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Australian Securities Exchange

Attention: Companies Department

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Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached company presentation (including four month Trading Update to 31 May 2020) and additional comments to be given by the Managing Director at the Finance Network News CEO Showcase on 2 June 2020, for immediate release to the market.

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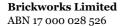
Yours faithfully

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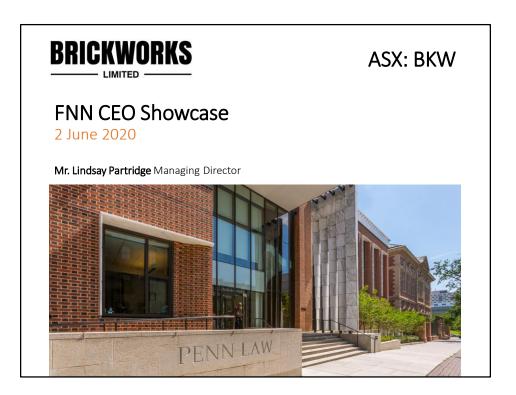
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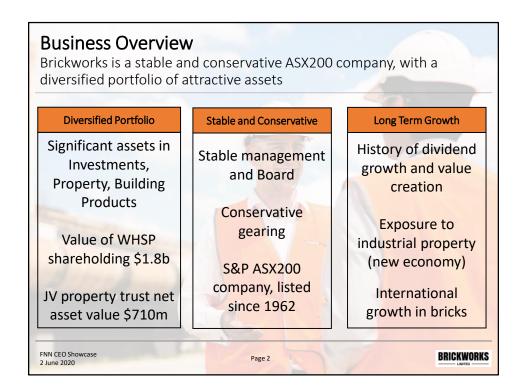




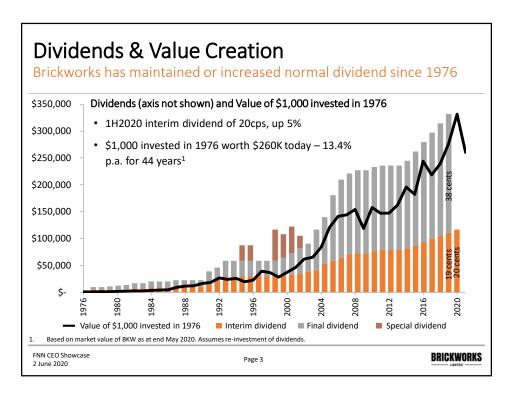




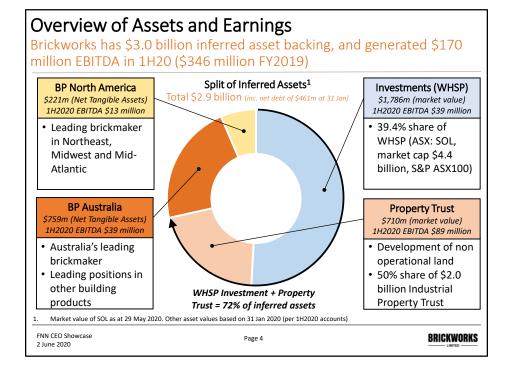
- Good morning.
- My name is Lindsay Partridge, CEO of Brickworks Limited.
- It is a pleasure to present to you today, and I thank you for attending and taking an interest in Brickworks Limited.
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- Brickworks can trace it's history back to 1908 when Austral Bricks was incorporated at St Peters in Sydney.
- In 1934, Austral Bricks was among a group of 26 brickmakers who formed Brickworks Limited.
- In 1962 the company was listed on the Australian stock exchange.
- Today, Brickworks' offers investors:
  - A diversified portfolio of attractive businesses, each underpinned by significant asset value;
  - Stable and conservative management, with a low gearing level and a prudent approach to capital management; and
  - Attractive long term growth prospects, including international expansion in bricks and exposure to the new economy through our industrial property portfolio.
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- Our diversified portfolio and conservative balance sheet provides us with the resilience to overcome short term challenges.
- Our Board recently declared an increased interim dividend of 20 cents per share.
- Brickworks dividend is underpinned by the increasing rental income from the Property Trust and the reliable dividends from WHSP.
- Brickworks is one of only 8 companies to maintain or increase dividends every year since the turn of the century.
- Our record of maintaining or increasing dividends, dates back 44 years to 1976.
  - Brickworks has delivered shareholder returns of 13% per annum over 44 years, incorporating dividends and share price appreciation.
- This means that \$1,000 invested in Brickworks in 1976 would be worth around \$260,000 today, even after the recent decline.
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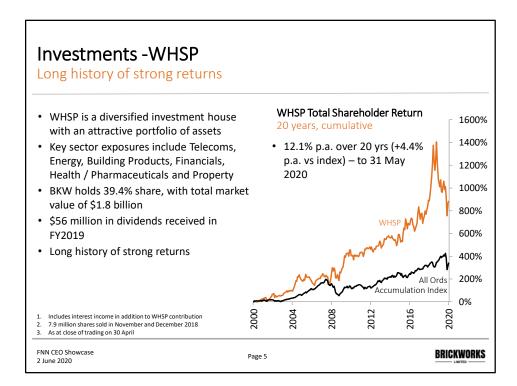
Total inferred net assets are \$3.0 billion, after including net debt. This provides significant support for our current market capitalization of \$2.3 billion.

