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Gunns FY09 Results, Acquisition and Equity Raising

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Challenging operational environment

- Financial result adversely impacted by significant reduction in plantation MIS performance
 - Strategic decision to scale back plantation MIS activity
 - Contraction in the size of the plantation MIS market
- Gunns' main business, Forest Products, proved resilient with a modest 6% decline in revenue despite difficult market conditions
 - Wood fibre volumes adversely affected by reduced Asian demand
 - Sawn timber operations continue to be impacted by challenging housing industry conditions

Cyclical decline presents opportunities for Gunns

- Key markets stabilised in 4Q09 after a decline in 3Q09
- Dislocation in plantation forestry sector has created opportunities for Gunns to leverage its forestry management expertise
- Acquisition of ITC Hardwood provides a compelling strategic fit to deliver synergies and value to Gunns shareholders
 - Funded via a \$145 million pro rata entitlement offer

Summary of Gunns' FY09 statutory results

| A\$ million (YE 30 JUNE) | FY09 | FY08 | % change |
|--|--------|--------|----------|
| Revenue | 769.3 | 861.9 | (10.7)% |
| Reported EBIT | 110.8 | 138.1 | (19.8)% |
| Net interest | (40.1) | (60.7) | (34.0)% |
| Tax expense | (15.0) | (18.7) | (19.7)% |
| Reported NPAT (incl associates) | 56.2 | 59.2 | (4.9)% |
| Adjust non-operating items | (3.7) | 20.8 | N/A |
| NPAT (before non-operating items) | 52.5 | 80.0 | (34.4)% |
| Reported EPS (cents) | 8.1 | 12.9 | (37.1)% |
| EPS (before non-operating items) (cents) | 7.6 | 17.4 | (56.3)% |
| Final dividend (cents) | 2.0 | 4.0 | (50.0)% |
| Total dividends (cents) | 4.0 | 10.0 | (60.0)% |

Source: Gunns Appendix 4E

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Reconciliation of statutory to underlying results

| A\$ million (YE 30 JUNE) | FY09 | FY08 | % change |
|--|-------|--------|----------|
| Underlying EBIT | 107.1 | 167.8 | (36.2)% |
| Gain on financial instruments relating to Mill Project | 21.6 | (16.3) | |
| Doubtful debt provisions | (8.4) | | |
| Onerous portion of MIS lease and management receivable | | (7.6) | |
| Business acquisition and restructuring costs | (9.5) | (5.8) | |
| Reported EBIT | 110.8 | 138.1 | (19.7)% |

Source: Gunns management accounts

Summary of Gunns' FY09 statutory results – 2H vs 1H

| A\$ million (YE 30 JUNE) | 1H09 | 2H09 | % change |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Revenue | 427.6 | 341.7 | (20.1)% |
| Reported EBIT | 69.7 | 41.6 | (40.3)% |
| Net interest | (26.7) | (13.4) | (49.8)% |
| Tax expense | (9.4) | (5.6) | (40.4)% |
| Reported NPAT | 33.6 | 22.6 | (32.7)% |

Source: Gunns management accounts

Forest Products

| A\$ million (YE 30 JUNE) | FY09 | FY08 | % change |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Revenue | 597.1 | 634.1 | (5.8)% |
| EBIT | 91.4 | 104.6 | (12.6)% |
| EBIT margin | 15.3% | 16.5% | (120)bp |

Source: Gunns Appendix 4E

Woodfibre

- Japanese demand dropped in 2H but pricing was maintained at 2008 levels for 2009
 - Increased USD denominated sales ex-Japan
 - AUD/USD exchange rate increase (primarily in 4Q) accordingly impacted export profitability

Sawn timber

- Challenging trading conditions throughout the financial year due to
 - Reduced domestic residential construction activity
 - Increased import competition, aided by exchange rate movements

Plantation MIS

| A\$ million | FY09 | FY08 | % change |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Revenue | 68.4 | 124.3 | (45.0)% |
| EBIT | 7.4 | 37.1 | (80.2)% |
| EBIT margin | 10.8% | 29.8% | (1,900)bp |

Source: Gunns Appendix 4E

- Integrated business model provides access to future wood supply
- At commencement of FY09, took strategic decision to scale back plantation MIS activity
- Size of the total plantation MIS market contracted dramatically (~ 75%) in FY2009
 - However, Gunns' market share increased from 11% to 14%
- Plantation MIS loan book receivable of \$275 million at year end (\$93 m securitised)
- Doubtful debt expense of \$8.7 million for the financial year (loans to plantation MIS investors)
- Annual operating cost cash outflow in respect of plantation MIS business (lease and maintenance expense, net of harvest costs) was \$27 million in FY09
 - Cashflow from existing plantation MIS expected to turn positive in 2015 as Gunns receives a share of harvest proceeds

