                      | Network upgrade programme                                  |
|                                      | Improved marketing and merchandising                       |
|                                      | Developing more efficient channels                         |
| Managing margin                      | Leveraging improved pricing capability                     |
|                                      | Strengthening relationships with key suppliers             |
|                                      | Continuing to invest in direct sourcing capability         |
| Increase competitiveness             | Ongoing reduction of organisation complexity and cost      |
|                                      | Continuing to invest in enabling technology                |
|                                      | Investing in our people                                    |



| (A\$m)             | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 1H10 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Revenue            | 1,164 | 1,208 | 1,309 | 1,294 | 637  |
| EBIT               | 97    | 115   | 130   | 114   | 51   |
| EBIT/Revenue Ratio | 8.3%  | 9.5%  | 9.9%  | 8.8%  | 8.0% |



# Industrial & Safety - Mid term outlook Significant customer investment pipeline





Selected ANZ projects

Oil & gas

Resources

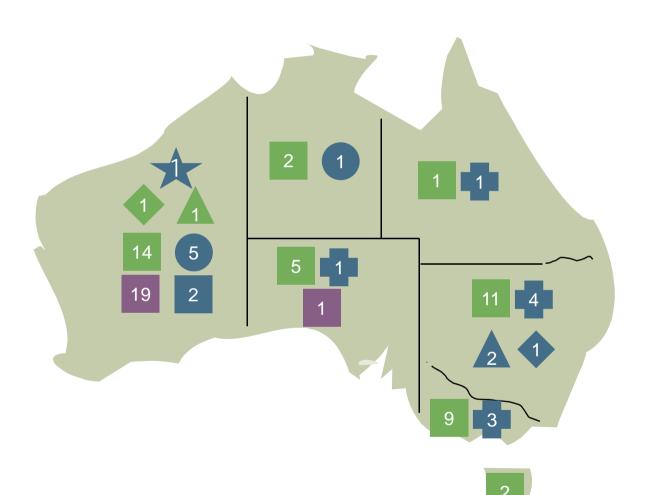
# Energy





# **Energy - locations**





#### Industrial, medical and specialty gases

- Air separation units (ALWA)
- Air separation units (Coregas)
- Acetylene plant (ALWA)
- ▲ Hydrogen/acetylene plants (Coregas)
- Industrial gas depots/branches (ALWA)
- Industrial gas depots/branches (Coregas)

#### LPG & LNG

- LPG depots/branches
- LPG extraction facility
- ▲ LNG production facility

#### Power generation

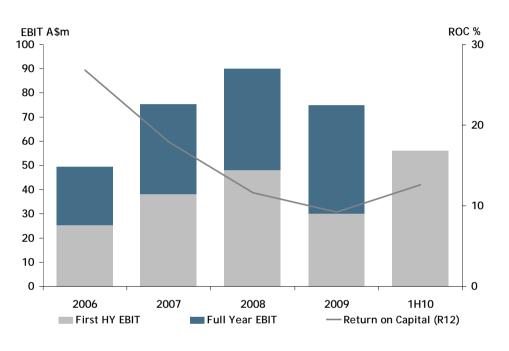
Power stations owned and/or operated



# Energy - Performance



| Growth S           | trategies  |   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Business           | Strategies   | Update on Strategies  |
| coregas            | Focus business on increasing market share  | Targeted marketing and sales effort with expanded product portfolio Renewed focus on effectiveness of sales force               |
|                    | Improve customer experience  | Improving DIFOT, cylinder scanning performance and billing processes  |
|                    |  | Implementing supply chain improvements  |
| EVOL               | Develop WA heavy duty vehicle<br>market to sell remaining<br>production capacity | Broadening heavy duty vehicle customer base and progressing with refueller rollout  |
| Í                  | Raise awareness on east coast and  | Identified target fleets, aggregating customer information, seeking government involvement to accelerate growth and take up     |
|                    | Identify and evaluate other power generation opportunities                       | Evaluating power generation opportunities with enGen  |
| M<br>Kleenheat Gas | Improve East Coast Supply Chain  | Diversifying and optimising supply sources<br>Improve distribution marketing efficiencies                                       |
|                    | Grow market share  | Improve marketing efficiencies  |
| WESFARMERS LPG     | Maximise LPG production  | Negotiating most suitable gas supply for ongoing operation Evaluating minor investment in plant to improve operating efficiency |



