








# 2009 Half Year Results Teleconference

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# Group Performance Highlights

Richard Goyder

Managing Director, Wesfarmers Limited



# Group Performance Highlights

- Significant increases in revenue and earnings
  - Inclusion of full period of Coles, Target, Kmart and Officeworks
- Operating revenue of \$26.4 billion
- Group profit after tax of \$879 million, up 46.3%
  - After inclusion of \$125 million of writedowns and provisions
- Operating cash flow of \$1.8 billion, up 42.6%
- Earnings per share of 106.4 cents, down 16.4%
  - reflecting increased shares on issue
- Interim dividend of 50 cents per share (fully franked)



# Group Performance Summary



Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007*	↕ %
Operating revenue	<b>26,363</b>	9,808	168.8
EBITDA	<b>2,236</b>	1,266	76.6
EBIT	<b>1,759</b>	1,046	68.2
Net profit after tax	<b>879</b>	601	46.3
Operating cash flow	<b>1,770</b>	1,241	42.6
Earnings per share (excl. employee res. shares)	<b>106.4</b>	127.3	(16.4)
Earnings per share (incl. employee res. shares)	<b>105.8</b>	125.7	(15.8)
Cash flow per share (incl. employee res. shares)	<b>219.7</b>	274.9	(20.1)
Dividends per share	<b>50</b>	65	(23.1)

\*Coles, Officeworks, Target, Kmart included for period of 23 Nov to 31 Dec 2007



## Divisional EBIT

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007*	↑↓ %
Home Improvement & Office Supplies	<b>395</b>	332	19.0
Coles	<b>431</b>	130	<i>n.m.</i>
Target	<b>215</b>	118	<i>n.m.</i>
Kmart	<b>75</b>	101	<i>n.m.</i>
Resources	<b>686</b>	112	512.5
Insurance	<b>67</b>	64	4.7
Industrial & Safety	<b>68</b>	61	11.5
Chemicals & Fertilisers	<b>4</b>	48	(91.7)
Energy	<b>30</b>	48	(37.5)
Other^	<b>(138)</b>	72	(291.7)
<b>Divisional EBIT</b>	<b>1,833</b>	1,086	68.8
Corporate overheads	<b>(74)</b>	(40)	(85.0)
<b>Group EBIT</b>	<b>1,759</b>	1,046	68.2

\* Coles, Officeworks, Target, Kmart included for period of 23 Nov to 31 Dec 2007

^Includes \$148m (pre tax) of provisions and write-downs in investments in 2008

n.m. = not meaningful given acquisition date of 23 November 2007



# Provisions and write-downs



Period ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	Comment
Coles	(65)	Coles Property writedown
Kmart	(14)	DC Closure and restructure costs
<b>Non-trading items</b>	<b>(79)</b>	
Self Insurance	(48)	Increase in provisions
Investments	(21)	Mark-to-market of investments
<b>One-off trading items</b>	<b>(69)</b>	
<b>Total Significant Items (pre-tax)</b>	<b>(148)</b>	\$125m post tax

Note: these provisions and investment write-downs are non-cash



# Divisional Performance



Period ended 31 December	2008		2007
	EBIT	R12 ROC	R12 ROC
	\$m	%	%
Home Improvement & Office Supplies	395	21.0	31.4 <sup>^</sup>
Coles	431	5.1	n.m.
Target	215	9.3	n.m.
Kmart	75	8.3	n.m.
Resources	686	95.1	30.3
Insurance	67	10.8	11.2
Industrial & Safety	68	17.1	16.9
Chemicals & Fertilisers	4	7.3	16.2
Energy	30	9.1	12.0

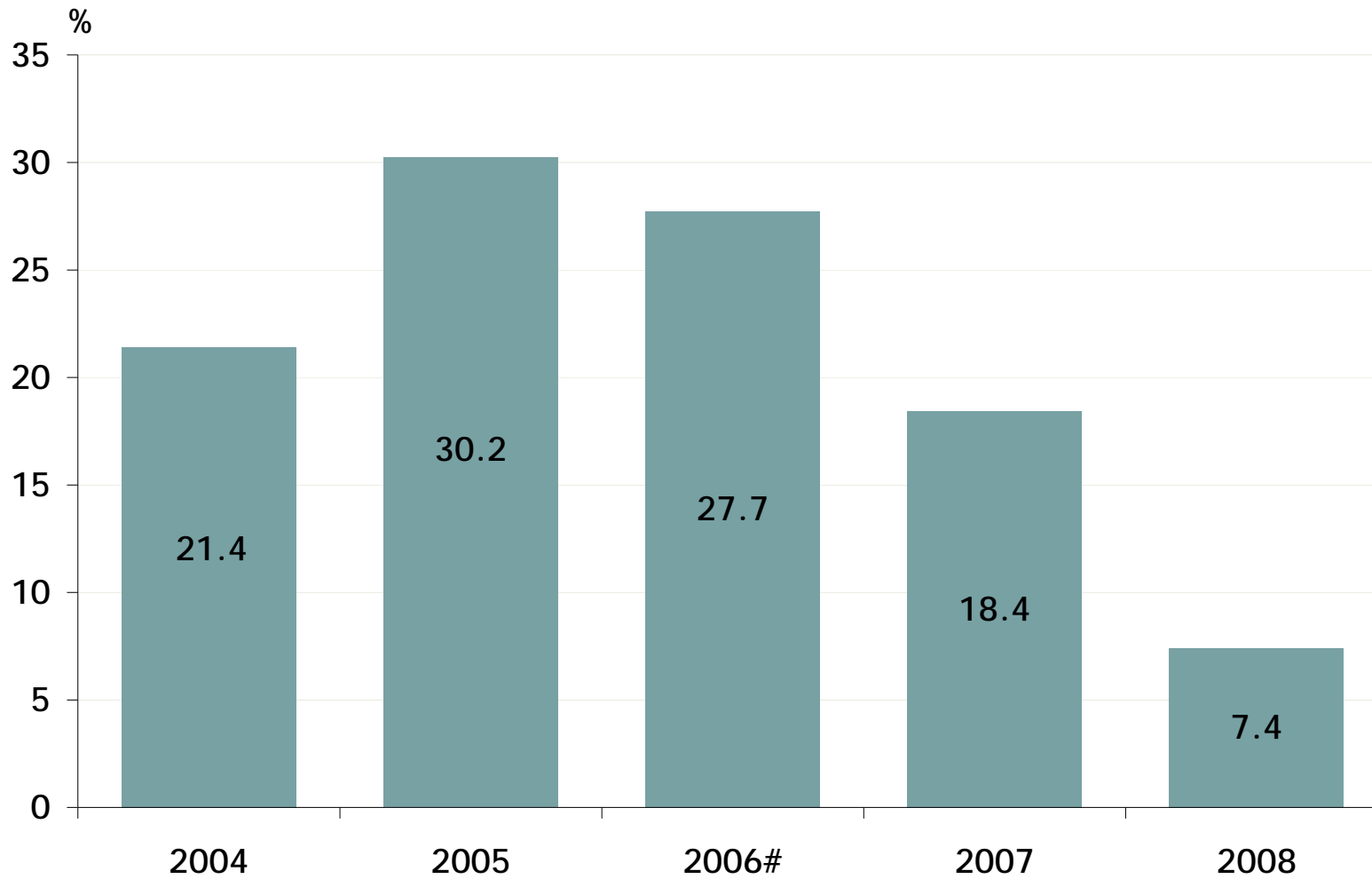
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# Return on Shareholders' Funds