Other (includes seven Mitre 10 outlets, construction and wine production)

| A\$ million | FY09 | FY08 | % change |
|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Revenue | 103.9 | 103.5 | 0.3% |
| EBIT | 2.2 | 4.3 | (48.4)% |
| EBIT margin | 2.1% | 4.2% | (210)bp |

Source: Gunns Appendix 4E

- Mitre 10 performed well considering economic conditions, with the refurbished Launceston store nearly complete
- Construction and Wine underperformed
 - Construction suffered from the slow Tasmanian commercial construction market
 - Wine suffered lower than expected export sales and a reduced 2009 harvest volume due to weather impacts

Financial position as at 30 June 2009



Gunns' financial position as at 30 June 2009

| A\$ million, as at 30 JUNE | 2009 | 2008 | % change |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Total assets | 2,448.1 | 2,581.0 | (5.1)% |
| Net debt | 654.4 | 1,048.9 | (37.6)% |
| Net equity | 1,321.9 | 982.2 | 34.6% |
| Net debt / equity | 49.5% | 106.8% | N/A |
| NTA per share ¹ | \$1.80 | \$1.98 | N/A |
| Net interest ² | 40.1 | 60.7 | (34.0)% |

Source: Gunns Appendix 4E

- Gunns raised \$334 million from a rights offer in 1H which was used to repay debt incurred in the Auspine takeover in 2008
- Plantations were sold for \$173.2 million, with the funds raised used to repay debt
- Net interest expense decreased to \$40 million in FY09 (from \$61 million² in FY08) due primarily to decreased debt levels (2H09 net interest expense of \$13 million)
- Total assets include a \$275 million interest bearing receivable in relation to loans to plantation MIS investors
- Net debt includes \$93 million in relation to plantation MIS loans which have been securitised but are held on balance sheet (increased to \$110 million in July)

¹ Number of shares based on closing issued and paid up capital: FY09: 637 million, FY08: 407 million; FORESTS treated as debt (at \$120 million face value)

² Net interest includes MIS financing revenue of \$19 million in FY09 and \$20 million in FY08

Debt maturity profile as at 30 June 2009

Debt maturity profile

| As at 30 JUNE | A\$ million |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 0 – 6 months | 53 ¹ |
| 6 months to 1 year | 55 |
| 1 year to 2 years | 41 |
| 2 years to 3 years | 436 ² |
| More than 3 years | 77 |
| Total | 662 |

¹ The \$50 million of continuing working capital is reviewed annually in November

² Senior corporate debt of \$400 million matures in January 2012

Overview of facilities

| As at 30 JUNE | A\$ million |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Senior debt | 400 |
| Working capital | 32 |
| Auspine | 36 |
| Core debt | 468 |
| Lease – asset financing | 91 |
| Securitised MIS loans | 93 |
| Other | 11 |
| Total | 662 |

| Covenant description | Covenant level | As at 30 June 2009 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Leverage ¹ | Less than 4.5x | 3.6x |
| Financial obligations ² | Greater than 2.5x | 3.3x |
| Gearing ³ | Less than 50% | 27% |

1. Based on gross debt for covenant purposes of \$467 million (reflects certain adjustments in relation to leases, securitised loans and MIS receivables) and cash EBITDA of \$129 million (adjusted for non cash items)

2. Based on cash EBITDA of \$129 million and net interest expense of \$39 million (adjusted for FORESTS and items in relation to MIS loan receivables)

3. Based on gross debt for covenant purposes of \$467 million and on adjusted book capitalisation of \$1,762 million (total of share capital, retained earnings, asset revaluation reserve and gross debt for covenant purposes)

- Headroom under all covenants
- No covenants contain market capitalisation triggers

- Key export markets declined in 3Q09 but stabilised in 4Q09
- Significant uncertainty remains but Gunns is optimistic that “bottom of cycle” has been reached
- Challenging conditions persist in export woodchip markets
 - Recent A\$ appreciation
 - Soft Japanese demand
- Potential for improvement in housing market in Australia
- Focused on operational efficiency and balance sheet management
 - Positions Gunns for any recovery in woodchip demand and housing construction

Note: Outlook is not a detailed forecast but represents Gunns' current expectations based on anticipated trading conditions. Gunns' results could vary materially dependent on those conditions

- Development of a sustainable plantation resource and realising its value through value-added processing
- Historical acquisitions have accelerated the development of the sustainable plantation resource
 - Boral's Tasmanian forestry assets
 - North Forest Products
 - Auspine
- Gunns' current plantation estate will produce over 4 million gmt of resource annually on maturity
- Current restructure of the hardwood plantation sector in Australia provides further opportunities
 - Plantations approaching maturity and capable of producing a sustainable supply of more than 4 million gmt annually
- Progression of the Bell Bay Mill would provide opportunity to add value to the plantation resource
 - Gunns intends that the Bell Bay Mill become 100% plantation based
- Acquisition of mainland based plantations provides the potential to further increase mill plantation input

