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## Half Year Results Presentation

16 February 2011



# HY2011 Financial Overview

## Trading Result – Changes to Key Metrics

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\$'m	HY2011	HY2010	% Inc/(Dec) Prior Year
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>275.9</b>	<b>250.5</b>	<b>10.2%</b>
Gross Profit	120.2	113.1	6.3%
Total Operating Expenses	90.5	82.2	10.1%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>(4.0%)</b>
Depreciation/Amortisation	5.7	4.2	34.2%
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>(10.0%)</b>
Net Interest	1.6	0.7	139.9%
Tax	6.5	7.1	8.2%
<b>Profit after Tax</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>(16.0%)</b>
Sales Growth	10.2%	13.0%	
Gross Margin	43.6%	45.2%	
CODB	32.8%	32.8%	
EBITDA Margin	10.8%	12.4%	
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EBIT Margin	8.7%	10.7%	
EPS Basic (cents)	61.1	73.1	
Dividend (cps)	23.0	39.0	
Stores at half year end	211	192	

### Sales up 10.2%

- 17 New Stores
- Comparable store's growth 1.1%
  - First Quarter - up 4.3%
  - Second Quarter - down 1.2%

### EBITDA down 4.0%

- Reduced gross margin
- Increased Logistics costs

### NPAT down 16.0%

- Increased Depreciation
- Higher Interest Expense
- More normalised tax expense ratio

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## Cash Flows & Balance Sheet

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(\$'m)	HY2011	HY2010
<b>Gross cash flow<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>25.6</b>
Changes in working capital & other	(4.6)	12.9
<b>Operating cash flows</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>38.5</b>
New store openings	(5.4)	(8.1)
Existing stores maintenance	(1.5)	(1.5)
DC development	(0.6)	(9.1)
IT development	(0.8)	(0.6)
General capital maintenance	(0.6)	(0.6)
<b>Net capital expenditure</b>	<b>(8.9)</b>	<b>(19.9)</b>
<b>Free cash flows</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>
<b>Key Statistics</b>	<b>HY2011</b>	<b>HY2010</b>
Stock Turns (times)	4.9x	5.8x
Interest Cover (times)	15.0x	40.1x
Fixed Charges Cover (times)	1.6x	1.7x
Net Debt	\$24.4m	\$0.8m

### Operating Cash Flows

- HY 2010 – Inflated by:
  - Lower stock levels than required at December 2009
  - Higher local purchasing in December 2009
- HY 2011 – Reduced by:
  - Higher stock levels – slow seasonal sales
  - More traditional purchase mix

### Capital Expenditure Reduced

- New Store Program continuing
- QLD DC expenditure reduced

### Balance Sheet

- Planned Higher Debt Levels
  - New store growth
  - Investment in QLD DC

<sup>†</sup> Gross cash flow equals earnings before depreciation and amortisation and after interest and tax

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## **- Sales Momentum Lost from November**

- Sales reflected two distinct trading periods
  - To End of October – Consistent comparable sales growth
    - Store service maintained from two DC's
    - Most departments trading at or above budgeted sales
  - From November – Sales Momentum Lost
    - Christmas sales disappointing
      - Some initial delays
      - Sell through below expectation (Units up)
      - High markdowns/carryover
    - Summer offer impacted by weather
    - Stockflow congestion in November/December impacted sales and costs

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## **- Impact of Supply Chain Changes**

- Key Financial Metrics Have Changed
  - Gross Margin
    - Overseas consolidation costs – reduced margin
    - Internal freight to stores – improved margin
    - Increased costs of Ipswich DC – (rent, depreciation and management )
    - Some improved efficiency in Ipswich DC
- Supply Chain is More Complex
  - Purchase Order Management
    - Increased Administrative Effort
      - Increased number of Purchase Orders
      - Increased documentation
    - Accurate Quantification to two ports
  - Stockflow Management
    - Monitoring different timings to DC's
    - Monitoring different flows from DC to Stores

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## **- Gross Margin/CODB Performance**