| (A\$m)             | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009* | 1H10  |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue            | 372   | 463   | 565   | 598   | 304   |
| EBIT               | 49    | 75    | 90    | 75    | 56    |
| EBIT/Revenue Ratio | 13.2% | 16.2% | 15.9% | 12.5% | 18.4% |



<sup>\*2009</sup> Varanus Island incident, causing disruption to gas supply until June 2009.

# **Energy - Businesses**



#### A Kleenheat Gas

#### Activities

distributor and marketer of LPG and LNG and gas appliances to a broad range of domestic, commercial, autogas and industrial customers

#### Sales Volumes

124,078T LPG 22,327T LNG

1H10 Actual: 22,327T LNC

#### Sites

 Depots
 36

 Branches
 16

 Commission agents
 29

 Franchisees
 11

 Dealers
 592

Customers 258,000





#### Activities

owns and operates LPG and LNG extraction facilities in Western Australia supplying Kleenheat Gas domestically and export markets

#### Production Volume

1H10 Actual: 105,036kT

#### Sales Volumes

1H10 Actual:

Export: 35.6kT Domestic: 69.6kT

Customers



#### Activities

design, construction, operatation and maintenance of both company-owned and customer-owned power stations

#### Operations

| MW installed:            | 90         |
|--------------------------|------------|
| GWh generated per annum: | 376        |
| Power stations:          | 20         |
| Customers:               | $\epsilon$ |
|                          |            |







#### Activities

Production, distribution and marketing of industrial and medical gases on Australia's east coast.

#### Operations

Port Kembla Air Capacity:
Separation Unit: 1,350 TPD Oxygen
Hydrogen Plant: 1000 m3/hr
Acetylene plant 200 m3/hr
Cylinder filling operations: 5
Specialty gas laboratory 20 cylinders/day
Customers: 9,500



#### Activities

Air Liquide WA is a joint venture between Wesfarmers (40%) and Air Liquide Australia manufacturing and supplying a range of industrial medical and specialty gases

#### Operations

Air Separation Plants:

Kwinana: Capacity 285 TPD Oxygen Hismelt: Capacity 880 TPD Oxygen

Carbon Dioxide Plants:

CSBP: Capacity 130 TPD Cylinder Filling Operations: 3

Branches: 3 in Western Australia 1 in Northern Territory

Agents: 6

Customers: 12,450





## Other Businesses





#### Gresham:

50% interest in Gresham Partners, an independent investment bank focused on financial advisory services, private equity investment and property investment funds. Wesfarmers also holds significant investments in Gresham's Private Equity Funds.

| Half year ended 31 December (A\$m): | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Share of associates profit/(loss):  |      |      |
| Gresham Partners                    | 2    | 1    |
| Gresham Private Equity              | 29   | (1)  |



#### Wespine (50%):

50:50 joint venture between Wesfarmers and Fletcher Building Limited. Wespine is a softwood sawmiller, specialising in the production of premium quality plantation timber for use in housing construction and furniture manufacturing.

| Half year ended 31 December (A\$m): | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Share of associates profit/(loss):  | 4    | 4    |



#### Bunnings Warehouse Property Trust (23%):

listed property trust, established in 1998 with a focus on warehouse retailing properties and, in particular, Bunnings Warehouses leased to Bunnings Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wesfarmers Limited.

| Half year ended 31 December (A\$m): | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Share of associates profit/(loss):  | 10   | (5)  |