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- Gunns has continued to progress plans for the Bell Bay Mill
- The project seeks to leverage value from Gunns' significant sustainable fibre resources, which would be directed to the mill rather than exported
- Strong environmental footprint with no increases in forest harvesting and no conversion of native forest to plantation
- Federal and State environmental approvals have been obtained, subject to conditions (including the preparation and approval of environmental management plans)
- Gunns has made progress in financing the project despite extremely challenging financial markets
 - Interest in equity participation from experienced industry player
 - Discussions ongoing with project debt financiers
 - Improving credit markets expected to assist in completing project financing
- Successful financing of Bell Bay Mill is contingent upon credit market stabilisation and securing commitment from debt financiers and joint venture partner

- Global financial crisis and challenging industry conditions have significantly affected some MIS operators
- Significant opportunities now exist to participate in industry rationalisation to achieve further scale
- Gunns is well positioned to leverage its forestry management expertise
 - Actively working on proposals to play a role in the ongoing operations of forestry assets presently managed by Timbercorp and Great Southern Plantations
- Gunns' primary objective is to manage assets and woodflow, rather than deploy significant capital to acquire land or other capital assets
 - Gunns is exploring a number of avenues to achieve this, including working with other parties to advance proposals

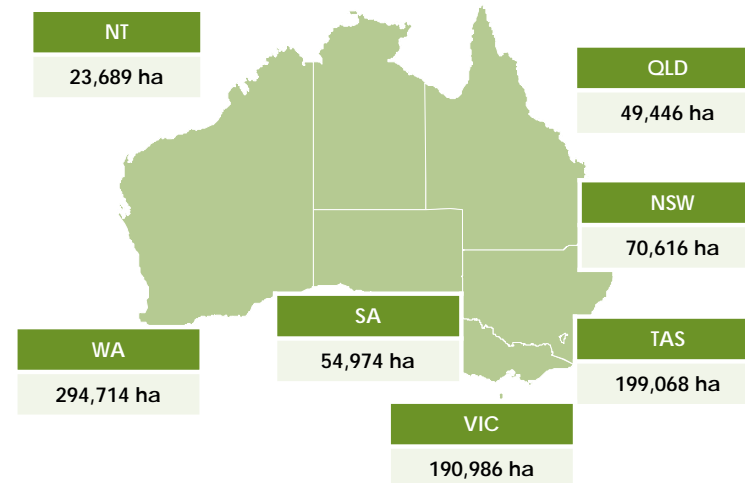
Plantation sector opportunities

– sector overview

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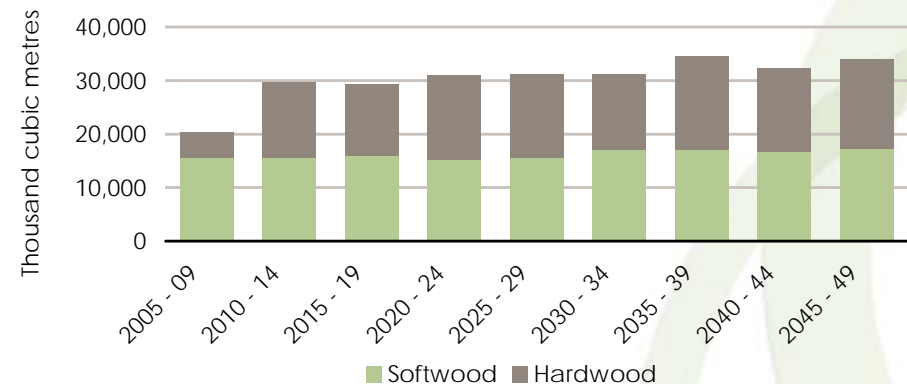
- Growth in Australian plantation timber industry
 - Sustainable
 - Uniform quality
 - Shorter rotation
- Australia is well placed to supply the Japanese / Asia Pacific market
 - Major global market for export woodchips
 - Geographical proximity
- Competing sources of supply higher transport cost to market (South Africa, South America)

Australian hardwood plantation resource by state⁽¹⁾



Source: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 (1) Hectares as at 2007. Includes pulpwood and non-pulpwood plantations.

Australian forecast plantation log supply



Source: Australian Plantation Log Supply 2005 – 2049, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Plantation sector opportunities

– Port of Portland



- Granted exclusive status to complete a hardwood chip export facility in Port of Portland
 - Will provide an exit port for the existing plantations available in the region (in excess of 180,000 hectares)
 - Targeted for completion in mid 2010
 - Capital expenditure expected to be ~\$20 million
- Gunns to relocate its existing softwood to site adjacent to hardwood export facility by 2014
 - Prior to that date Gunns has the ability to operate 3 facilities in parallel
 - New hardwood facility, new softwood facility to be constructed (which can be used to process hardwood) and existing softwood facility
- Enhances Gunns' ability to participate across the Eucalyptus value chain in the Green Triangle

