

# **Fletcher**Building

Annual Results Presentation
22 August 2001

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## **Summary of Results**



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Revenue	696	2273	2380
EBITDA	66	184	254
EBIT Before Unusuals	42	94	170
NPAT Before Unusuals	22	34	106
EPS Before Unusuals (cents)	18.2*	5.2	27.5

<sup>\*</sup> Annualised

## Segmental EBIT



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Building Products and Steel	16	58	87
Distribution	4	6	8
Concrete	15	31	56
Construction/Residential/ Property	9	5	18
Corporate/Unallocated	-2	-6	1
EBIT Before Unusuals	42	94	170

# **Building Products and Steel Results**



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Revenue	232	840	852
EBIT	16	58	87
Funds	439	439	510
Return on Funds	13.5%	13.2%	17.1%



#### **Winstone Wallboards**

- Domestic sales volumes decreased by 12%, market share held
- Sales revenue declined 3%
- Performance board mix increased
- EBIT down but less than 10%



#### **Fletcher Wood Panels**

- Sales revenue increased by 4%
- EBIT sharply down (halved)
- High resin costs, increased transport costs and falling MDF prices main contributors



#### **Fletcher Aluminium**

- Sales revenue declined by 8% and EBIT in loss
- New door and window suite launched in October 2000
- Hamilton plant sold and production shifted to one site
- Fletcher Aluminium Centres sold in July 2001



### **Scott Panel and Hardware**

- Revenue and EBIT maintained
- Growth in Auckland



### **Steel Manufacturing**

- Sales volumes increased by 11% to 179,000 tonnes at Pacific Steel, with export volumes at 31% of total
- Domestic prices remained weak
- Power costs a real issue
- Falling profitability through lower margins
- Sims performance excellent



### **Steel Processing and Distribution**

- Sales volumes from EasySteel increased 4%
- Sales revenues down in all other business units, particularly Pacific Coilcoaters due to export sales 30% less than previous year
- EBIT for processing and distribution significantly lower than previous year
- Substantial working capital reductions achieved

## **Distribution Results**



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Gross Revenue (includes Joint Ventures)	175	636	666
FBL Revenue	45	171	223
EBIT	4	6	8
Funds	56	56	70
Return on Funds	26.5%	10.7%	11.4%

### **Distribution**



- Sales levels at 95% of previous year in difficult residential market
- Margins have improved across stores as a result of initiatives underway
- Stronger results in last quarter of the year
- Significant cash generated from reduction in funds

## **Concrete Results**



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Revenue	142	454	438
EBIT Before Unusuals	15	31	56
Funds	403	403	480
Return on Funds	14%	8%	12%

### Concrete



### **Golden Bay**

- Record domestic cement sales volumes despite weaker demand in Auckland
- EBIT maintained

### **Winstone Aggregates**

EBIT improved significantly in the second half.
 Lower cash costs of production since March

### Concrete



### **Firth**

- Firth product volumes were constant but higher transport and marketing costs were incurred
- EBIT halved

#### **Stresscrete**

 Stresscrete results were unsatisfactory but they have made significant progress in improving operating performance

### Concrete



#### **Humes**

 A decline of 20-30% in infrastructure and pipeline activity in the North Island adversely impacted Humes earnings by 50%

### **South America**

- Weak market conditions in Peru and Bolivia impacted the South American result
- Losses in the order of \$16 million cf \$11 million pcp
- Carrying value written down

# Construction / Residential / Property Results



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Revenue	277	808	858
EBIT	9	5	18
Funds	-62	-62	29

# Construction / Residential / Property



### Construction

- Construction recorded positive earnings. New Zealand operations remained strong.
- The Victorian Co-generation dispute was settled.
   The plant is performing ahead of expectations
- Post 30 June the Manapouri claim was settled, in line with expectations

# Construction / Residential / Property



### **Property**

 Surplus property sales generated \$18 million of cashflow during the year

#### Residential

- Fletcher Residential's sales volume and margins contracted with the residential housing sector in New Zealand. Funds employed were reduced by \$14 million to \$30 million
- Despite market decline, residential sales and margins improved in last quarter

