

**Annual Shareholders' Meeting 14 November 2006** 

#### **Dr Roderick Deane**

Chairman



#### **Directors**

- Dr Roderick Deane (Chairman)
- Paul Baines
- Hugh Fletcher
- Jonathan Ling (Managing Director)
- Geoffrey McGrath
- Sir Dryden Spring
- Kerrin Vautier
- Ralph Waters



### Meeting agenda

- Chairman's address
- Chief Executive's address
- Trading outlook
- Shareholder questions and discussion
- Consideration of, and voting on, the resolutions of the meeting

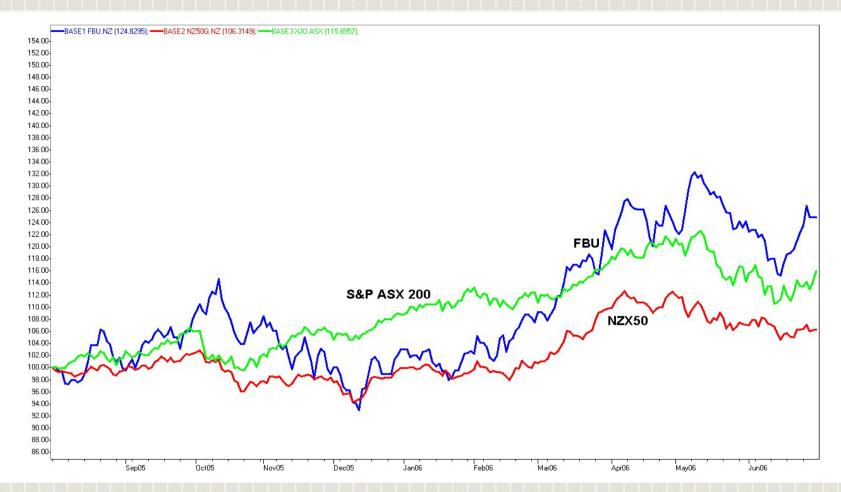


#### Financial results

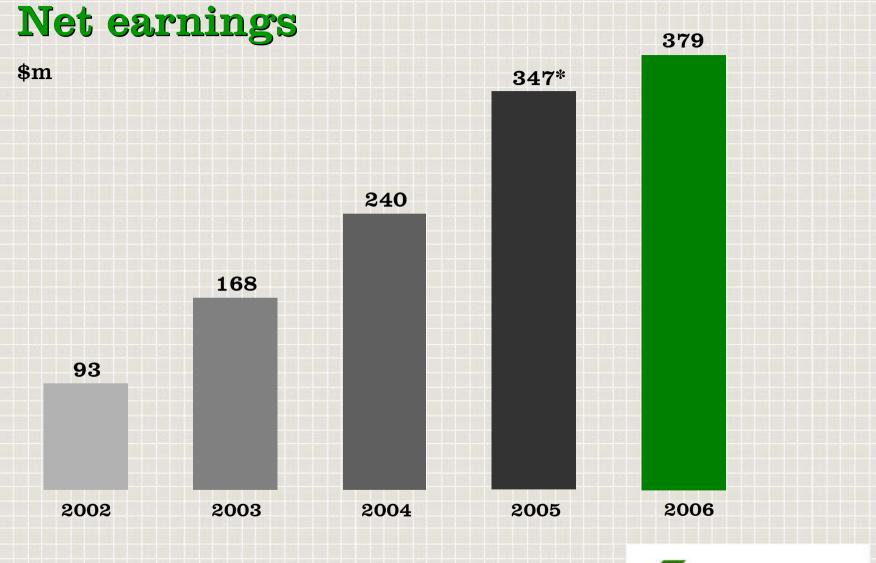
- Net earnings up 9% to \$379 million with diversification giving earnings resilience in softer market conditions
- Earnings per share increased to 81.3 cents
- Dividends for the year increased by 25% to 40 cents per share
- Conservative financial gearing
- Total shareholder return for the year of 40% and a compound rate of 29% since 2001