- Underlying Gross Margin below expectations, net of:
  - Benefits from increase in \$AUD; offset by price deflation
  - Indirect consolidation costs higher than anticipated
  - Seasonal sales below expectations
    - Less GP\$ in Nov/Dec
    - Higher markdowns/carryover
- Underlying Logistics costs increased, net of:
  - Ipswich Distribution Centre (as anticipated)
  - Noticeable efficiency gains at Ipswich DC (outstripped Victorian DC's)
  - Increased volumes via price deflation
  - Congested pipeline late in the half.
- Other costs were well controlled, despite
  - Increased store base
  - Increased volumes via price deflation
  - Investment in people

# Second Half FY2011

## – Impact of Queensland Floods

- **Initial Impact – Stores**

- Limited physical damage to individual stores
- Numerous store closures
- Significant impact on store service and sales

- **Initial Impact – Ipswich DC Closure**

- Ipswich DC Services
  - 90 Stores
  - Approximately 50% of Sales
- Significant lost inventory
  - 80% of Ipswich DC stock lost
  - Sales impacted immediately
- Significant equipment damage
  - All equipment on ground floor to be replaced
  - Base services unavailable (e.g. electricity)
  - Six month lead time on specialist equipment
- Cleanup process extensive
  - Removal of Debris
  - Stocktake pending

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### Continuing Impacts – Ipswich DC Closure

- Stockflow restricted
  - Victorian DC's capacity limited
  - Catalogue disruptions
  - Stores starved of "needed" stock
- Costs Increases
  - Freight
  - DC wages (including third party providers)
  - Recovery costs
- DCIP Re-Commissioning
  - Optimal operating capacity early FY2012
  - Limited processing from mid-March 2011
  - Planning underway for re-opening
    - Balance stockflow
    - Test equipment



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### Insurance

- Assets (Inventory/Equipment)
  - Fully recoverable
  - Time to assess and agree stock
  
- Increased Cost of Working
  - Justify reason for increased costs
  - Monitor and capture expenditure carefully
  
- Loss of Gross profits
  - Prove Loss of Sales (all Stores)
    - Lost stock – never sold
    - Spread available stock across all stores (sub-optimal)
  - Capacity constraints impacts timing and overall offer
    - Lack of consistent service
    - Third party distributions sub-optimal
    - Catalogue distribution in Jan/Feb compromised

# Second Half FY2011 Impact of Queensland Floods

## Working Capital Impacts

- Impact on Trading Results
  - Lost Sales / Gross Margin
  - Increased Costs of Working
    - Increased Freight
    - Increased DC Wages
  
- Inventory Replacement
  - Local Purchases made
  - Overseas purchases ordered/paid for
  - Some Insurance payment received
  
- Asset Replacement
  - Deposits made on Specialist Equipment
  - No recoveries received to date
  
- Prudent Capital Management Required
  - Increased Borrowings Sought and Approved
  - Dividend Payment Moderated
    - 23 cents per share
    - Reflects appropriate distribution given above factors