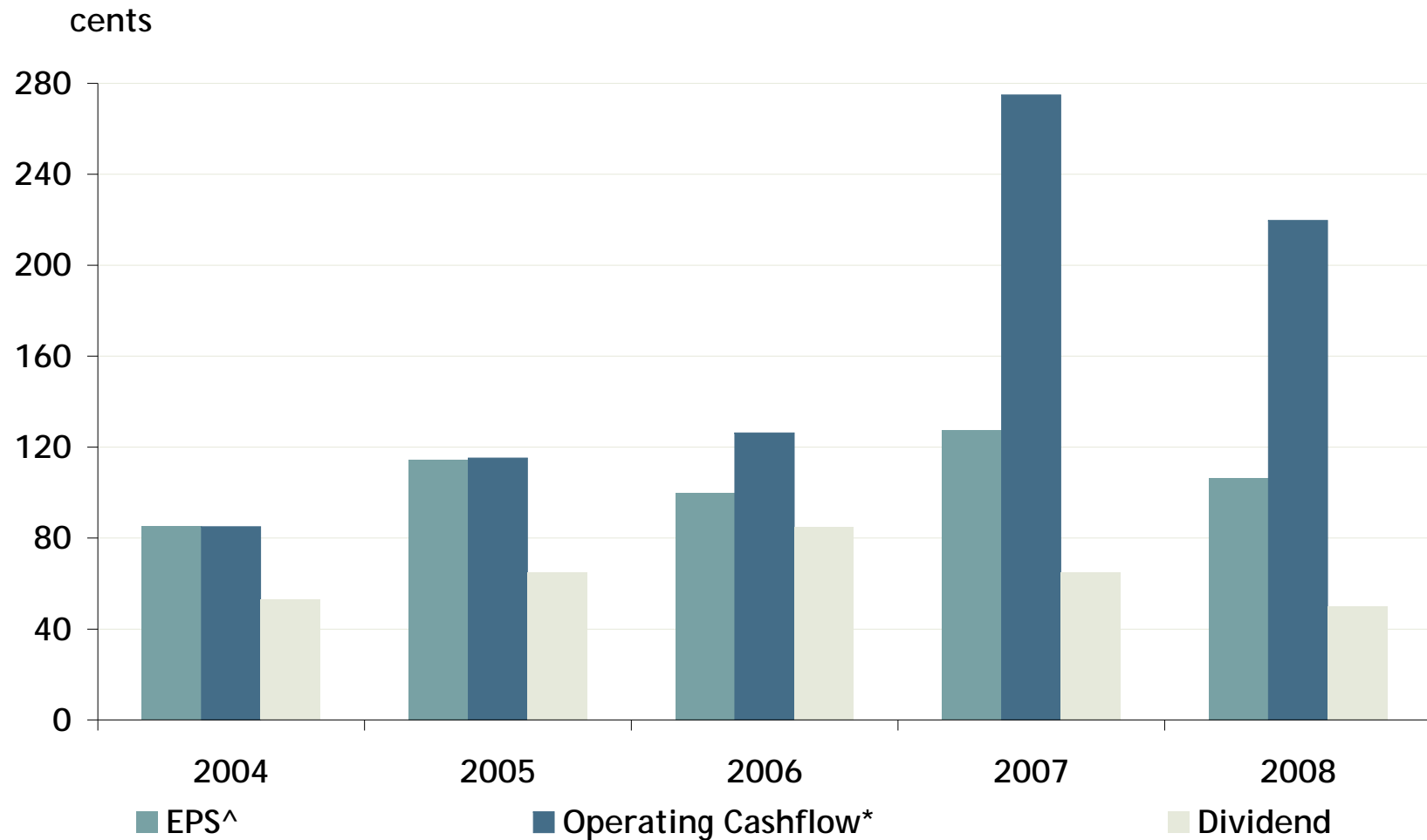
(rolling 12 months to 31 December)



# Excludes sale of ARG (2006)



# Cash Flow & Dividend (Half Year to 31 Dec) (per share)



\*WANOS includes employee reserved shares

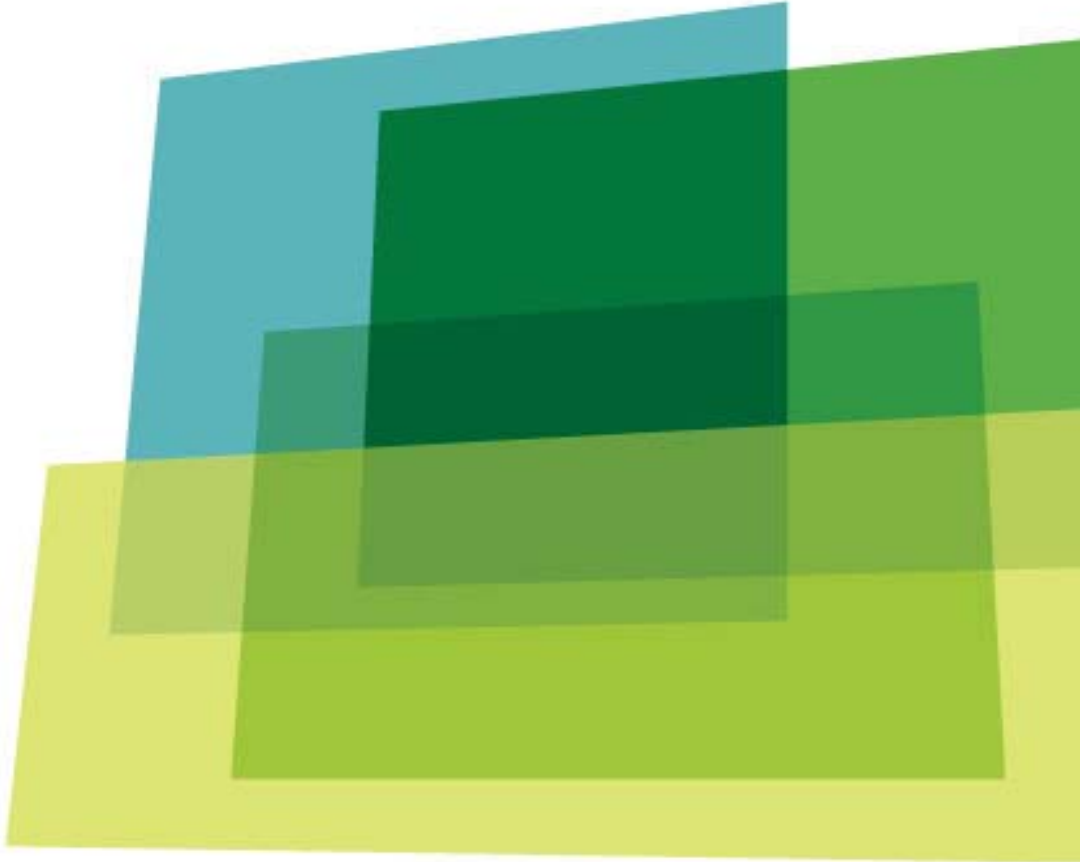
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# Home Improvement & Office Supplies

John Gillam  
Managing Director



# Home Improvement & Office Supplies Performance Summary

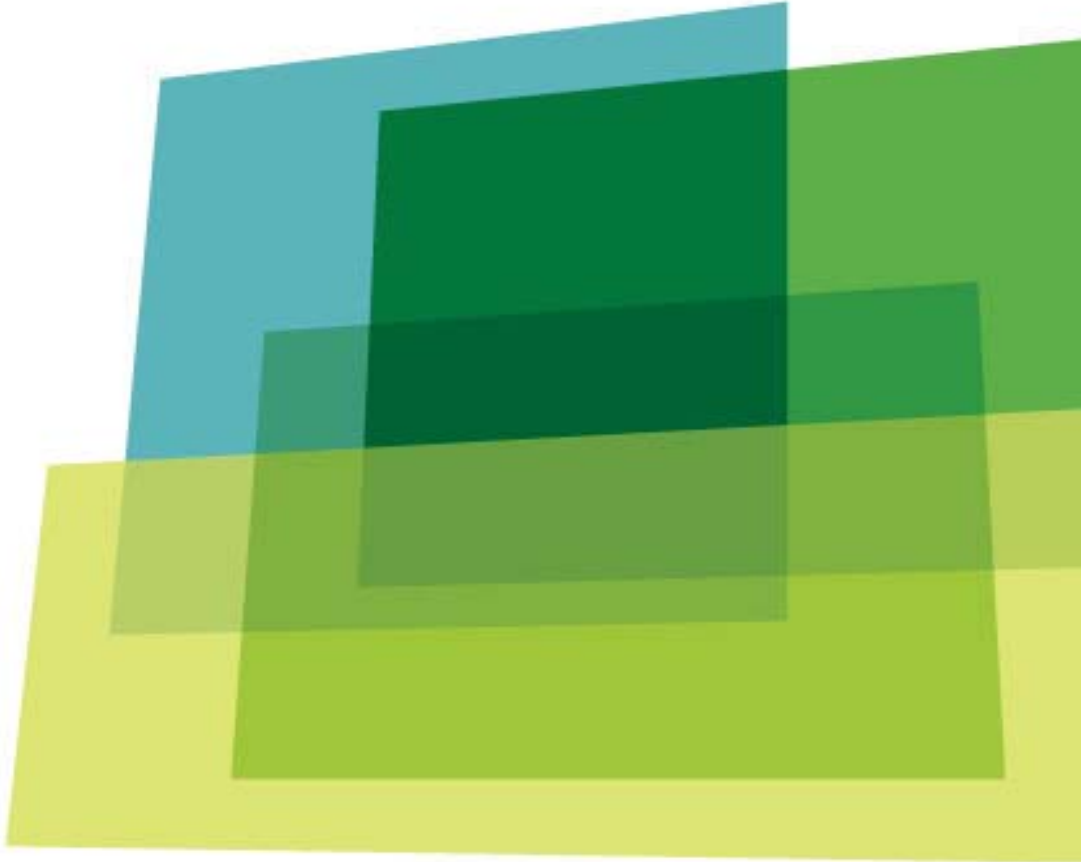
Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)		2008	2007	↕ %
Revenue	Home Improvement	3,009	2,795	7.7
	Office Supplies	602	115*	<i>n.m.</i>
		<b>3,611</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<i>n.m.</i>
EBIT	Home Improvement	<b>370</b>	325	13.8
	Office Supplies	<b>25</b>	7*	<i>n.m.</i>
		<b>395</b>	<b>332</b>	<i>n.m.</i>

