# FLETCHER BUILDING INVESTOR STRATEGY DAY

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# Outline

#### Why did I join Fletcher Building?

#### 6 weeks in: opportunities and challenges

### **Priorities:**

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Long term

### Capital structure and distribution policy

### **Funding Policy**



## Who am I?

Joined Fletcher Building on 8 April 2013

Bachelor of Engineering (1st Class Honours) from the University of Auckland.

Previously chief financial officer at Telecom New Zealand Limited

Other roles during 11 years at Telecom NZ included Group Controller, and management of the treasury function, with responsibility for all external financing and hedging, financial strategy, and mergers and acquisitions

Prior to joining Telecom NZ, 13 years of investment banking experience in New Zealand, New York and Hong Kong.

# 6 weeks in: opportunities and challenges

#### **Opportunities:**

FBUnite: the Active Centre

Operating expenditure – line by line cost reduction

Cash Management:

- Working capital
- Capital expenditure

#### **Challenges:**

Managing timing of FBUnite costs and investment relative to expected returns Strong NZ\$ and A\$ impacts on local manufacturing competitiveness Weakening Australian economy

# **Priorities**

#### Short term:

Connect with all Divisional CE's & Finance professionals

Deep understanding of what drives value in the business

Expand Group level performance management capability

Communicate how we add shareholder value to Fletcher Building as a whole

Focus on Group wide opex

Materially improve capex prioritisation and forecasting

Improve control environment (capex, M&A, procurement etc.) via the 'Active Centre'

#### Medium term:

Best in class Performance Management & Business Intelligence

Margin Improvement (improve operating leverage)

Clear policy on use of free cash flow

Build a FB-wide finance community (leverage capability)

Streamline all finance processes

# **Capex versus depreciation**







### **Capital structure**

#### Fletcher Building's current credit metric targets are:

- 1. Debt/Debt + Equity (book) between 30 to 40%
- 2. Credit metrics broadly consistent with its BBB+ to BBB investment grade peer group



Debt/Debt Plus Equity

%

Maintaining key credit ratios consistent with other investment grade rated entities

Key Credit / Bank Ratios NZŚM	BBB/Baa	Bank Covenants	FY12 Actual
Net Debt/Net Debt + Equity	30-45%		35%
	7 00 4 01		2.7
EBIT/Interest	7.00-4.01X	1.75X	3./X
EBIT/Interest (excl. Capital Notes)		2.75X	4.9X
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.50-3.50X		2.5
Net Debt (excl. Capital Notes)/EBITDA		3.5X	1.9X

### **Funding sources**

#### **Debt funding is provided through:**

Banking syndicate

Private Placements (US and Japan)

Capital Notes: issued in New Zealand, primarily to retail investors



#### **Source Funds**

# **Current debt profile**



Broad spread of maturities minimises refinancing risks; most of the 2013 maturities have been rolled or repaid

Undrawn credit facility headroom as at 31 December 2012 was \$681 million with an additional \$163 million of cash on hand

# **Debt Profile**

#### **Currency exposure:**

Balance sheet is hedged by borrowing in the same currency mix as the asset base, in proportion to ratio of long term Debt / Debt + Equity

Materially balanced on a long term view by currency



Approximately 70% of borrowings are fixed with a duration of 3 years

The average interest rates including margins but not fees is 6.7%



NZD AUD Rest of world

#### **Fixed Floating Profile**



# **Distribution policy**

#### **Current dividend guidelines:**

Goal is to at least maintain the dividend each year, with the aim that dividends will rise over time commensurate with further earnings growth.

For the next several years anticipated dividend growth rate will be slower than earnings growth in order that the dividend pay-out ratio can return to between 50% to 60% of net earnings.

# Beyond dividends, our analysis suggests that the any excess cash generated over time could be utilised for either:

Further debt reduction, and/or

Capital management initiatives, (e.g. on market share buy back)