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Dear Sir,

The following slides formed part of the presentations made by the Chairman, Mr. Chris Harris, and the Managing Director, Mr. Rob Patterson, to shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting held today.

Yours faithfully ARGO INVESTMENTS LIMITED



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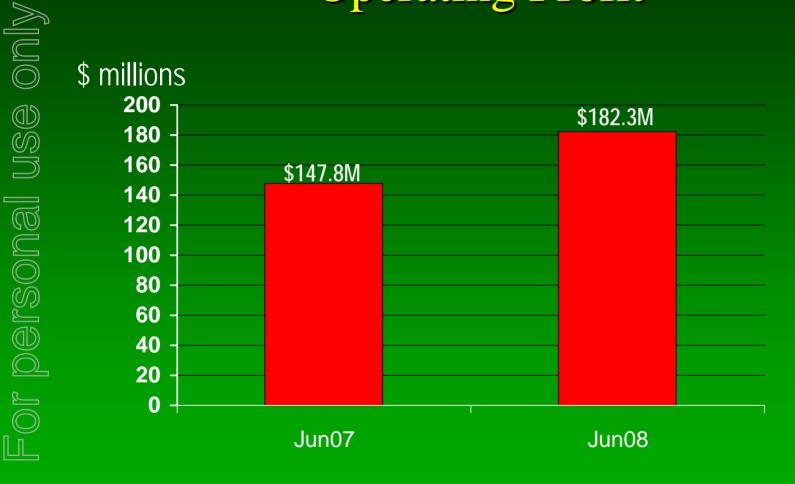
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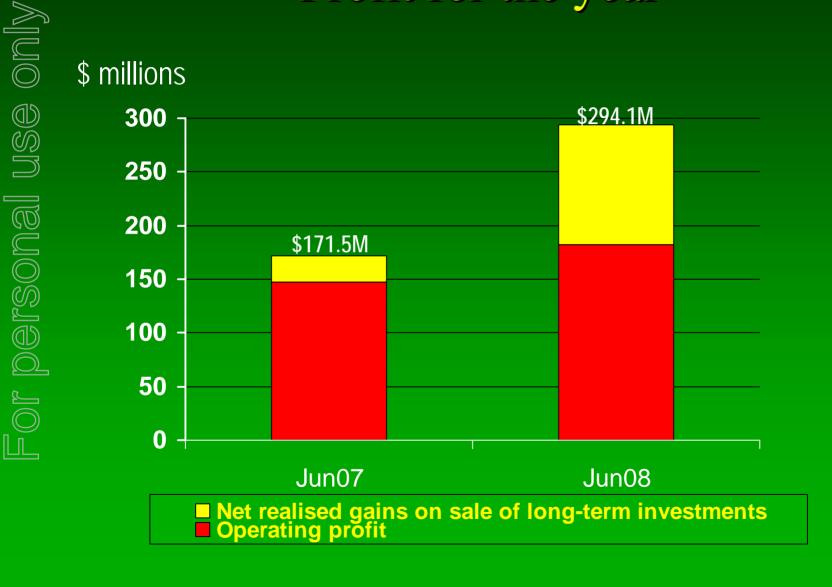


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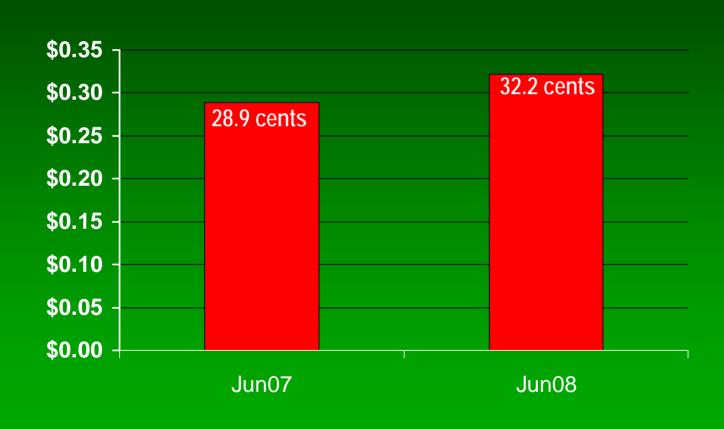
#### **Operating Profit**



#### Profit for the year



#### Operating Earnings Per Share



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#### Net Tangible Assets Per Share