## **Profit After Tax**



\$m	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
EBIT before Unusuals	42	94	170
Interest	-9	-36	-34
Tax	-10	-23	-31
Minority Interests	-1	-1	1
NPAT before Unusuals	22	34	106
Adjustments Net of Tax	-3	-306	-43
Profit After Tax	19	-272	63

# Adjustments



\$m		2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
i.	Unusual Items	3 Millis	12 141(113	12 WILLIS
	Permanent Impairment	-1	-101	-10
	Other Losses		-37	-30
	Restructuring and Separation Costs	-4	-43	-3
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ii.	Taxation _	-2	-125	
	Total Adjustments	-3	-306	-43

## **Simplified Balance Sheet**



	June 2001 NZ\$m	Pro Forma June 2000 NZ\$m
Assets		
Current Assets	639	750
Fixed Assets	759	712
Provision for Deferred Taxation	136	359
Investments	90	86
Total Fletcher Building Assets	1,624	1,907
Liabilities Current Liabilities Net Debt Total Fletcher Building Liabilities	560 274 834	453 485 938
Equity Equity Capital Notes	538 250	777 191
Fletcher Building Equity and Capital Funds	788	968
Minority Equity	2	11_
Total Fletcher Building Liabilities and Equity	1,624	1,907

## Revaluation



Revaluation Increases:	\$m
Land	10
Buildings	8
Plant and Machinery	73
	91
Less Deferred Taxation Liability	18
Increase in Equity	73

## Ratios

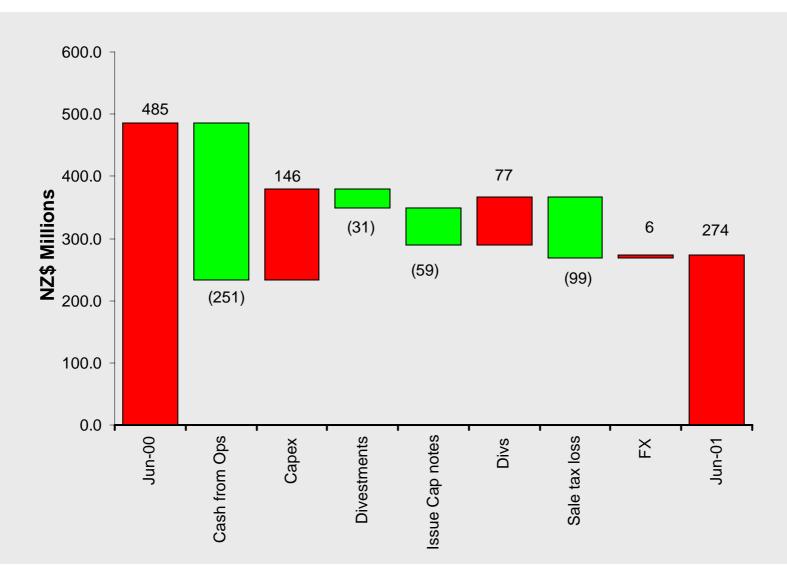


	2001 3 Mths	2001 12 Mths	2000 12 Mths
Net Debt / Equity	35%	35%	50%
EBITDA / Interest	7.4	5.1	7.4
Dividend	12 cps	12 cps	16 cps
Payout Ratio	66%*	240%	58%