\*Officeworks ownership period of 23 November to 31 December 2007





# Home Improvement



# Home Improvement Performance Summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007	↑↓ %
Revenue	3,009	2,795	7.7
EBIT	370	325	13.8
ROC (R12 %)	31.1	31.4	(0.3)pt
Safety (R12 LTIFR)	13.3	14.5	
Trading Revenue*	3,007	2,760	8.9
Net property contribution	7	12	(41.7)
<b>Trading EBIT*</b>	<b>363</b>	318	14.0
Trading EBIT / Trading Revenue (%)	12.1	11.3	0.8pt

\*Excludes property, Houseworks and non-trading items



# Home Improvement Highlights

- 10.3% cash sales growth
  - Store-on-store growth of 7.7%
- 1.6% lift in trade sales
  - Ongoing re-alignment of trade business from a customer perspective
- Opened 6 warehouses, 2 smaller formats & 6 trade centres
- Continued investment in the existing network
- Ongoing strategic commitment;
  - on strengthening the customer offer, and
  - operational effectiveness & efficiency



# Home Improvement Outlook

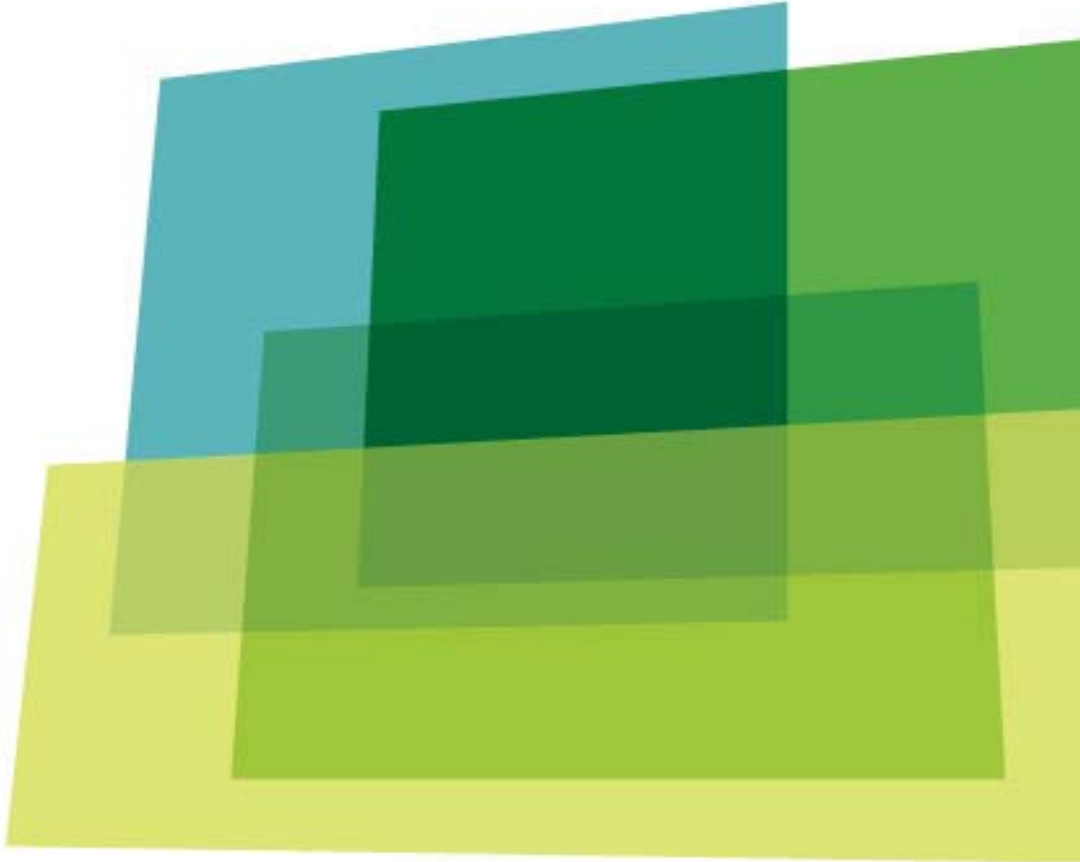
- Cash sales growth
  - Possible lower rate given volatile economic conditions
- Trade sales sensitive to any further slowing in housing construction
- Strong customer and business improvement focus.







# Office Supplies



# Office Supplies - Performance Summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007*
Revenue	602	115
EBIT	25	7
Trading Revenue	602	115
Trading EBIT	25	7
Trading EBIT/Trading revenue (%)	4.1	6.1

\*Ownership period of 23 November to 31 December



# Office Supplies Highlights

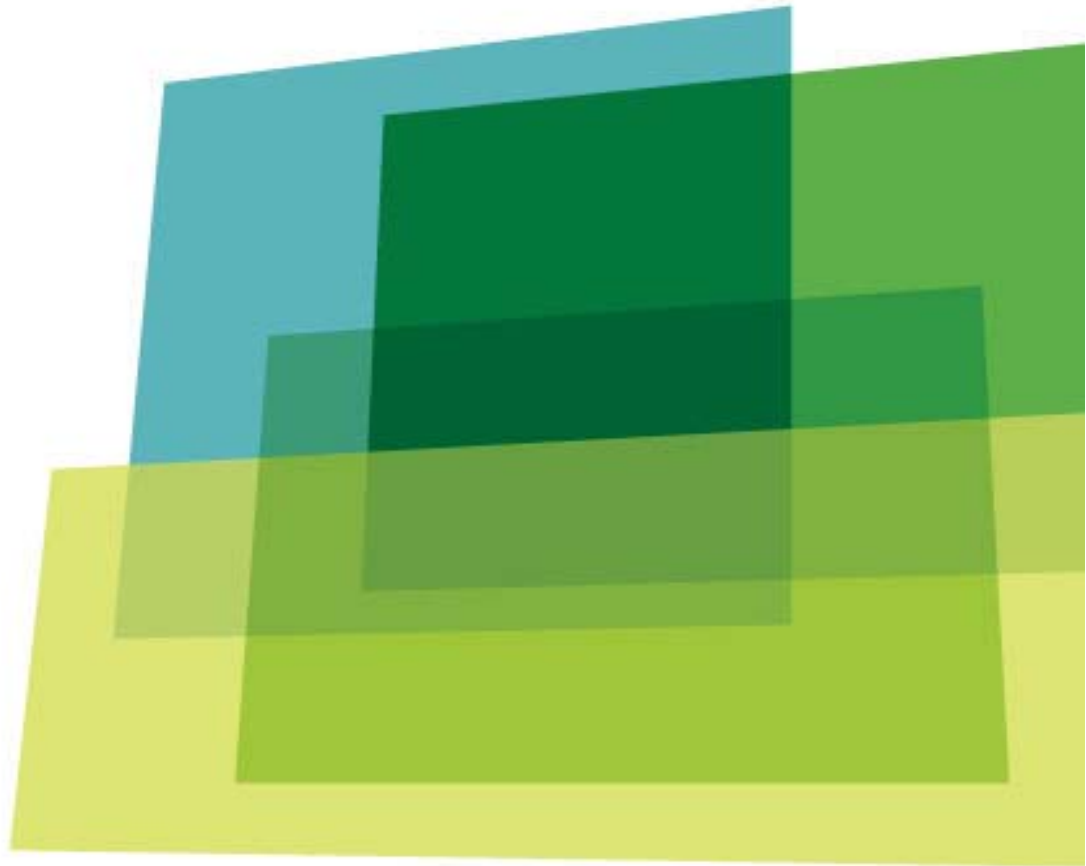
- Officeworks retail store sales growth 3.9%
  - Underpinned by strong transaction growth
  - Transitioning to EDLP
  - Pressures on margin
- Range authority being re-established
- Customer-facing channel conflict eliminated
- Adverse sales trends for OW Business and HT
- Small business sector exposed to economic adversity
- Substantial work to address strategic impediments



# Office Supplies Outlook

- Focused on gaining traction with reset strategic agenda
- Difficult trading conditions for remainder of year
  - Pressure on sales and margin, particularly in small business sector
  - Moderate sales growth expected