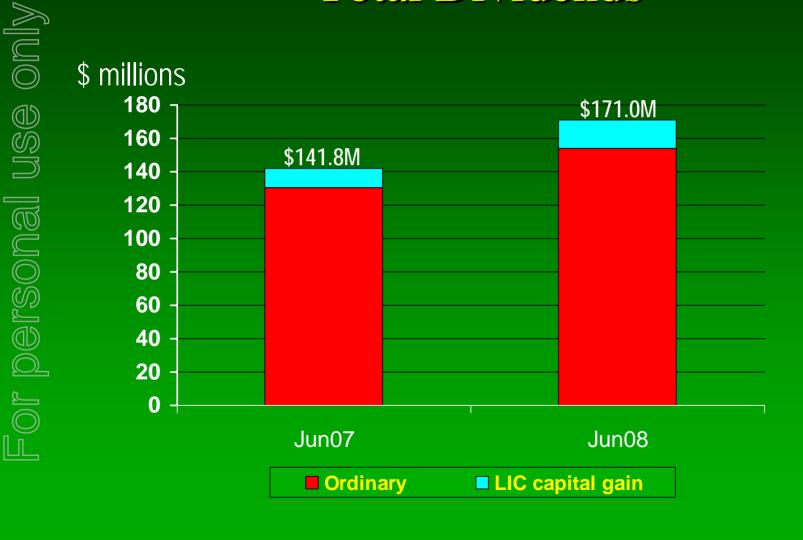


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#### Dividends Per Share



#### **Total Dividends**



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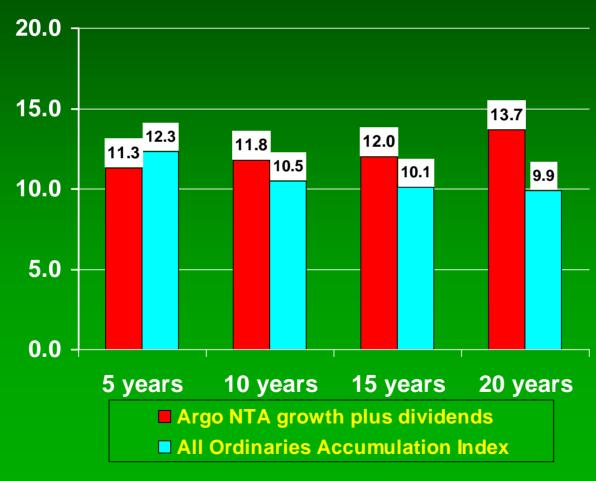
"Argo's objective is to maximise long-term secure returns to shareholders through a balance of capital and dividend growth from a diversified Australian investment portfolio"

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#### **Argo Investments Limited**

## Total Portfolio Return Compound Growth to 30 September 2008

% per annum



## Total Shareholder Return Compound Growth to 30 September 2008

% per annum



Source: Goldman Sachs JBWere

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#### Capital Management

- DRP September 2007, March 2008 raised \$33.4m
- SPP October 2007, April 2008 raised \$58.6m
- Private investment company acquisition with assets of \$62m
- Contributed equity up from \$1,725.2m to \$1,865.1m
- Issued shares 30 June 2008 571.4m

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- DRP September 2008 raised \$18.3m
- SPP September 2008 raised \$33.8m



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#### Major Investment Purchases Year to 30 June 2008

	<u>\$M</u>
QBE Insurance	29.8
Westpac	21.6
Fairfax Media	20.3
BHP Billiton	18.9
Westfield	17.6

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## Larger New Investments

	Year to 30 June 2008	
		<u>\$M</u>
##	Premier Investments	9.6
	Queensland Gas Company	5.4
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#### Investment Purchases Since 1 July 2008

- Total about \$80 million
- Larger purchases
  - Orica
  - Commonwealth Bank
  - Rio Tinto
  - Alumina

## Takeovers Year to 30 June 2008

Adelaide Bank Dyno Nobel

Alinta Macquarie Private Capital

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Coles Southern Cross Broadcasting

**Consolidated Minerals** Symbion Health

## Investment Redemption & Sales Year to 30 June 2008

**Futuris Corporation conv. notes** 

**A.B.C Learning** 

**Allco Finance** 

**Centro Properties** 

Pending Merger

St. George Bank & Westpac

## Principal Equity Investments as at 30 September 2008

	<u>\$M</u>		<u>\$M</u>
BHP Billiton	215.1	ANZ	89.0
Milton Corporation	140.3	Origin Energy	86.2
Macquarie Group	139.9	Commonwealth Bank	79.2
Telstra	128.8	St George Bank	74.9
Aust. United Invest.	122.7	QBE Insurance	70.0
Rio Tinto	119.5	Woodside Petroleum	65.4
Wesfarmers	108.3	Westfield	59.2
Nat. Aust. Bank	105.7	Santos	50.6
Woolworths	104.4	AMP	47.7
Westpac	103.5	Foster's	41.1

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#### **Executive Team**

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  Rob Pa **Rob Patterson, Managing Director** 
  - **Chris Hall, Associate Director Investment & Business Development**
  - **Brenton Aird, Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary**
  - **Roly Michelmore, Investment Analyst**
  - **Andrew Hill, Assistant Chief Financial Officer**
  - Tim Binks, Assistant Company Secretary (joined Sept 2007)

#### **Sydney Office**

- Jason Beddow, Associate Director Chief Investment Officer
- **Brydie Lloyd, Investment Analyst**
- Martin Kleindyk, Investment Analyst (joined Jan 2008)



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