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Acquisition of ITC Hardwood

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Acquisition of ITC Hardwood for an enterprise value of \$100 million

Transaction to be financed via a \$145 million capital raising, with additional proceeds to be used to provide capacity to fund other potential acquisitions in the plantation sector or reduce debt



Compelling strategic fit

- Complementary hardwood operations
- Significant scale and distribution footprint throughout Australia and Southeast Asia, including China
- Ability to optimise manufacturing operations and eliminate overlap



Significant value creation from potential synergies

- Operational consolidation and rationalisation of product mix
- Expected to reduce inventory across combined business by in excess of \$30 million over 18 months (targeting 11 months average inventory)
- Limited integration costs of ~\$4 million
- Synergies expected to be achieved by end of year one



Significant value for shareholders

- Enterprise value of \$100 million, which includes \$72 million of inventory
- Expected to contribute ~\$20 million annualised EBIT (pre-integration costs and including assumed ~\$18 million of synergies)
- Implied EV/EBIT multiple of 5.0x (post annualised synergies)



Improved financial profile

- Acquisition to be completed free of interest bearing debt and 100% equity financed

Overview of ITC Hardwood

- ITC Hardwood generated approximately \$65 million of revenue in FY2009 through the sale of approximately 65,000 m³ of sawn timber
- Acquisition will provide Gunns access to ~250,000m³ of green hardwood sawlogs per annum
- Acquisition also includes two manufacturing locations located in Victoria, two in Tasmania, and a sales base throughout Australia and targeted export locations
- Smartfibre joint venture business (with FEA) which exports hardwood chips

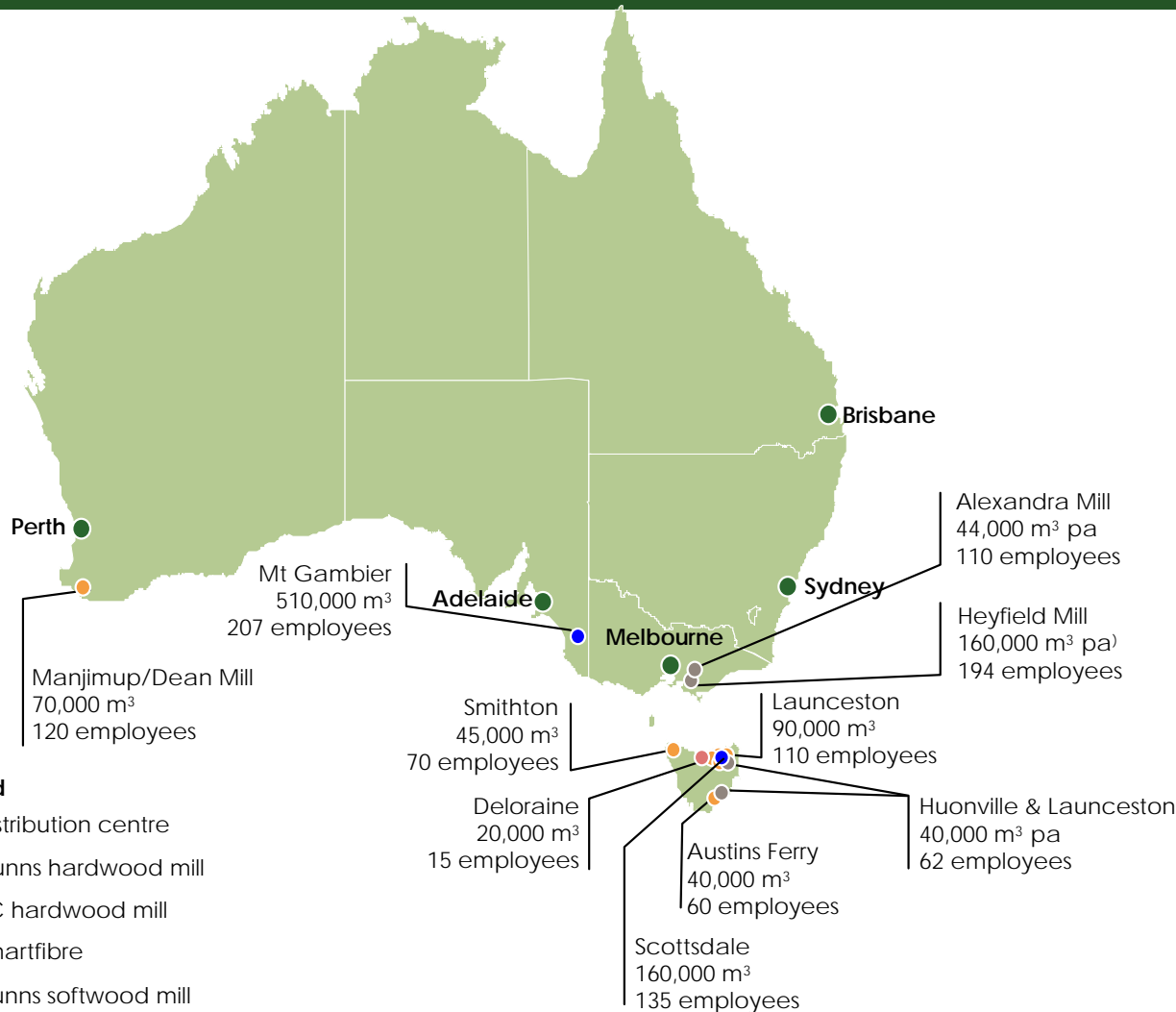


Source: Elders management.