# Coles

Ian McLeod  
Managing Director



# Coles Performance Summary



Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)		2008	2007*
Revenue		14,626	2,919
EBITDA		628	175
Depreciation & Amortisation		(197)	(45)
<b>EBIT <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>431</b>	<b>130</b>
Food & Liquor	Revenue <sup>3</sup>	11,191	2,271
	Total store sales growth %	3.9	3.4
	Comp store sales growth %	2.6	2.0
	Trading EBIT <sup>1,3</sup>	382	118
Convenience	Revenue <sup>3</sup>	3,425	648
	Total store sales growth % <sup>2</sup>	8.9	9.6
	Comp store sales growth % <sup>2</sup>	5.3	6.2
	Trading EBIT <sup>3</sup>	36	12

\*Ownership period 23 November to 31 December

1. Excludes \$65m non-trading item re property valuation writedowns

2. Excl. fuel    3. Excl. Property





# Coles Transformation

- Intensive period of change led by new management team
- Change programme will be transformational
  - Retail disciplines
  - Fresh offer
  - Service
  - Store format
  - Culture
- Encouraging signs in early phase of recovery programme
- Meaningful and sustainable change will take time



# Coles Highlights

- Food & Liquor Sales
  - Q2 comparative stores sales growth of 3.8%
  - Improving growth trend driven by rising customer numbers
  - Positive results from promotional programme overhaul
  - Strong Christmas trading, particularly in Fresh
  - Seasonal sell through well managed





# Coles Highlights

- Food
  - Improving Fresh with largest trading uplifts in Produce and Bakery
  - Markedly better on-shelf availability
  - Begun transforming store service standards
  - Store ‘spring clean’ programme completed
  - “Renewal” store pilots encouraging
  - Distribution network transformation nearing completion
  - Further efficiencies achieved in non-store central costs
  - Long term overstocks further reduced



# Coles Highlights

- Liquor
  - Liquor ‘renewal’ intensified
  - Strong Christmas trading period
  - Value significantly strengthened in all Brands
  - Improving ranges to meet local demand
- Convenience
  - New store format and value on key staples driving results
  - Lower petrol prices in Q2
  - Q2 comparative shop sales growth strong at 5.9%



# Coles Outlook

- Tougher economic conditions and lower consumer confidence
- Growing customer focus on value
- Strategic programmes being driven at pace
- Store Renewal development expected in new financial year
- Scale of change significant but confidence in its delivery over time

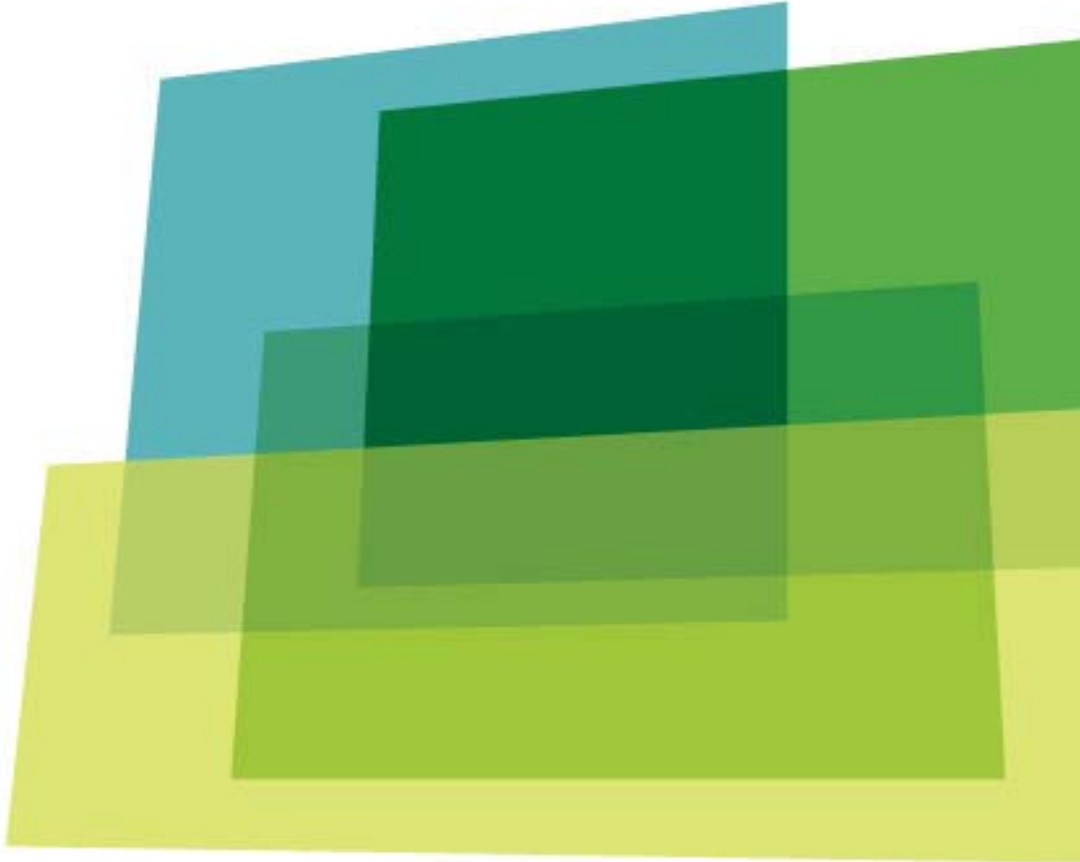




# Target

Launa Inman

Managing Director



# Target Performance Summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)

	2008	2007*
Revenue	2,094	605
EBITDA	245	123
Depreciation & Amortisation	(30)	(5)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>118</b>
Total revenue growth (%)	8.0	6.4
Comp. store sales growth (%)	4.0	3.1
EBIT margin (%)	10.3	19.5
Store numbers	283	274

\*Ownership period 23 November to 31 December



# Target Highlights



- EBIT margin strength maintained at 10.3%
  - Overall margins maintained
- Comp Store sales growth for the half 4.0% (Q2 growth 4.8%)
  - All departments increased sales over last year
  - Women's Youth Apparel, Electrical and Toys all had excellent growth
- Outstanding Christmas trading reinforced market share gain
- Costs well controlled in a difficult environment
- Inventory fresh and below last year even with new stores
- Eleven new store openings taking the total number of stores to 283
  - 19 refurbishments in 1H09

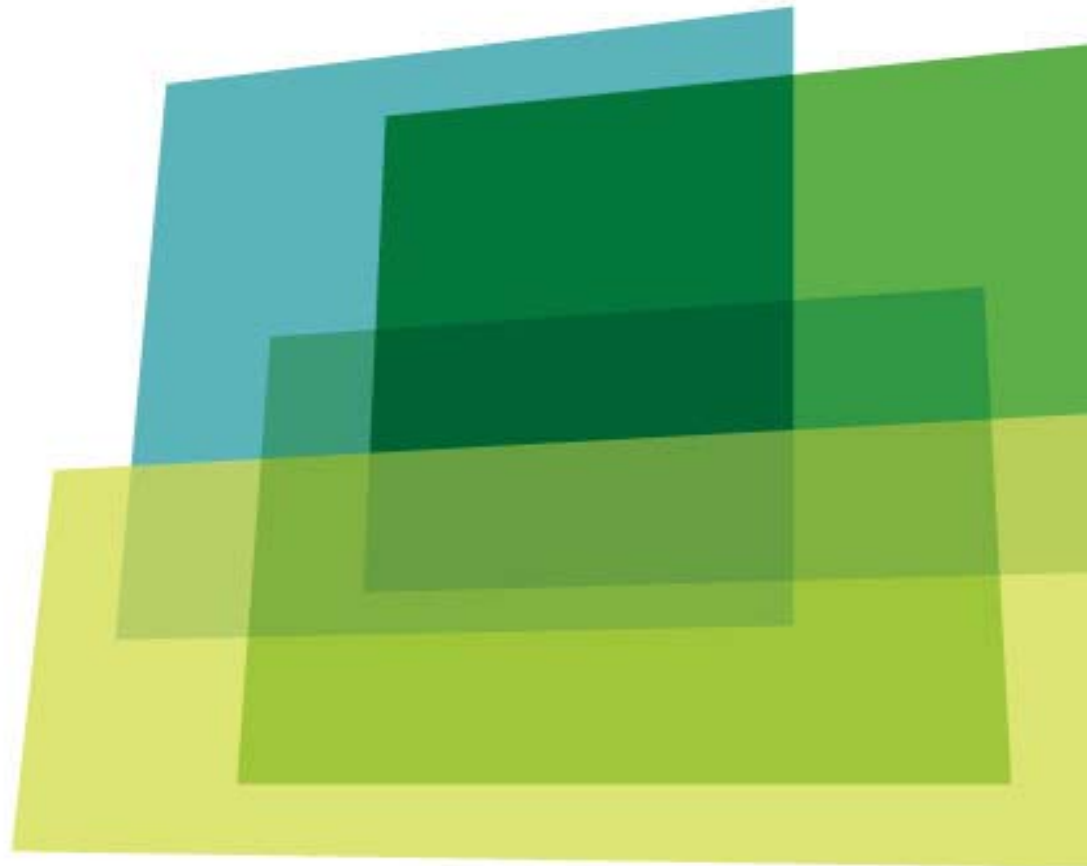


# Target Outlook



- Five new stores in next six months; 15 refurbishments
- Well positioned for slow down in retail spending
  - Close attention to costs and inventory in difficult trading conditions
- Well positioned to benefit from stimulus package
- Margins on direct imports supported by hedging in the near term
  - Significant cost increases for imported product will require price management
- Electrical will continue to drive traffic and sales