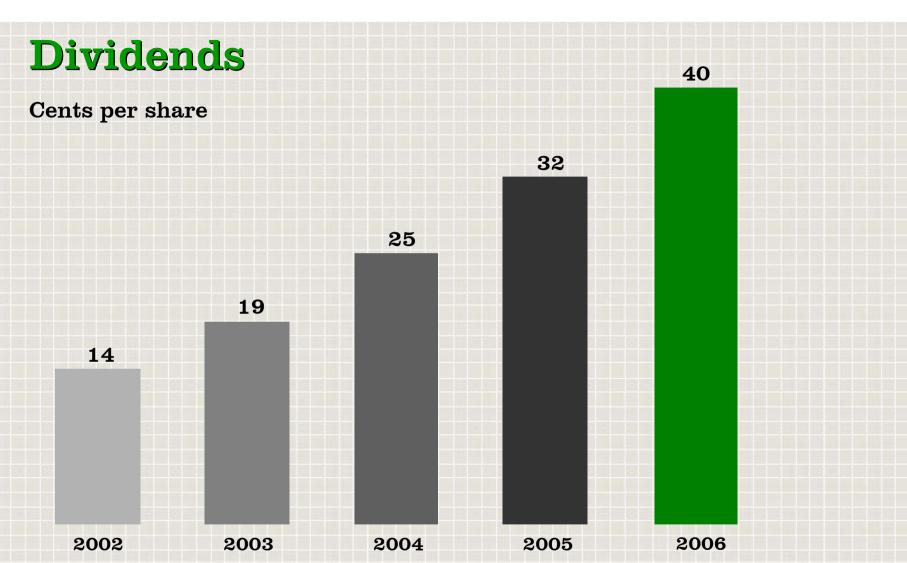
# Annual share price movement





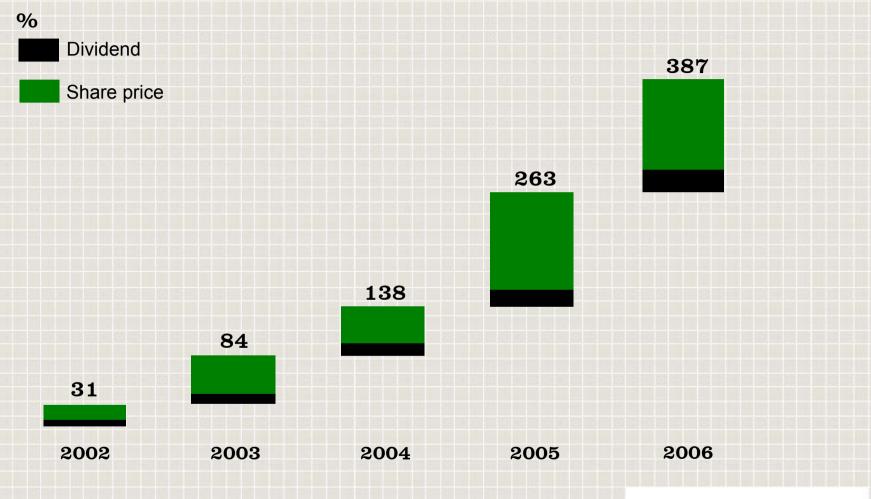








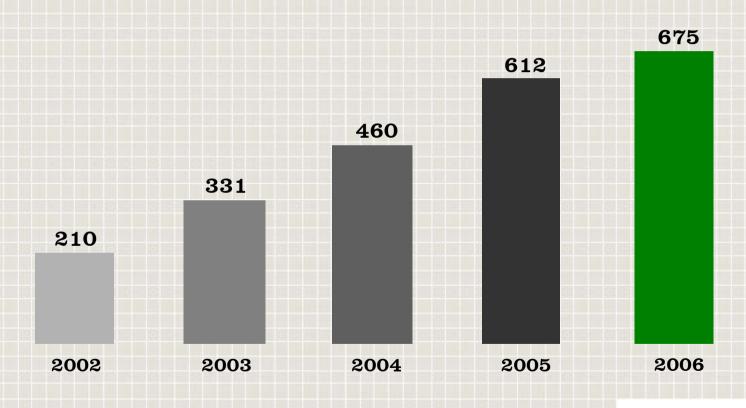
### Cumulative total shareholder returns