Our investment in WHSP and the Property Trust make up 72% of assets.

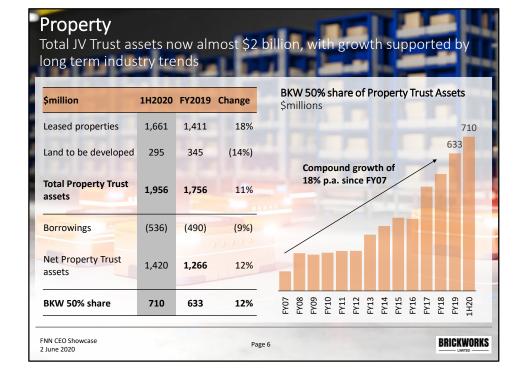
Investments consists primarily of a 39.4% interest in Washington H. Soul Pattinson, an ASX100 company with a current market capitalisation of around \$4.6 billion. Therefore the market value of Brickworks stake is \$1.8 billion.

Property includes a 50% share in a JV industrial property trust with the Goodman Group, with Brickworks share of net tangible assets being \$710 million at the end of the first half.

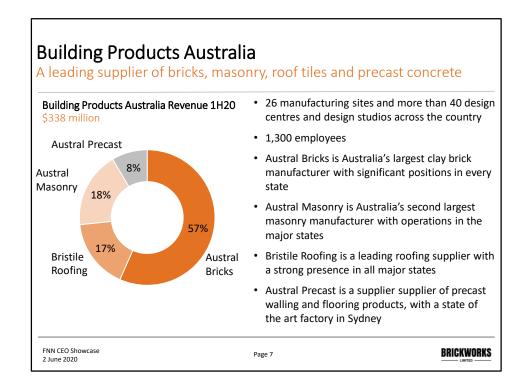
- Building Products Australia has net tangible assets of \$759 million.
- Net tangible assets in Building Products North America are around \$260 million, up from \$221 million at the end of the half.
- The Group delivering total underlying EBITDA of \$170 million for the half.
   This compares to our most recent full year underlying EBITDA of \$346 million in FY2019.
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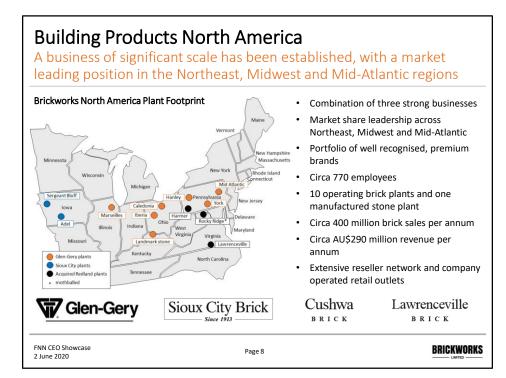
- As well as a 44% stake in Brickworks, these investments include significant interests in TPG Telecom, New Hope Coal, a diversified financial services portfolio and healthcare and pharmaceuticals.
- Investments delivered \$39 million EBITDA in 1H2020 and \$104 million in FY2019.
- Like Brickworks, WHSP has a long history of consistent and growing dividends.
- Cash dividends of \$56 million were received by Brickworks in FY2019.
- The current market value of Brickworks shareholding in WHSP is \$1.8
   billion.
- WHSP has delivered annualised total returns of 12.1% per annum for the past 20 years, to the end of May 2020. This represents outperformance of 4.4% per annum versus the ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index.
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- Brickworks generates property earnings through sales of surplus building products land, and through it's 50% owned industrial property trust.
- Property generated EBITDA of \$89 million in the first half of 2020 and \$158 million in financial year 2019.
- At the end of January, the total value of assets held within the Property Trust was almost \$2 billion. After including borrowings, Brickworks' 50% share of net asset value was \$710 million as at 31 January 2020.
- Since the Trusts' inception in 2008, Brickworks net asset value has increased at 18% per annum, generating significant value for shareholders.
- The total return on the leased property assets for the first half was 17%, comprising a rental return of 6% and revaluation return of 11%.