<sup>\*</sup> Annualised

## **Net Debt Movement**





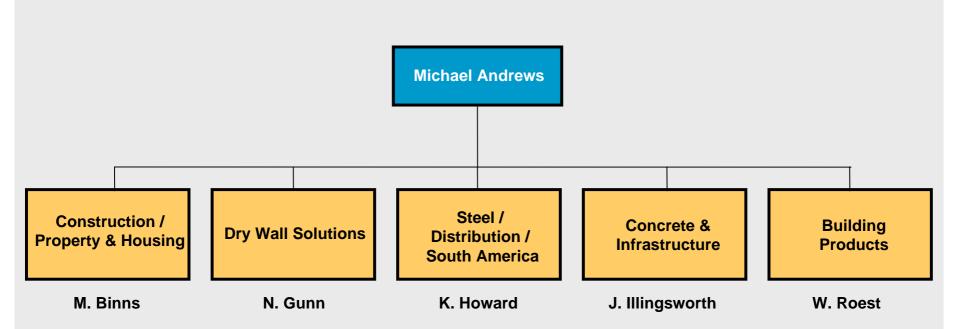


# **Fletcher**Building

**Operational & Strategic Update** 

# Organisation (pre 23 March 2001)





# Organisation (Interim post 23 March 2001)

Supply Chain Strategy

· Marketing Strategy

& Overview

Shared Services

Concrete

International

Fletcher Residential

Steel

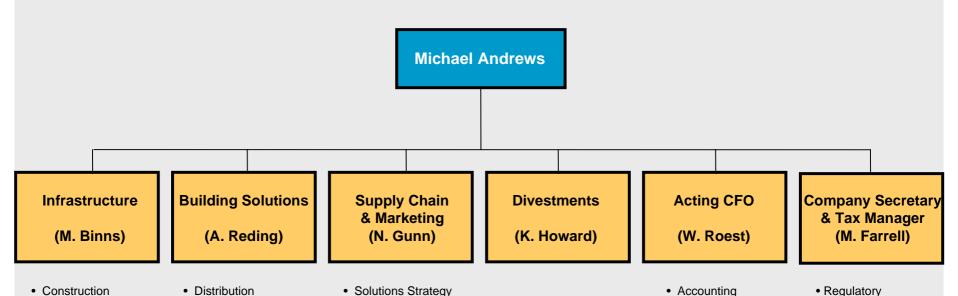
• WWB

FWP & SP&H

Plyco Doorways

FAL & Franchisees





FCL transition

Communication

• Tax

Company Secretary

Reporting

Treasury

· Shared Services

# Organisation (Going Forward)



Ralph Waters CEO

# Mark Binns Chief Executive CONSTRUCTION GROUP

- NZ Construction
- South Pacific Construction
- Australian Construction
- Residential

# Mark Binns Chief Executive CONCRETE GROUP

- Golden Bay Cement
- Firth
- Winstone Aggregates
- Humes
- International
  - South America
  - India
  - Fiji

# Andrew Reding Chief Executive BUILDING PRODUCTS & STEEL GROUP

- Fletcher Wood Panels
- Scott Panel & Hardware
- Plyco & Doorways
- Fletcher Aluminium
- Winstone Wallboards
- Steel
  - Pacific
  - Easy
  - Dimond
  - Coilcoaters
  - Reinforcing
  - Galvanising

TBA
Chief Executive
DISTRIBUTION
GROUP

- PlaceMakers
- Building Depot
- Hire-A-Hubby

Bill Roest Acting CFO Martin Farrell
Company Secretary/
Legal Counsel/
Tax Manager

TBA
General Manager
Planning &
Corporate Support

TBA General Manager HR

### **Core Businesses Review**



#### Core

PlaceMakers Building Depot

Winstone Wallboards Fletcher Wood Panels Scott Panel & Hardware

EasySteel
Pacific Coilcoaters
Dimond
CSP Galvanising

Golden Bay Cement Winstone Aggregates Firth Industries Stresscrete Non-Core????\*

**Hire-A-Hubby** 

Plyco Doors Fletcher Aluminium

Steel Manufacturing/Processing
Cyclone
Reinforcing
Pacific Wire
Backbone
Fiji

Fiji Peru India Bolivia Humes

# Core Businesses Review (Cont.)



Core

Non-Core????\*

**New Zealand Construction South Pacific Construction** 

Australian Construction Residential Co-Generation

All excess property Penrose Head Office

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Non-Core???? are businesses that may not be relevant to Fletcher Building because of size, industry structure, performance or long term growth plans

### **Operational Initiatives**



- Performance Improvement Project in PlaceMakers
- Major capital investment in Golden Bay Cement
  - improved running costs
  - lower carbon emissions
- Best ever backlog in New Zealand Construction and Australian Construction trading profitability
- New electricity hedge contracts will assist Steel and Aluminium. Wood Panels 100% hedged

### **Outlook**



- Operational performance the highest priority
- Steel Manufacturing and South America are the restructuring priorities
- Introduce strategic planning process through which new initiatives will be evaluated
- EBITDA for H1 should be comfortably ahead of pcp