**Kmart**  
Guy Russo  
Managing Director





# Kmart Performance Summary



Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007*
Revenue	2,249	692
EBITDA	100	106
Depreciation & Amortisation	(25)	(5)
<b>EBIT<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>75</b>	101
Total revenue growth (%)	0.8	4.6
Comp. store sales growth (%)	0.4	5.0
EBIT margin (%)	3.3	14.6
Store numbers (incl. Kmart Tyre & Auto)	446	450

\*Ownership period 23 November to 31 December

<sup>^</sup>2008 excludes \$14m of non-trading items relating to DC closure provision and restructuring



# Kmart Highlights

- Average trading performance
  - Christmas trading helped deliver 2Q09 comp growth of 1.0%
  - Apparel and toys were the strongest performers
  - In-store execution and offer requires improvement
- Inventory levels significantly below last year
  - Reduce complexity in operations
- Senior management changes complete
- New store opened in Toormina (NSW) and 11 refits completed
- Good performance from Kmart Tyre & Auto



# Kmart Outlook

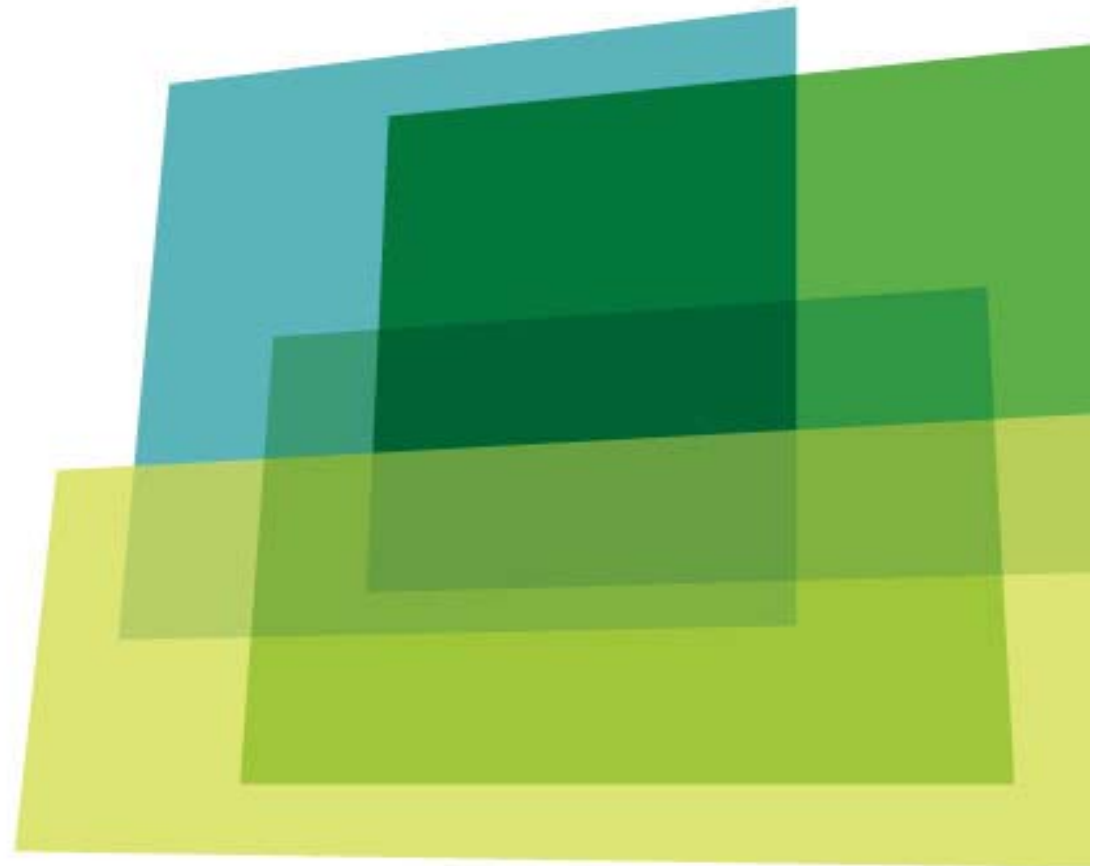
- Anticipate trading performance to remain soft in 2H09
- The renewal of Kmart
  - Fix the customer experience
  - Significantly reduce cost base
  - Rebuild customer trust
  - Make every site a success
  - Right people and accountability
- Two new stores to open in 2H09 and complete 3 refits





# Resources

Stewart Butel  
Managing Director



# Resources

## Performance summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007	↕ %
Revenue	1,427	530	169.2
EBITDA	791	179	341.9
Depreciation & Amortisation*	(105)	(67)	56.7
<b>EBIT#</b>	<b>686</b>	112	512.5
ROC (R12 %)	95.1	30.3	64.8pt
Coal Production ('000 tonnes)	7,938	6,963	14.0
Safety (R12 LTIFR)^	5.0	4.4	

\*Includes Stanwell rebate amortisation of \$55m in 2008 (2007: \$33m)

#2008 includes Royalties of \$116m (2007: \$29m), non-cash increase in mine rehabilitation provision of \$16m and \$8m Char Plant write-down

^ Curragh and Premier only



# Resources Highlights

- Record half year production and sales levels
  - Curragh achieving consistent production
  - Reduced impact of rail and port constraints
  - Strong coal shipping in 1H09
- Record prices for metallurgical and steaming coal
- Significant increase in earnings
- Blackwater Creek Diversion underway



# Resources Outlook

- Global steel production uncertain
- 2009/10 price negotiation underway
- Signs mining input cost pressures are easing
- Forecast Curragh metallurgical sales of 6.5 – 6.9mt in 2008/09
- Timing of expansion projects subject to market conditions
- Significant increase in Stanwell rebate in 2H09
  - Estimated \$130 -150m for 2H09 assuming AUD:USD of \$0.65 (subject to shipment volumes/timing, FX and price outcomes)
- Near-term impact of foreign exchange contract close-out costs
- Dragline 302 planned to return to work ~June 2009
  - repair cost \$20m; higher operating cost of replacement equipment - \$20m