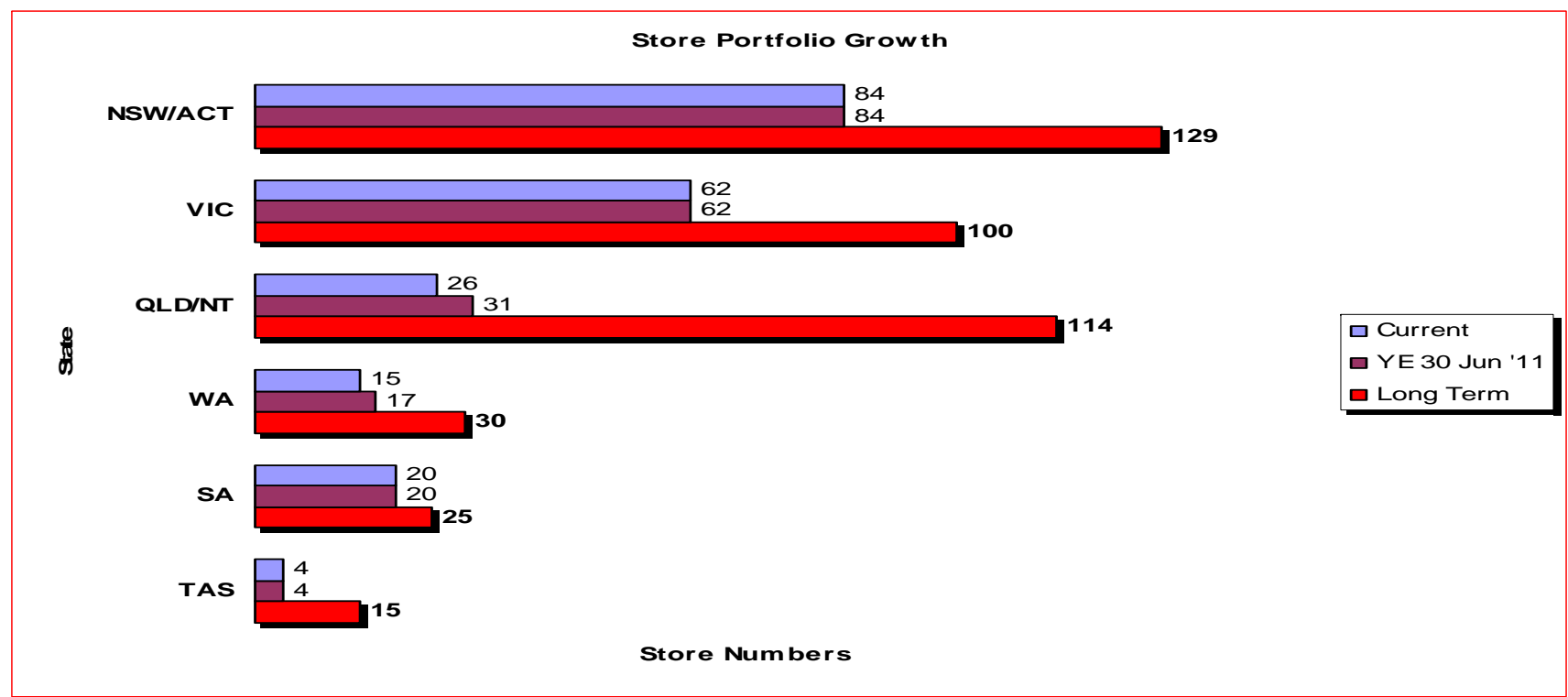
# The Long Term Plans - Remain Unchanged

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- Continued Store Expansion
  - Far North Queensland now a strong growth corridor
  - Site Availability remains the Key
- Supply Chain Improvements
  - Servicing Two Ports
  - DC to Store Service
    - Replenishment
    - Category/Item Management
- Improved Merchandise Planning and Forecasting
  - People Investment Made
  - System Development
- Enhanced DC Capability in Melbourne

# Long Term Plans Remain - Store Expansion Ongoing

- First Half 17 new stores - Total Stores 211 (current)
  - Expansion in all areas
  - Far North Queensland expansion commenced (Townsville)
  - New stores performing well
- Second Half and beyond
  - 7 new stores
  - 2 relocations
  - Actively seeking new sites - 15 new stores secured for FY2012



# Long Term Plans Remain Supply Chain Opportunities

- Complexity Highlighted Improvements Required:
  - Increase Purchase Order Management
  - Analyse Sales Performance by Regions
- Improved Service to Stores Still a Priority
  - Refine use of Replenishment
  - Improve Category flow to stores
- Ipswich DC (post re-commissioning):
  - Further efficiency gains
  - Service by stock type requires refinement
- Melbourne Airport DC upgrade has been deferred
  - Focus on Ipswich DC in short term (Additional Capacity in Melbourne Short Term)
  - Upgrade to Ipswich Capabilities

## **FY2011 – Guidance Unable to Update**

- NPAT guidance of **\$21.0m - \$22.0m** (in December) based on:
  - Anticipated first half result, and
  - Second Half plan
- December Trading post Guidance Update
  - In line with forecast
  - High markdowns in December and January
- January and February Sales Below Expectations
  - Store closures significantly impacted first few weeks
  - Catalogue distribution impacted in both January and February
  - DC closure has impacted stockflow
    - Post Flood stockflow has been disjointed
    - Capacity increasing although February remains problematic
    - Capacity aimed to be “normalised” by March

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