- The strong demand for our industrial land reflects structural changes across the industry.
- Development land held within the Trust will support continued development and further growth for many years to come.
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- Building Products Australia has around 1,300 employees and is a leading manufacturer and distributor of building products across all states.
- Since 2000, it has grown from a two state brick manufacturer, in New South Wales and Queensland, to a diversified national building products business.
- It now comprises 26 manufacturing sites and more than 40 design centres and design studios across the country.
- The portfolio includes:
  - Austral Bricks, Australia's largest clay brick manufacturer with significant market positions in every state.
  - Austral Masonry, Australia's second largest masonry manufacturer.
  - Bristile Roofing, a leading roofing supplier with a strong presence in all major states; and
  - Austral Precast, a supplier of precast walling and flooring products.
- We have recently completed the construction of the Southern Cross Cement import terminal in Brisbane, a joint venture of which Brickworks own 33%.
- Building Products Australia generated revenue of \$338 million and EBITDA of \$39 million in the first half of 2020. EBITDA in FY2019 was \$88 million.
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- Having now completed 3 acquisitions in the past 18 months, we have quickly established a business of significant scale in North America
- The EBITDA contribution in the first half was \$13 million, and this
  excludes the latest bolt on acquisition of Redland Brick which was
  completed after the end of the period.
- These acquisitions followed a thorough strategic review, which identified the North American brick industry as a highly attractive long-term growth opportunity for Brickworks.
- Building Products North America now has:
  - Leadership in key states across the Northeast, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions;
  - A portfolio of well recognised, premium brands;
  - 770 employees, following plant consolidation activities;
  - 10 operating brick plants and one manufactured stone plant;
  - Annualised sales of approximately 400 million bricks and AU\$290 million revenue; and
  - An extensive reseller network and company operated retail outlets.
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## **COVID-19: Actions & Expectations**