# Operating earnings

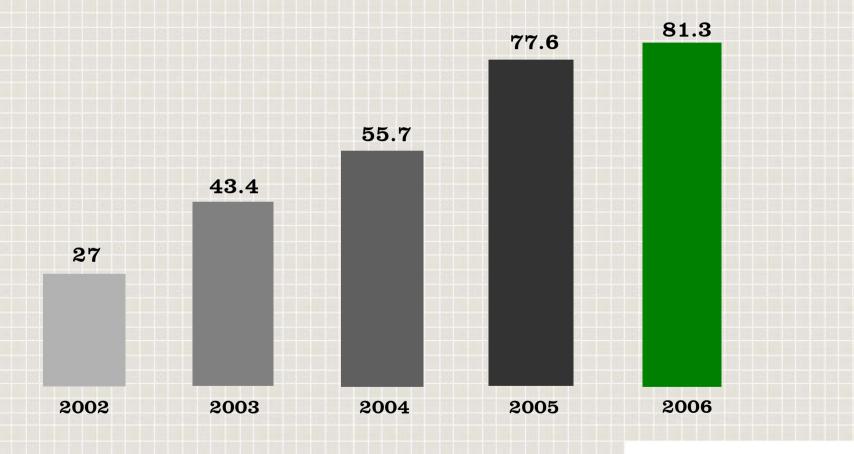
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# Earnings per share

Cents







#### Governance

- Board actively involved
- Good governance practices supplementing entrepreneurial focus
- High levels of employee engagement
- A key focus on health and safety



### **Jonathan Ling**

Chief Executive and Managing Director



#### **Market conditions**

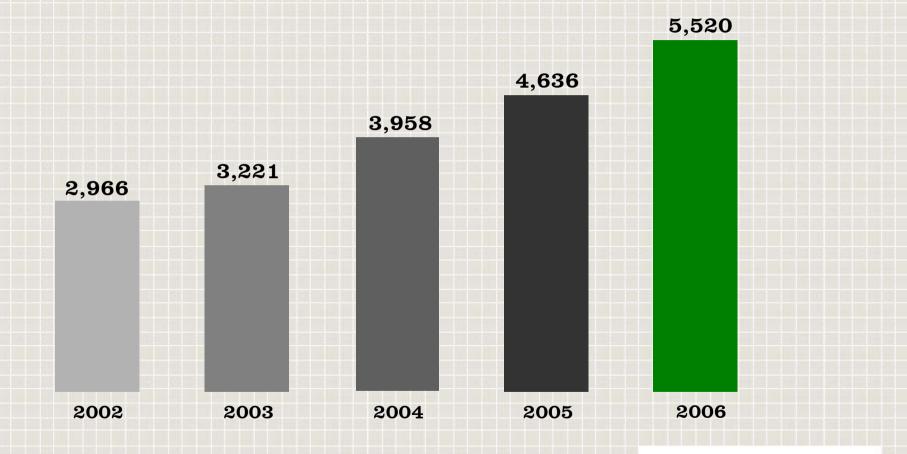
#### Residential

- softer overall, particularly in New Zealand, Victoria and New South Wales
- affects Building Products, Laminates & Panels and particularly Distribution
- Commercial building and infrastructure
  - strong overall in New Zealand and Australia
  - drives an increasing proportion of our revenue



### Revenue

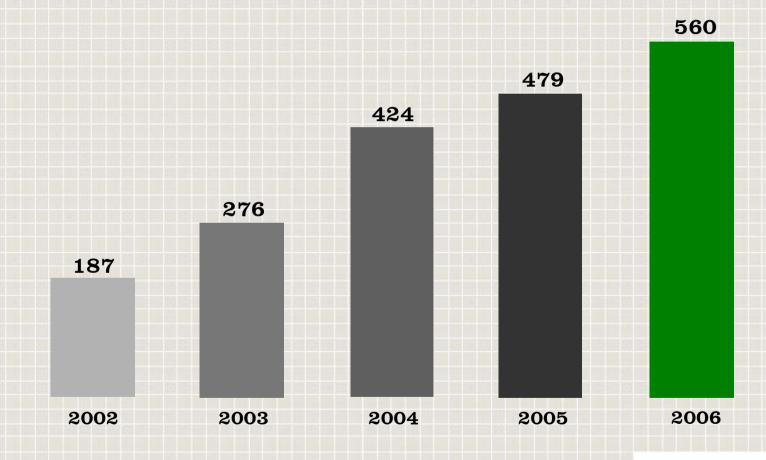
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# Operating cashflow

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# **Building Products**

- Revenue up 29% to \$1.7 billion
- Operating earnings up 4% to \$235 million
- Softer market conditions
- Stramit and Insulation Solutions acquired in March 2005 performing well against acquisition assumptions