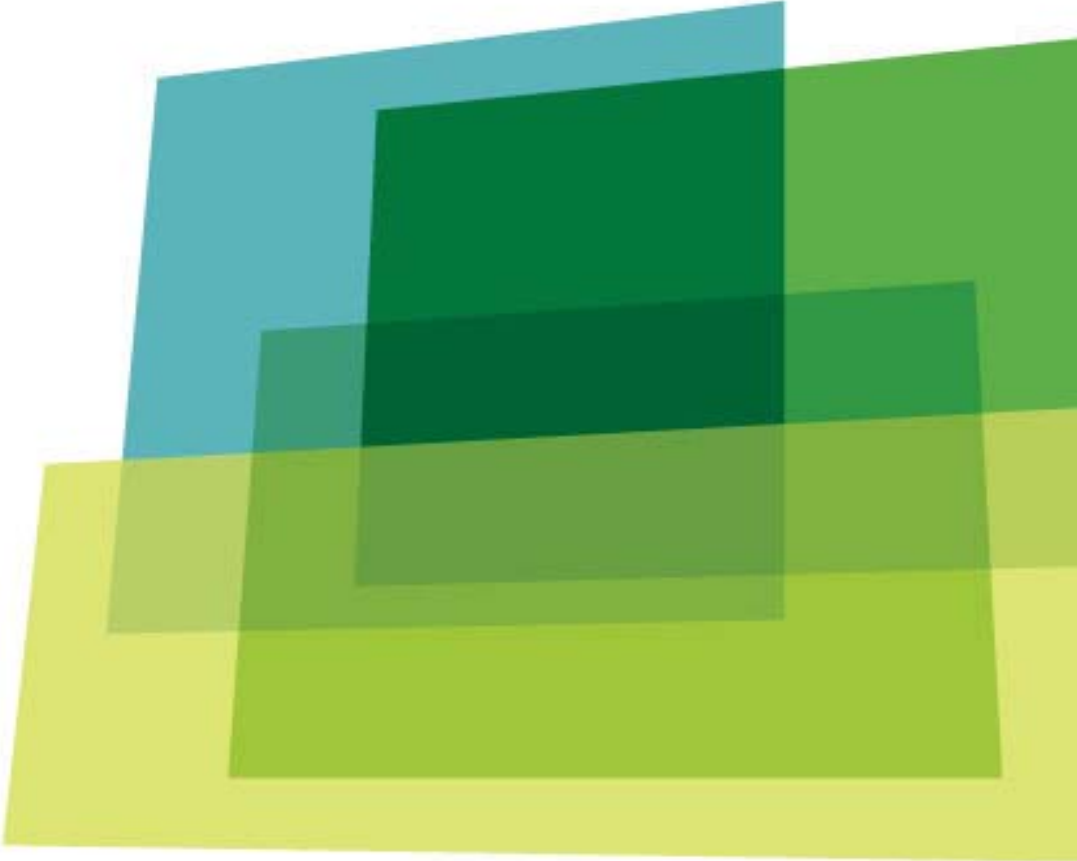




# Insurance

Rob Scott

Managing Director





# Insurance Performance Summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007	↕ %
<b>Gross Written Premium Underwritten</b>	679	618	9.9
EBITA Underwriting	44	38	15.8
EBITA Broking*	27	28	(3.6)
EBITA Other	4	5	(20.0)
<b>EBITA Insurance Division</b>	75	71	5.6
EBIT Insurance Division	67	64	4.7
Net Earned Loss Ratio (%)	68.9	67.4	(1.5) pt
Combined Operating Ratio (%)	99.4	98.1	(1.3) pt
EBITA Margin (Broking) (%)	25.9	27.4	(1.5) pt

\*Timing difference on recognition of \$5m of earnings in 2H09 compared with 1H08



# Insurance Highlights

- Turnaround of Lumley New Zealand
- Rate increases achieved in motor portfolios
- Higher than expected crop claims in WFI (worst since 1992)
- Underwriting losses in Lumley Australia marine and retail agencies
- Consolidation of Australian underwriting licenses on track
  - One-off benefit from Liability Adequacy Test (“LAT”) grouping
- Adverse discount rate effect on premium liabilities (offset one-off LAT benefit)
- Increased investment earnings
- Improved revenues and underlying earnings (on like-for-like basis) in broking
  - Timing difference on recognition of \$5m of earnings in 2H09 compared with 1H08
- Credit rating of S&P A- (stable) and Actual Capital Ratio (“ACR”) of 1.84



# Insurance Outlook

- Rate increases being achieved in most classes
- Lower investment returns resulting from lower interest rates
- Retained losses from Victorian bushfires estimated at \$13 million
- Conditions support underwriting margin improvement
- Strengthening of management across Lumley Aust & New Zealand
- Stronger contribution from broking in 2H09
- New business growth constrained by economic environment
- Further bolt-on broking acquisitions anticipated

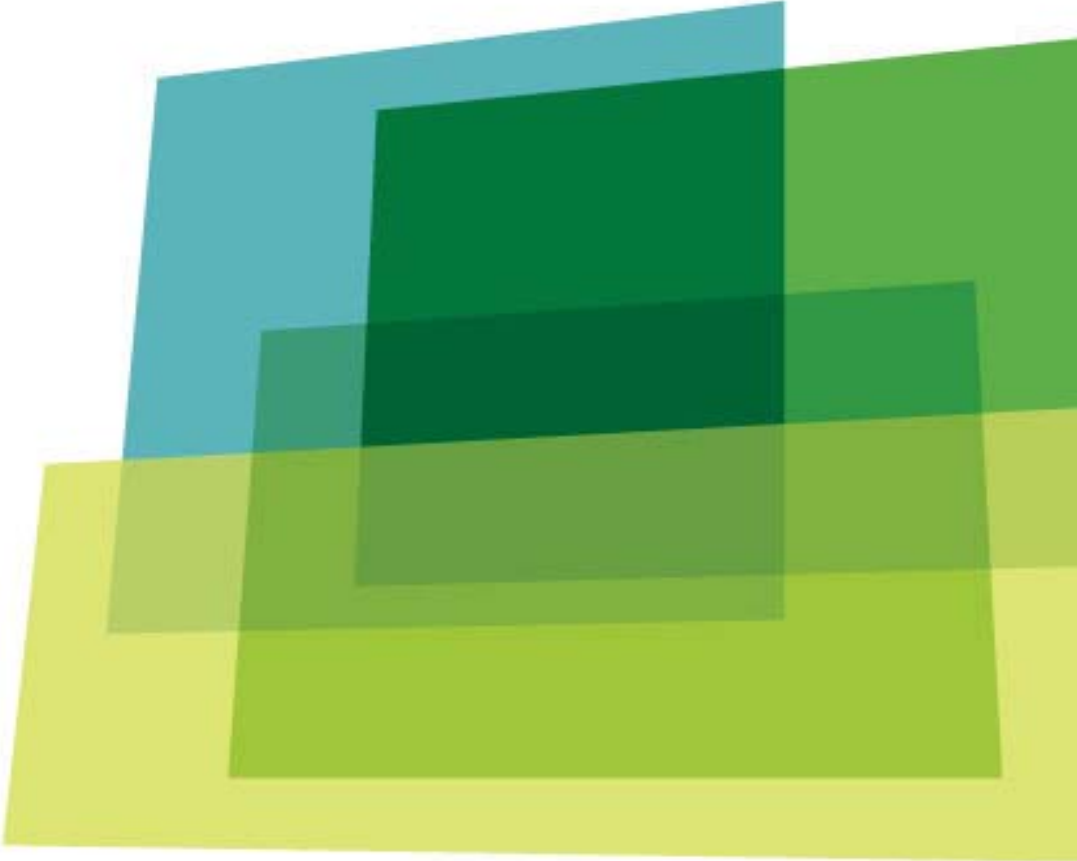




# Industrial Businesses

Keith Gordon

Director Industrial Divisions



# Industrial & Safety Performance Summary



Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007	↕ %
Revenue	687	642	7.0
EBITDA	75	66	13.6
Depreciation & Amortisation of PPE	(7)	(5)	(40.0)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11.5</b>
EBIT margin (%)	9.9	9.5	0.4pt
ROC (R12 %)	17.1	16.9	0.2pt
Safety (R12 LTIFR)	4.4	5.2	





# Industrial & Safety Highlights and Outlook

## Highlights

- Continued focus on safety resulting in reduction in lost days and severity of injuries
- Customer service and delivery performance initiatives delivering benefits
- Further improved competitiveness of businesses
- Successful growth initiatives

## Outlook

- Market conditions are expected to be more challenging in the second half
- Pressure on margins expected due to input cost inflation, exchange rate impacts and competitive pressures
- However, impact will be mitigated through
  - Strong competitive foundations
  - Tight expense and capital management
  - Proactive margin management through sourcing, pricing and contract management disciplines
- Focus on increasing share of customer spend



# Chemicals & Fertilisers Performance Summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)		2009	2008	↕ %
Revenue	Chemicals	291	218	33.5
	Fertilisers	167	173	(0.3)
		458	391	17.1
EBITDA		34	69	(50.7)
Depreciation & Amortisation of PPE		(30)	(21)	(42.9)
<b>EBIT</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>(91.7)</b>
Sales Volume ('000t):	Chemicals	334.4	281.4	18.8
	Fertilisers	225.7	386.6	(41.6)
ROC (R12 %)		7.3	16.2	(8.9)pt
Safety (R12 LTIFR)		2.2	2.9	





# Chemicals & Fertilisers Highlights & Outlook

## Highlights

- Six months successful operation of AN Expansion
- Debottlenecking of QNP complete. Commissioning underway (+30,000 tpa)
- Improved plant performance from Australian Vinyls following major overhaul in second half of FY08

## Issues

- Varanus Island gas incident - estimated lost EBIT for the 6 months ~ \$50m
- Fertiliser volumes down due to global price volatility, late harvest and uncertainty around customer's terms of trade
- 1H09 inventory write-down of \$14m due to collapsing commodity prices

## Outlook

- Demand for mining chemicals remains strong, although growth softening
- Advised of return to full contracted gas supply by 1 June 2009
- Commission \$15 million sodium cyanide expansion in H2 FY09
- Seasonal break critical for fertilisers