Snapshot of Gunns Timber Products business

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Merged Gunns/ITC Timber Products



Key Highlights

- Aggregate revenue of ~\$320 million
- Significant presence in Tasmania and Victoria, which are the main supply zones for high quality, light coloured saw logs
- Major Jarrah sawmiller in Australia

Source: Gunns, Elders management
 Note: Capacity shown as log in

Significant synergy creation potential

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| | Description | Estimated synergy benefits | Key risks to realisation |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Reduction in overheads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gunns' experience in integrating Auspine indicates material potential overhead reduction ■ Gunns' existing service and distribution platforms are positioned to integrate ITC Hardwood | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ~\$7 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overhead of combined group may not be sufficient to support combined operations |
| Consolidation of operations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maximise operational efficiency across combined business by consolidating operations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ~\$5 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Removes surplus capacity ■ Increased reliance on fewer facilities ■ Potential supply chain impacts |
| Rationalisation of product mix | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Optimisation of sawn sizes across the combined operations ■ Improves volume and grade recoveries and reduces operating costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ~\$6 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Volume or grade recoveries below expectation |
| Inventory reduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Combined business target reduction in inventories of \$30 million over 18 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Demand fluctuations ■ Selling price changes |

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| Income statement (30 June 2009) | \$ million |
|---|------------|
| Revenue | 63.3 |
| Gross margin | 16.0 |
| Selling & admin | 14.3 |
| EBIT | 1.7 |
| Government grants and special non operating | 1.1 |
| Reported EBIT | 2.8 |
| Depreciation | 4.5 |
| EBITDA | 6.2 |

Source: Elders management (unaudited).

| Transaction balance sheet (31 July 2009) | \$ million |
|--|------------|
| Debtors | 7.2 |
| Inventory | 72.0 |
| PP&E | 33.7 |
| Log licenses | 9.7 |
| Total assets (ex. goodwill) | 119.7 |
| Payables | (6.8) |
| Net assets (ex. goodwill) | 105.2 |

Source: Elders management (unaudited).

- Enhanced scale of business provides opportunity for consolidation and economies which neither business could achieve alone
- Synergies estimated at ~\$18 million per annum with delivery expected by end of year one
- Total implementation costs of ~\$4million
- Significant excess inventory of ~\$30million across combined business
- Orderly rationalisation of inventory over ~18 months period expected to be realised

Key acquisition terms

- Acquisition of 100% of the issued capital in ITC Timber Pty Ltd which owns the sawmilling assets and 50% of the Smartfibre joint venture
- Acquired free of interest bearing debt for total consideration of A\$96.2 million (subject to working capital adjustment at closing relating to period between 31 July 2009 and completion)
 - Assumption of \$3.8 million of financial leases implies an enterprise value of A\$100 million
- Conditions to closing
 - ACCC informal clearance
 - VicFORESTS consent
- Due diligence relied primarily on Gunns' knowledge through operating complementary assets
 - Accordingly, Gunns has negotiated indemnifications and warranties including in relation to tax, environmental, property and legal issues, supported by a parent company guarantee from Elders Limited

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Gunns' capital raising

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Overview of capital raising

- 1 for 4 accelerated non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer (Entitlement Offer)
- Offer price of \$0.90 per new Share (New Share), representing a 16.7% discount to Theoretical Ex-Rights Price of \$1.08^{1,2}
 - Institutional Entitlement Offer of \$123 million³
 - Retail Entitlement Offer of up to \$22 million³
- Purpose of capital raising is to fund the acquisition of ITC Hardwood, with additional proceeds to be used to provide capacity to fund other potential acquisitions in the plantation sector or reduce debt
- Fully underwritten by Credit Suisse (Australia) Limited

Sources and uses of funds

| Sources | \$ million |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Institutional Entitlement Offer | 123 |
| Retail Entitlement Offer | 22 |
| | |
| Total | 145 |

| Uses | \$ million |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Acquisition of ITC Hardwood | 96 |
| Cash at bank | 39 |
| Offer costs | 5 |
| Total | 145 |

1. Based on a closing share price of \$1.145 on Thursday 27 August 2009, adjusted for the 2 cps dividend

2. New Shares issued under the Entitlement Offer will not be entitled to the final FY2009 dividend of 2 cents per share (payable in October 2009)