# **Building Products**

- Metal roof tiles exports impacted by unfavourable exchange rates and slow US market
- Long steel products had lower earnings due to mill shutdown and import competition
- Plasterboard had lower earnings reflecting softer residential markets in New Zealand
- Insulation synergies being achieved
- Lower Easysteel and aluminium earnings



### **Building Products' restructure**

- Will report as two divisions with effect from 1 July 2006
  - Building Products
  - Steel
- New chief executive Building Products appointed
- International search underway for the chief executive of the Steel division



#### Infrastructure

- Revenue up 27% to \$1.8 billion
- Operating earnings up 30% to \$255 million
- Fifth consecutive year of revenue and earnings growth
- Adjusting for impact of acquisition of Rocla business in 2005, earnings still up by 15%



#### Infrastructure

- Seventh year of record cement shipments
- Continued demand, and earnings growth, in aggregates
- Small increase in readymix volumes
- New Zealand pipe market remains strong
- Rocla Quarry products affected by softer Sydney market
- Strong earnings growth for Rocla Pipeline products
- Strong growth across the board in construction and \$802 million backlog at year end



#### Distribution

- Revenue up 4% to \$956 million
- Operating earnings down 7% to \$75 million
- Overall sales activity consistent with 2005 year
- Significant increase in retail competition
- Higher operating costs
  - refurbishments
  - new openings
- Continued branch development programme including acquisition of four stores since balance date

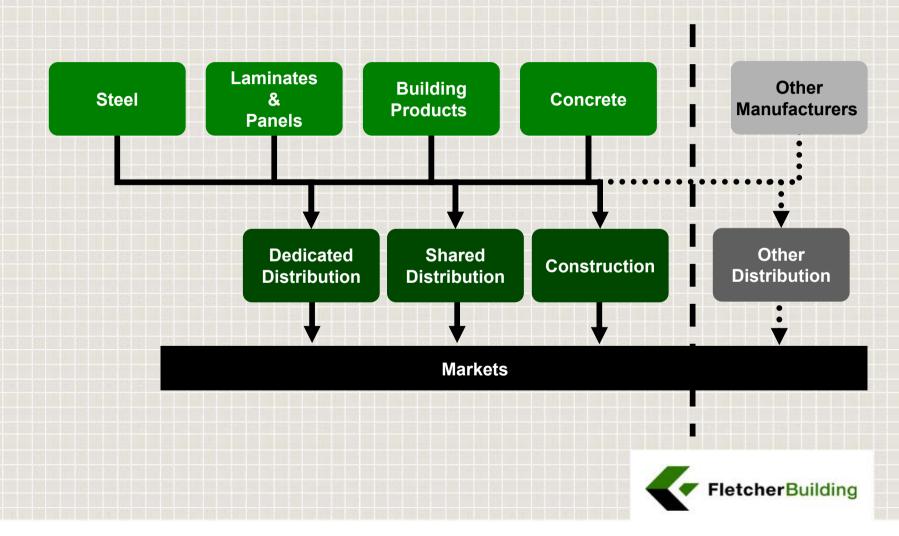


### Laminates & Panels

- Revenue up 8% to \$1 billion
- Operating earnings up 8% to \$116 million
- Generally difficult market conditions with lower housing activity and only some regions of the commercial sector strong
- Marketing and new product initiatives Green First Range, Diamond Gloss laminate, Formica flooring, Essa Stone range
- Increased costs offset operational efficiencies
- Two months contribution from O'Brien Laminates business acquired during the year

# Strategic direction

A collection of businesses with strong strategic links



### The strategies that have driven growth

- Improve earnings reliability
  - expansion into Australia
- Maintain and improve internal capabilities
  - increase capacity and efficiency
  - develop new products
  - further investment within the business
- External growth
  - further expansion within and outside
    Australia and New Zealand expected



### Investing in our future

- New investments in the business
  - Dardanup (WA) particleboard upgrade
  - restore MDF capacity after Taupo fire
- Build on the performance-orientated culture
- Develop management capability
- Position to be able to take advantage of growth options available





### **Outlook**

- Satisfactory performance expected for 2007 year
- Commercial building and infrastructure to offset housing markets
- Earnings for first four months of this year are slightly ahead of last year
- Comfortable with market consensus forecast for the year