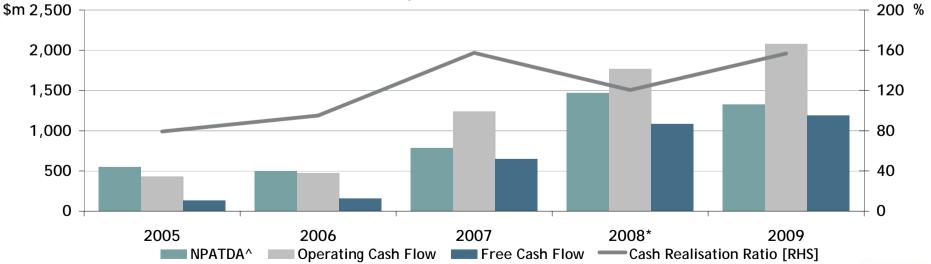


# Capital Management



- Balance sheet strengthened further through strong cash generation
- Net Debt to Equity of 15.5% at 31 December 2009
- Cash Interest Cover Ratio of 6.6 times (R12 basis)
- Net debt to R12 operating cash flow of 1.1 times at 31 December 2009
- Interim dividend increased to \$0.55 per share (fully-franked)

DIP to be neutralised with shares purchased on market



^adjusted for significant non-cash asset write downs and provisions

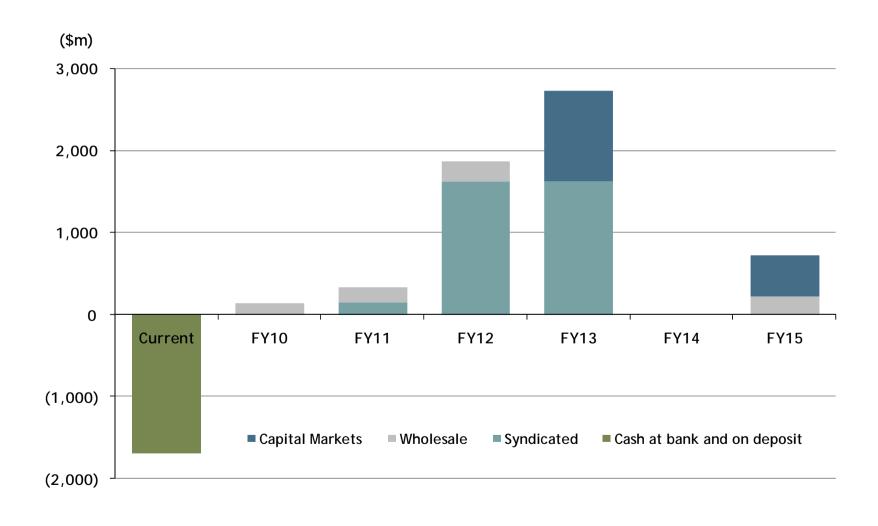


<sup>\*</sup> Restated for change in accounting policy treatment for Stanwell rebate payments

# Maturity Profile Analysis

(as at 31 December 2009)







# **Debt Finance**



- Gross debt of \$5.7bn, net debt of \$3.8bn
  - Cash at bank & on deposit \$1.8bn
  - Committed undrawn facilities of \$1.4bn
- 1H10 all in cost of debt, including margins and fees, of ~8.7% after adjusting for one-off costs
- 75% hedged for 2H10
- Ongoing review of financing opportunities and requirements as market liquidity improves
- 5-year A\$500m domestic corporate bond issued in September 2009
- \$972m of facilities repaid during the period



# Working Capital Cash Flows



- Retail strategies progressed, continue to deliver improvements
  - Significant working capital released since acquisition
  - Further improvements in operating cycle expected
  - Inventory well controlled
  - Seasonally stronger working capital cash flows in the first half
- CSBP inventory reduced to historical averages

| Inflow/(Outflow)* (\$m) | 1H10 | 1H09  |
|-------------------------|------|-------|
| Retail                  | 578  | 463   |
| All other businesses    | (1)  | (340) |
| Total                   | 577  | 123   |

<sup>\*</sup> Cash movement relating to inventories, trade and other receivables, prepayments and trade and other payables