3. Assumes register split of 85% institutional / 15% retail

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| Event | Date |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Institutional Entitlement Offer (open) | Monday 31 August 2009 |
| Institutional Entitlement Offer (close) | Tuesday 1 September 2009 (midday) |
| Shares recommence trading on ASX | Wednesday 2 September 2009 |
| Record date for Entitlement Offer | Thursday 3 September 2009 (7:00pm) |
| Retail Entitlement Offer opens | Monday 7 September 2009 |
| Settlement of Institutional Entitlement Offer | Monday 7 September 2009 |
| Normal trading of New Shares issued under the Institutional Entitlement Offer expected to commence on ASX | Tuesday 8 September 2009 |
| Retail Entitlement Offer closes – last date for receipt of applications | Friday 25 September 2009 |
| Settlement under the Retail Entitlement Offer | Tuesday 6 October 2009 |
| Normal trading of New Shares issued under the Retail Entitlement Offer expected to commence on ASX | Thursday 8 October 2009 |

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General risks

General risk factors that may impact adversely on Gunns, its performance and share price, include:

- economic conditions in Australia and globally;
- changes in Australian fiscal, monetary and regulatory policies;
- local and international stock market conditions;
- a range of operational risks; and
- major world events.

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Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Operational Risks

Timber supply

Gunns' core operations rely on its ability to source timber. Gunns relies on supply contracts with other timber owners for a significant proportion of its raw materials. If a supply contract could not be renewed (or could only be renewed on less favourable terms), or there was a lack of supply, operations could be adversely affected. Timber suppliers are also affected by environmental considerations, and there is a risk that supplies of timber may become more restricted in the future.

Timber demand and pricing

Gunns generates a significant proportion of its revenue from the sale of timber and timber products. Fluctuations in timber pricing are a risk factor applying to a substantial portion of Gunns' business, but most notably in softwood structural products. Weaker market conditions in Australia, particularly in the building and construction industry, could impact the demand for timber and timber products produced by Gunns. Excess supply in Australia (for example arising from increased domestic production or from imports) could also place downward pressure on prices and may adversely affect profit margins.

Valuation of standing timber also depends on movements in timber prices. Any significant change in prices can have a major impact on the financial statements through the valuation of standing timber.

Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Operational Risks (cont'd)

Acquisition risks

There is a risk that the acquisition may not complete due to a failure to satisfy conditions precedent including ACCC informal clearance. In such a case, Gunns would use the proceeds to provide capacity to fund other potential acquisitions in the plantation sector or repay debt.

There is a risk that Gunns may not be able to extract (or may take longer to extract) the expected synergy benefits from the acquisition of ITC's hardwood business and this may materially affect the expected performance of the hardwood processing business. Some of the specific risks associated with realising these synergy benefits are set out on slide 21.

In addition Gunns will become liable for the history of the acquired entity. While Gunns has negotiated warranties with ITC Timber Pty Limited in respect of key risk factors including tax, environmental, property and legal issues (supported by a parent company guarantee from Elders Limited), there remains a risk that potential claims fall outside the scope of those warranties or that ITC Timber Pty Limited (or Elders Limited under the parent guarantee) is unable or unwilling to pay claims under those warranties.

Gunns is also pursuing a number of other opportunities, and there is a risk that the integration of potential future acquisitions is delayed or protracted and that an acquisition does not deliver the benefits expected at the time of acquisition. There is also a risk that Gunns is unable to complete one or more potential future acquisitions on terms acceptable to Gunns.

Export demand

A significant proportion of Gunns' forest product revenues are generated from export sales. Whilst Gunns exports to a number of different countries, export sales are predominantly to Japan. Gunns is exposed to variations in export volumes and export prices. Demand for woodchips in Japan declined materially in the second half of the 2009 financial year. Variations in volumes and pricing could be caused by changes in the Japanese pulp and paper industry, increased supply, increased costs for importers, changes in government policy toward supplying pulpwood, exchange rate movements and pulp prices. In addition, customers in markets for timber products have an increasing preference for environmental certification of products. Whilst Gunns' forest products are accredited under the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) standard, there is a risk that customers may subsequently require alternative certification systems.

The pulp and paper industry in Japan has relatively high domestic pricing for paper and paper products supported by market trading practices. If the structure of the industry were to change, prices may be impacted which could adversely affect Gunns' earnings. Additionally, because its export customer base is concentrated, Gunns could sustain adverse financial consequences if key contracts are terminated or not renewed.

Gunns' top five hardwood export customers account for the majority the Gunns' total hardwood fibre output. While Gunns has had relationships with the majority of these customers for over 35 years, there can be no assurance that these contracts will continue to be renewed in the future, or in the event such contracts are renewed, that the terms of such contracts will be favourable

Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Operational Risks (cont'd)

Sustainability of growth and margins

The sustainability of growth and the level of profit margins from operations are dependent on many factors outside of Gunns' control. Margins in all the markets in which Gunns operates are likely to be subject to continuing but varying margin pressures. However, Gunns' business strategies and its diversification across its divisions helps to minimise the impact of short-term margin pressures in any individual division or market. Some of Gunns' divisions are involved in cyclical markets, for example the housing sector. In a cyclical downturn there is a risk that Gunns' revenue and the level of profit margins may be adversely affected. There is also a risk that downturns in the sectors in which Gunns operates are positively correlated.

