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Dear Sir/Madam

Full Year Ended 30 June 2011 Results Briefing

Attached is a copy of the Full Year ended 30 June 2011 Results Briefing to analysts and brokers, presented by Paul Maguire, Managing Director, McPherson's Limited.

Yours faithfully

P.R. BENNETT
Company Secretary

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# McPherson's Limited Results for the year to 30 June 2011

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McPherson's Consumer Products



## McPherson's Limited:

## Financial summary for FY 2011

	June 2010 (\$A million)	June 2011 <sup>(1</sup> (\$A million)	)
Sales	354.0	348.8	
EBITDA	50.0	51.9	
Depreciation & amortisation	(5.5)	(5.5)	
EBIT	44.5	46.4	4% EBIT growth
Interest	(7.9)	(6.8)	Interest cover 6.8 times
NPBT	36.6	39.6	
Tax	(11.0)	(11.6)	
NPAT	25.6	28.0 -	9% NPAT growth
Pre-tax cash flow (2)	41.9	50.8	
EPS (cents)	36.4	39.0	7% EPS growth
Final dividend (cents)	10.0	14.0	
Total dividends (cents)	20.0	26.0 —	30% increase

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes Printing impairment charge of \$8.5 million.

<sup>(2)</sup> June 2010 adjusted for change in 1st day's cash policy (increase of \$2.1 million in 2010 pre-tax cash flow).

## McPherson's Limited:

## **Balance** sheet

	June 2010 <sup>(3)</sup> (\$A million)	June 2011 (\$A million)	(4)
Fixed assets (including intangibles)	210.4	202.9	
Net working capital	101.1	94.4	
Other	(37.6)	(40.0)	
	273.9	257.3	
Shareholders' funds	196.9	200.8	
Net debt	77.0	56.5	27% reduction in net debt
Total funds employed	273.9	257.3	
Gearing (Net debt / Shareholders' funds)	39%	28%	Gearing improved significantly
Funds employed – Consumer Products	243.6	235.5	c.gcarray
Funds employed – Printing	30.3	21.8	
	273.9	257.3	

Group EBIT / Funds Employed

16%

18%

<sup>(3)</sup> June 2010 adjusted for change in 1st day's cash policy.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Printing impairment charge of \$8.5 million.

# FX Hedging (Australia)

- Comprehensive FX hedging program in place using Options, Forward Exchange Contracts (FECs) and Collars
- Options Protect downside with premium cost but allow upside benefit
   FECs Fixed rate with lost forward points
   Collar Downside protection in exchange for limiting upside benefit
- Net P&L outcomes determined by:
  - Spot rates (impacting inventory and COGs)
  - FX gains / losses from overseas payables
  - Option premiums
  - Hedging gains and losses
  - Accounting Standards

# FX Hedging (Australia) continued

- Accounting Standards (AASB 139)
  - Allow FEC outcomes to impact COGS and inventory
  - Prevent option premiums from impacting COGS and inventory
  - Require options to be "marked to market" with time value changes (including premiums) impacting P&L
  - To be amended (IFRS9) 2015?
- Current Policy
  - Hedge 8 months forward on a rolling basis for 100% of USD requirements
  - Cover monitored and upgraded as appropriate
- Please note commodity prices (e.g. stainless steel, aluminum and resin) tend to move in the same direction as the AUD, thus off-setting a large portion of the effect of currency fluctuations. In addition, profitability is impacted by competitor and customer responses to fluctuations in both currency and commodity prices.

# McPherson's Printing







## McPherson's Printing:

# Financial summary

	June 2010 (\$A million)	
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Sales	64.3	58.9
EBITDA (before equipment leases)	8.5	7.5
Equipment lease expense	(1.8)	(1.6)
Depreciation / amortisation	(2.9)	(3.0)
EBIT	3.8	2.9
EBITDA (before equipment leases) / sales	13.2%	12.7%
EBIT / sales	5.9%	4.9%

McPherson's Printing remains focused on cost containment

Recent investment in new technology will increase efficiency and provide opportunities to expand into additional market sectors

<sup>(5)</sup> Excludes Printing impairment charge of \$8.5 million.

