Brickworks has taken significant action in response to the impact of COVID-19

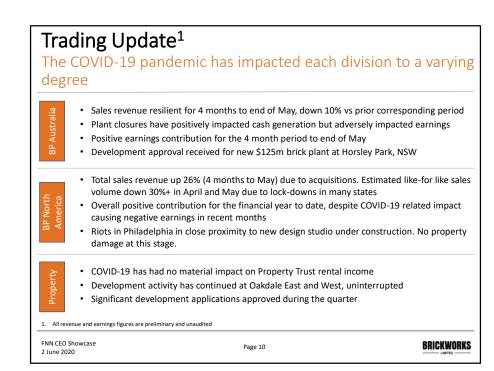
- · Reduced production to control stock levels across all Building Products operations
- · Acceleration of plant rationalisation plans in the United States
  - Bigler plant closed, York plant converted to one kiln (handmade only)
- Over 200 staff redundancies since the start of the year (includes plant rationalisation activities in the US)
  - Circa 10% of workforce, annualised cost savings of around \$20 million
- · All non-critical capital expenditure has been deferred indefinitely
- Acceleration of various initiatives across the Group:
  - Digital sales and marketing
  - New product development and revamp of product lines
  - Online training and development programs
- Medium term outlook for building activity remains unclear, but governments in Australia and the United States have indicated that construction is integral to the post COVID-19 economic recovery
- · An acceleration of industry trends to online shopping is expected to increase Property Trust demand
- · Whilst the situation remains dynamic and the outlook is uncertain, Brickworks is in a strong position

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- I would like to outline some of the significant actions we have taken in response to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic:
- We have reduced production to control stock levels.
- In the United States we have used this opportunity to accelerate plant rationalisation activities that were already planned.
- Since the start of the year, we have let go over 200 employees. These redundancies represent around 10% of our workforce, and an annualised reduction in our cost base of around \$20 million.
- We have delayed all non-contracted capital spend indefinitely.
- During the past two months we have accelerated various initiatives across the Group, including digital sales and marketing efforts, new product development and online training and development programs.
- We are re-assured by the response of Governments in Australia and the United States – both have indicated that construction is integral to the post COVID-19 recovery.
- we believe that the construction and housing sectors will emerge as one of the stronger and more resilient sectors within the economy.
- We anticipate an acceleration of industry trends to online shopping, and an increase in demand for our industrial Property Trust assets.
- Brickworks diversified portfolio and our robust balance sheet puts us in a strong position to effectively confront the challenges ahead.



In Australia, trading activity has remained relatively resilient, with sales revenue down by 10% for the 4 months to May 2020, compared to the prior corresponding period.

- The plant closures have benefitted our cash generation, but have had an adverse impact on earnings.
  - Building Products Australia has generated a positive EBIT result for the period.
- Last month we received development approval for a new \$125 million face brick plant at Horsley Park in NSW.
  - In the United States overall sales revenue is up 26% compared to the same period last year. This is driven by the acquisitions we have completed over the past 12 months.
- Sales activity in April and May was down over 30% compared to pre Covid-19 levels.
- Whilst the overall contribution from Building Products North America is positive for the financial year to date, the Coronavirus impact has resulted in negative earnings in recent months.
  - The ongoing riots across the US have now emerged as another potential disruption.
  - In Philadelphia our new design studio currently under construction is in close proximity to the riots. There has been no property damage at this stage.
- We don't expect trading conditions to normalise in the United States until civil order is re-established and all pandemic related restrictions are eased.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had no material impact on Property Trust rental income.
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- During the past few months, development activity has continued uninterrupted at Oakdale in western Sydney.
- We expect demand to increase for our prime industrial assets, as a result
  of the acceleration in trends towards online shopping.
- To cater for this increasing demand and provide a pipeline of further development for over 5 years, significant civil works are now underway at Oakdale West.
- Current progress is shown on screen.

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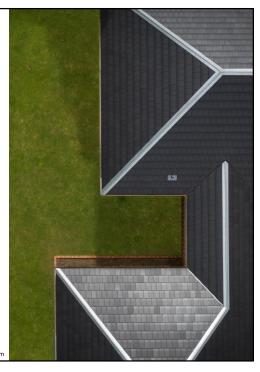
- In recent months we have received development approvals for the construction of two landmark facilities at this estate, both of significant scale.
- We are also pleased to report that the Oakdale East masterplan has been approved, allowing the sale of 10 hectares of surplus land into the Trust for development.
- The \$75 million Austral Masonry plant at this site has commenced construction, with further industrial warehouse facilities to follow.





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