Harvesting and freight, systems, and supply chain management

Harvesting and freight costs form a significant part of Gunns' cost base. Significant movements in these costs (including as a result of fuel price changes) may have a material effect on Gunns' business, financial position and financial performance, by affecting margins (if increases cannot be passed on to customers) or sale volumes (if higher prices lead to decreased demand). Fuel prices are susceptible to various factors, including international, political and economic circumstances. Gunns cannot control fuel prices or external events that affect fuel prices.

Further, Gunns is dependent on its supply chain management to maximise efficiencies in the use of facilities and resources. Deficiencies in this system could lead to delays and cost overruns. In some instances, Gunns is dependent on third parties to provide supply chain services and these services may not be performed to an appropriate standard (without Gunns being able to fully recover all losses arising from those service deficiencies). Gunns has made significant investments in information management systems designed to assist Gunns in managing inventory levels and distribution, and monitoring and communicating with individual suppliers and customers. While Gunns will make every effort to ensure that these systems are maintained and improved to meet the needs of the market, system failures may negatively impact on Gunns' performance and its earnings.

Sustainability of growth and margins

The operations of the MIS business also include the provision of finance to growers to facilitate investment. There is a risk that the ability to securitise or sell these loans will not always be available. Furthermore, whilst these loans are secured over the growers' interest in the MIS, this security may only be realised, subject to the development of a secondary market, in line with the harvesting cycle (which is also subject to agricultural risk).

Environmental

Gunns operates in industries that are subject to strict environmental regulation and scrutiny. If Gunns fails to comply with environmental regulations, the Company could face, amongst other things, fines, suspension to its operations, or closure of sites, which could materially impact on Gunns' financial performance. Any changes to environmental regulations could also adversely impact Gunns' business.

Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Operational Risks (cont'd)

Pulp Mill risk

Gunns has developed plans to build a bleached kraft pulp mill to be located in the Bell Bay Industrial Zone in northern Tasmania, adjacent to Gunns' existing wood fibre operations. Gunns expects that financial benefits will be available from this proposal to add value to its wood resources. However, the development is subject to a range of factors and there is no assurance that it will proceed. To date, Gunns has not secured adequate funding to proceed with the Mill Project. A decision not to proceed with the Mill Project will mean Gunns is unable to realize any benefits associated with the Project and may negatively impact the price at which Gunns Shares trade.

If the Mill does proceed, there are a number of risks associated with it. These include the risk that the construction costs of the Mill are higher than expected and that the current timetable is further delayed. Factors that could contribute to this include: delays in gaining access to land; the potential for gaps in the numerous contracts for equipment, construction or installation or problems in interfacing between contractors; variation in the prices payable under some contracts which can vary in response to various factors; and Government policy and sovereign risk. There is also a risk that the financial returns from operating the Mill are less than expected, which could be due to a number of factors including demand and pricing for pulp, prices paid to Gunns for wood fibre (which are primarily based on changes in pulp prices and may be greater or less than the market price for wood fibre) and currency fluctuations; as well as production and efficiency issues associated with operating the Mill.

The construction and operation of the project is regulated by environmental approvals under Commonwealth and State legislation. In addition to the risk associated with the Judicial Review Application (referred to in the context of litigation risks on slide 33), these approvals also carry operational compliance risk.

If any of the above risks have a material impact on the construction, timing or operation of the Mill, there is a risk that the funding structure put in place for the Mill may not be sufficient and additional funding may be required.

Competition

Increased competition could result in price reductions, under-utilisation of employees, reduced operating margins and loss of market share. Any of these occurrences could adversely affect Gunns' business, operating performance and financial position. There can be no assurance that the level of competition in the markets in which Gunns operates will not change adversely in the future.

Industrial relations

Many of Gunns' employees are covered by workplace agreements, including enterprise bargaining agreements, which periodically require renegotiation. Disputes may arise in the course of such renegotiations which may lead to work stoppages or other forms of industrial action that could disrupt Gunns' operations. Furthermore, any such renegotiation could result in increased labour costs. If any of these events occur, it may adversely impact Gunns' financial performance.

Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Operational Risks (cont'd)

Litigation

Litigation risks to Gunns include, but are not limited to, claims from growers, investors, employees or owners of land which Gunns leases, environmental claims and legal actions from special interest groups or from regulators such as the ACCC. In particular, occupational health and safety risks can arise in workplaces such as sawmills. Gunns has in place procedures and policies to limit the risk of litigation against Gunns. Other than an application for judicial review of the Commonwealth Minister for Environment's decision to approve the Mill Project by lawyers for Forests Inc, which was unsuccessful in the Federal Court and currently awaiting a decision of the Full Federal Court, at the time of this presentation, there is no known, actual or threatened material litigation.