# Energy Performance Summary

Half Year ended 31 December (\$m)	2008	2007	↕ %
Revenue	322	281	14.6
EBITDA	52	66	(21.2)
Depreciation & Amortisation	(22)	(18)	(22.2)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>30</b>	48	(37.5)
ROC (R12 %)	9.1	12.0	(2.9pts)
WLPG production (kt)	84.4	82.3	2.6
Safety (R12 LTIFR)	5.9	3.0	



# Energy Highlights & Outlook



## Highlights

- Western Australian LNG project operational
- Growth in industrial gas sales
- Maintained LPG supply through Varanus Island gas disruption

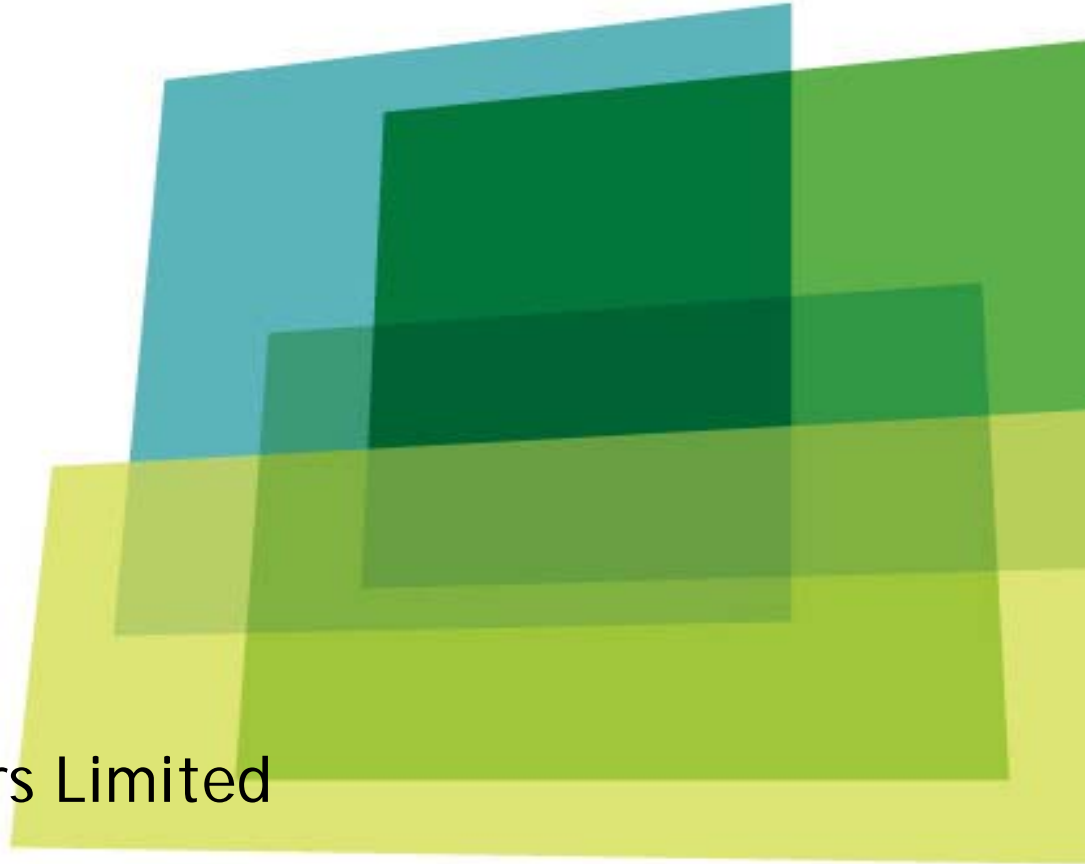
## Issues

- Varanus Island gas disruption; ~\$15m 1H09 EBIT impact
- Lower world energy prices from Q2
- \$9m inventory write-downs in 1H09

## Outlook

- LPG earnings dependant on international LPG prices and content
- Economic slow down – sales growth and projects
- Volume growth in LNG sales





# Capital Management

Gene Tilbrook

Finance Director, Wesfarmers Limited

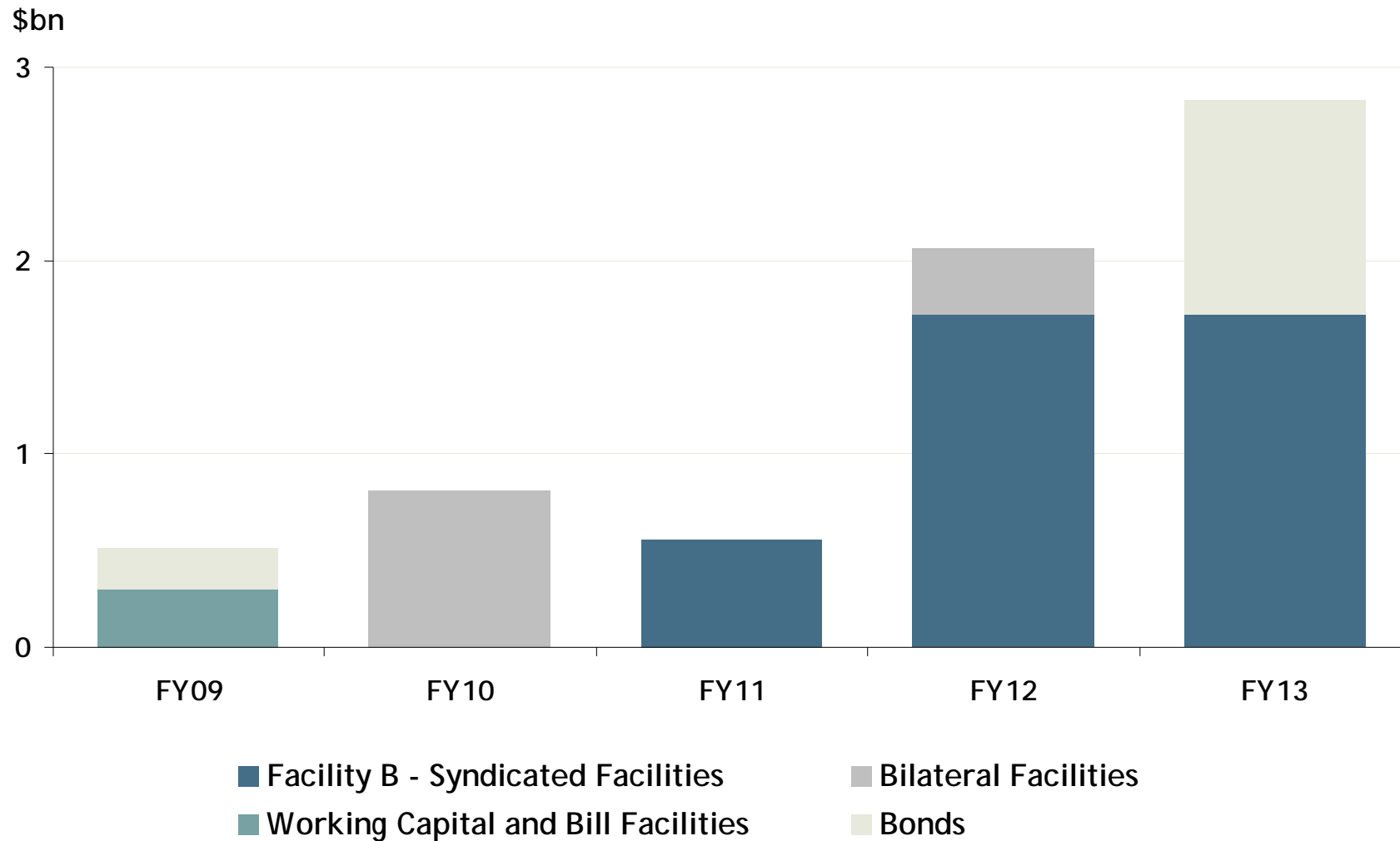


# Equity Raising

- 3 for 7 entitlement offer plus \$900m placement
- Institutional Entitlement raised \$2.0bn
- Retail Entitlement closes 23 February 2009
- Strengthens balance sheet and provides increased flexibility
- Extension and refinancing of maturing debt facilities
  - Proforma 31 Dec debt down from \$9.7 billion to \$6.8 billion



# Maturity Profile Analysis



Note: based on \$2.9bn equity raised to date not including Retail Entitlement Offer closing 23 February 2009

# Capital Management

- Net Debt to Equity of 49% at 31 December 2008 (29% on a pro-forma basis\*)
- Cash Interest Cover Ratio of 5.2 times (rolling 12 months basis)
- Well within all debt covenants at 31 December 2008 (pre equity raising)
- S&P rating BBB+ (stable), Moody's Baa1 (stable)
- Weighted average cost of debt including hedges 8 - 8.5% for next three years
- Retain dividend investment plan with no underwrite expected for FY09 dividends