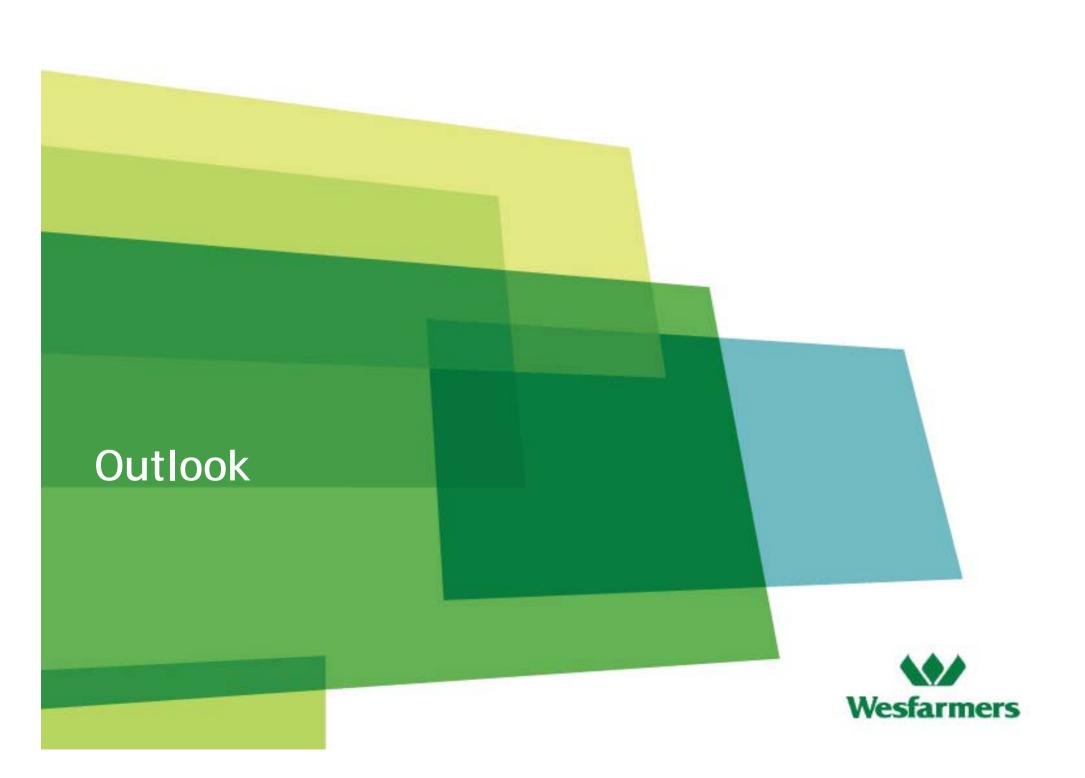
# Capital Expenditure



- Return on capital focus ensures effective use of capital
- Continued investment in organic growth and development opportunities
  - increase in property acquisitions
  - refurbishments and store roll outs
  - expansion of Curragh mine
  - feasibility study of AN expansion
- Completion of Blackwater Creek diversion
- FY10 capital expenditure expected to be ~\$1.9bn

| Half Year ended 31 December (A\$m) | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| Coles                              | 442  | 204  |
| Home Improvement & Office Supplies | 207  | 214  |
| Target                             | 47   | 51   |
| Kmart                              | 34   | 41   |
| Resources                          | 108  | 109  |
| Insurance                          | 11   | 6    |
| Industrial & Safety                | 11   | 10   |
| Chemicals & Fertiliser             | 20   | 22   |
| Energy                             | 9    | 21   |
| Other                              | 2    | 9    |
| Total                              | 891  | 687  |





# Outlook



- Group is well-positioned to benefit from any further upturn in the economy
- Outlook for export coal is positive
  - if realised, will result in an increase in Resource earnings from 4Q10
- Recovery in Insurance and Industrial businesses
- Optimistic about the future performance of the retail businesses
- Remain cautious of the Australian retail environment in 2H10 given:
  - the potential impact of any further interest rate rises; and
  - retailers will trade without the assistance of the prior year government stimulus



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