Reliance on key personnel

Gunns runs a relatively lean senior management team. Whilst Gunns makes every effort to retain key employees and recruit new personnel as the need arises, loss of key personnel may adversely affect Gunns' earnings or growth prospects.

Financing risks

Gunns has a range of financing facilities, which expire at different times (see slide 10). Recently, developments in global financial markets have materially affected the availability of debt finance. It is possible that, as Gunns' facilities expire, it may be difficult to replace them with appropriate facilities or that such facilities may be on less favourable terms. This may affect Gunns' ability to fund its operations, finance new initiatives or respond to competitive pressures. This may adversely affect Gunns' financial performance and position. In addition, a material decline in earnings, material increase in interest costs or in gross debt levels could impact Gunns ability to remain within the covenants in its banking facilities, which have been disclosed on slide 10. In such a case, Gunns may be obliged to repay its debt facilities and may not be able to find replacement sources of debt to refinance or may only be able to do so on less favourable terms and/or for a lesser amount.

Other operational risks

Gunns is subject to general commercial and operational risks including industrial disruption, the loss of major clients, loss of major suppliers, competition and other causes of business interruption. General agricultural risks of fire, flood, disease, pests and extreme weather conditions, resulting in a failure to reach expected timber yields and adverse price movements in timber prices and harvesting costs, could also impact the performance of Gunns. In most cases, these risks cannot be insured against and even where they are, there is no guarantee that insurance claims will be able to be made in one particular circumstance and/or that available insurance proceeds will cover every aspect of loss or damage.

Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Regulatory Risks

Legal requirements and regulatory changes

If there is a change in the regulatory regimes governing Gunns' business, this may impact adversely on the performance of its business. Specific areas of Gunns' operations such as forestry operations, bark disposal, fuel storage, chemical containment, noise and water discharge may need to be reviewed over time. For example, more stringent conservation laws could limit the amount of native hardwood which is available for Gunns to procure or may increase business costs in accessing, harvesting, transporting or processing wood. Furthermore, a failure to comply with legal and regulatory requirements may have a material adverse effect on Gunns and its reputation with customers and regulators in the market or could involve significant costs (for example costs incurred in remediating any environmental contamination).

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill was rejected by the Senate in August 2009, but the Government has indicated that a revised Bill will be introduced to Parliament later in 2009. If the revised Bill is passed by Parliament in a similar format to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill defeated in August 2009, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is likely to create an emissions liability for Gunns' business, requiring Gunns to surrender emissions permit equal to its carbon-dioxide-equivalent emissions each year.

The expanded Renewable Energy Target will commence on 1 January 2010. There is no change to renewable energy sources such as biomass and wood waste which qualify for the creation of Renewable Energy Certificates. Assistance for emissions-intensive trade-exposed industries will be contained in regulations which have not yet been released.

Government policy and sovereign risk

Changes to government policies could adversely affect Gunns' business and/or profitability. For example, the plantation timber industry currently enjoys a high level of government support. Such support is evident in 'Plantations for Australia: the 2020 vision'. The 2020 vision is a shared Commonwealth and State Government initiative to substantially increase Australia's plantation resources, with the aim of trebling the area of commercial tree crops from the 1977 level of one million ha to three million ha by 2020.

Additionally, although the prospect remains unlikely, there is sovereign risk that the long term supply contracts that Gunns has with government authorities for native regrown forest will be terminated or renegotiated on terms unfavourable to Gunns, or that changes in government policy may impede the operation of these contracts.

Risks associated with an investment in Gunns

Market Risks

Foreign exchange risk

The majority of Gunns' export sales are denominated in Australian dollars meaning that there is minimal direct impact from exchange rate fluctuations on the value of Gunns' export revenues. However, even where Gunns' export revenues are denominated in Australian dollars, a strong Australian dollar may make Gunns' products less competitive than alternative US dollar products, which – in the absence of continued strong global demand supporting prices – may result in downward pressure on volumes or prices, negatively impacting Gunns' revenues and/or margins.

Gunns is also exposed to exchange rate fluctuations on the Australian dollar value of foreign currency denominated purchases in relation to the Mill Project. Gunns manages its foreign currency exposures using hedging instruments in accordance with its risk management policies. However, there can be no assurance that Gunns will successfully manage its exposure to exchange rate fluctuations and that exchange rate fluctuations will not have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position or financial performance of Gunns.

Changes in interest rates

The financial performance of Gunns is affected by fluctuations in interest rates. Gunns manages its interest rate risk by using interest rate swaps and options. There can be no assurance that Gunns will successfully manage its interest rate risk or that changes in interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position or financial performance of Gunns.

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