Sydney Melbourne Auckland Singapore Hong Kong

# Financial summary

	June 2010 (\$A million)	June 2011 (\$A million)	Growth in key brands, off-set by the loss of		
Sales	289.7	289.9	an agency brand and reduced impulse		
EBITDA	47.7	50.9	merchandising opportunities		
Depreciation / amortisation	(2.5)	(2.5)			
EBIT	45.2	48.4	7% EBIT growth, benefiting from a		
EBITDA / sales	16.5%	17.6%	stronger currency, partly off-set by an		
EBIT / sales	15.6%	16.7%	increase in USD product costs and		
GEOGRAPHIC EBIT BREAKDOWN			increased promotional support to customers		
Australia	39.3	42.7	International earnings		
International	5.9	5.7 —	— adversely affect by the		
EBIT	45.2	48.4	stronger AUD		
EBIT / Funds Employed	19%	21%			

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## McPherson's Consumer Products:

# Trading commentary

- Retail sales in the second half were subdued, with consumer and business confidence adversely impacted by cost of living increases, global economic uncertainty, and concerns about the impact of the proposed carbon tax
- Discretionary retail purchases were adversely impacted by an increase in the overall savings rate, and consumers reallocating what they spend their money on and where they spend their money
- Challenging trading conditions resulted in retailers requesting deeper discounting and greater support
- The appreciation in the Australian dollar, while boosting margins, lead to increased competitor activity
- USD product cost pressures continued to be felt in Asia

## **Operations**







Distributors in Canada and South Africa



Highly professional sourcing operation in China



Sophisticated logistics capability and large in-field presence



Established relationships and credibility with a multiplicity of customers in various channels



Strong track record of innovation and product development



A stable of owned brands complemented by agency brands



Brands that typically occupy the number one or number two position in the categories in which they compete



















## Existing product categories

### Housewares



- ~ 35% of sales 3,000+ SKUs
- **Channels:**
- Department stores
- •H'wares Independents
- Grocery and discount department stores
- Hardware
- Commercial

#### Personal care



- ~ 25% of sales 1,500+ SKUs
- **Channels:**
- Grocery stores
- Pharmacy stores
- Discount dep't stores

# Household consumables



- ~ 30% of sales 200+ SKUs
- **Channels:**
- Grocery stores
- Discount dep't stores

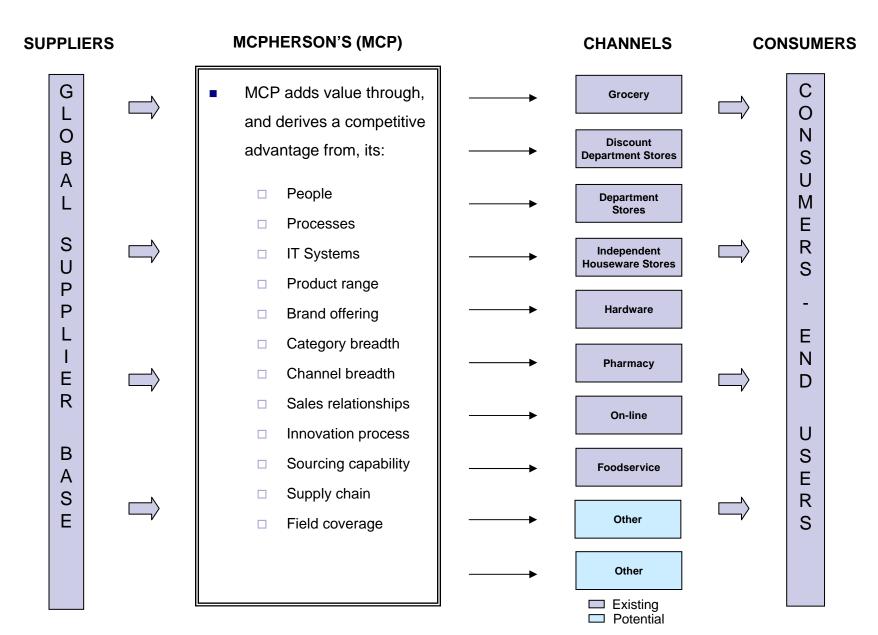
# Impulse merchandising



- < 10% of sales 100+ SKUs
- **Channels:**
- Grocery stores
- Discount dep't stores
- Hardware

- Strength through a multiplicity of products, brands, categories and channels
- Each category is managed differently where appropriate

## McPherson's Consumer Products Business Model



## Outlook

- The retail sales environment is expected to remain challenging, with currency and raw material costs volatile at present, but the business will be managed accordingly
- A focus on innovation and new products will be maintained to underpin the strength of McPherson's Consumer Products brand portfolio
- Efficiency gains are expected from rigorous cost control and business initiatives
- Upward pressure on product costs in China is expected to remain but sourcing initiatives will assist in managing this trend
- Solid fully franked dividends are expected to continue
- MCP has a strong balance sheet to support growth via acquisitions