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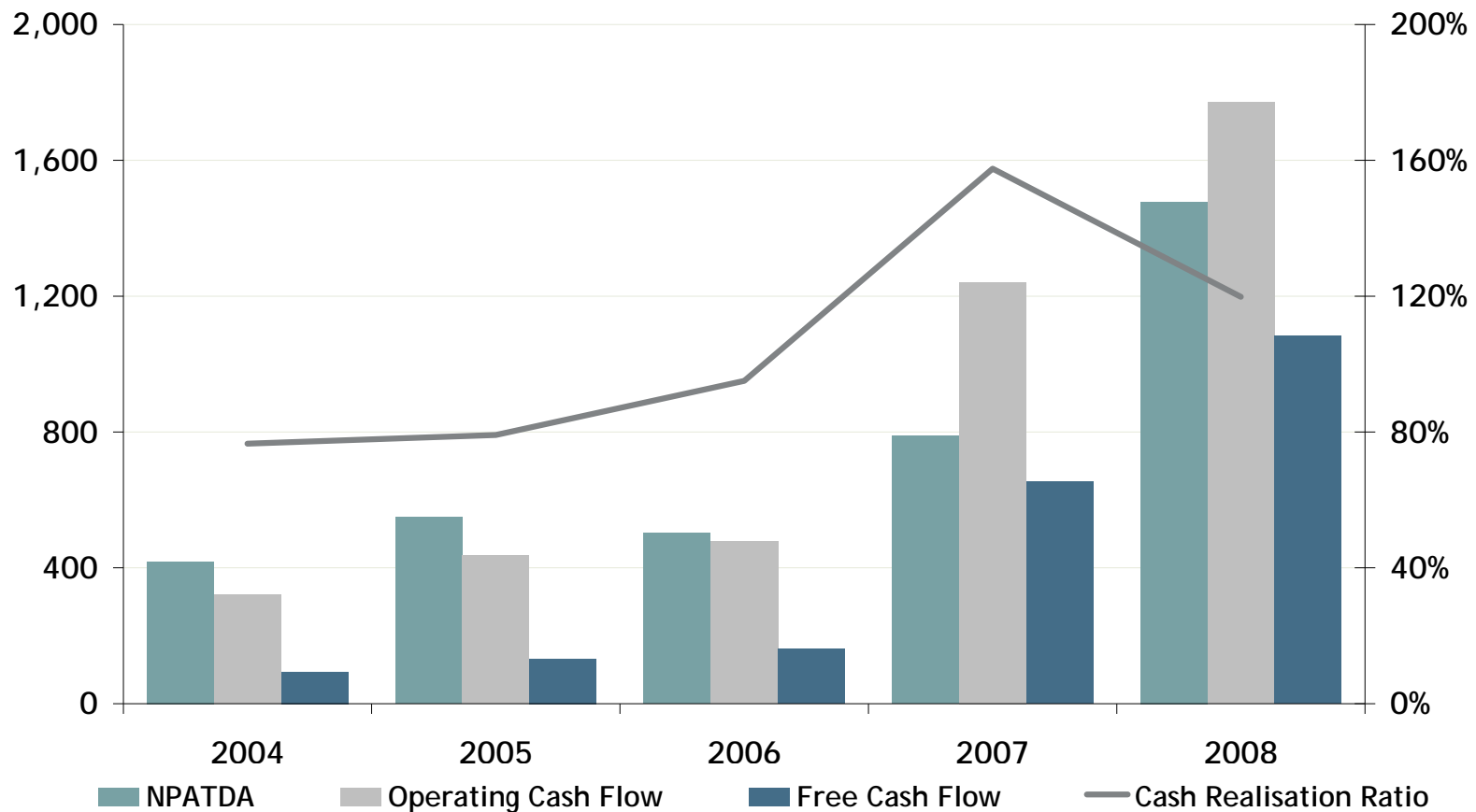
# Hedging Profile

- At 31 Dec 08, ~50% of debt hedged for 5 years at average 7.2% (excluding margins)
- Rebalancing of hedge positions underway
- Post rebalancing, expect debt to be ~50% hedged for 5 years at average 7.2% (excluding margins)
- Expect to realise ~\$150m of hedge losses as a result of reducing overall hedge position
  - ~\$60m to be recognised in 2H09 with balance to be amortised over next 4 years (weighted towards FY10 and FY11)
  - Includes ~\$40m in relation to ineffective hedges in 2H09



# Cashflow (Half Year to 31 Dec)

- Focus on working capital management
- Strong free cash flows



\*adjusted for Stanwell and significant non-cash asset writedowns and provisions





# Capital Expenditure

- Continued focus on prudent capital expenditure
- Coles capital expenditure weighted towards 2H09
- Completion of Ammonia Nitrate expansion and LNG Plant in FY08
- Forecast capital expenditure for FY09 <\$1.8bn

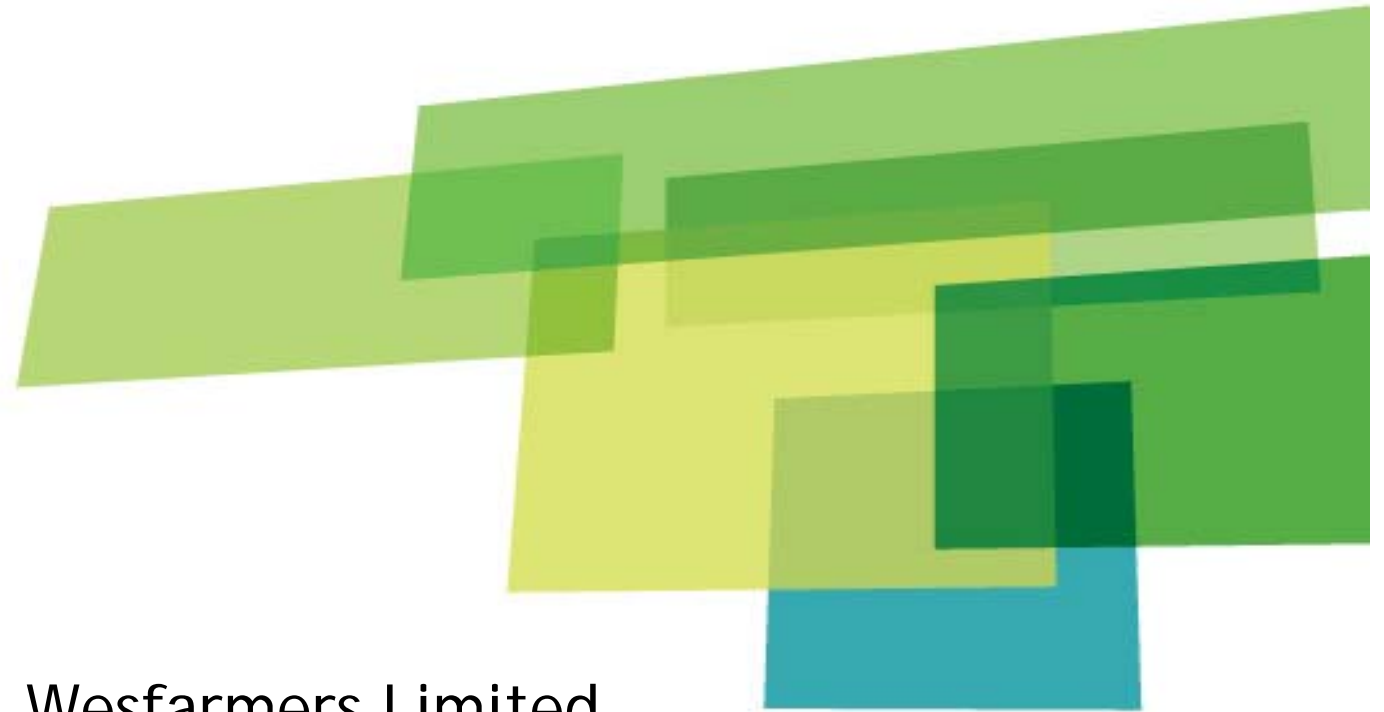
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Kmart	41	-
Resources	109	95
Insurance	6	6
Industrial & Safety	10	14
Chemicals & Fertiliser	22	127
Energy	21	78
Other	9	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>589</b>



# Outlook

Richard Goyder

Managing Director, Wesfarmers Limited



# Outlook

- Challenging global economic environment
- Expect turnaround in Coles to gather pace over next 12 months
- Lower export coal prices from April 2009
- Lower borrowing costs from reduced debt levels



Questions





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