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### Agenda

- Adelaide Brighton's competitive position
- Delivering strong shareholder returns
- Consistent long term growth strategy
- Divisional review
- Key profit and operational challenges
- Carbon tax
- Full year 2011 earnings likely to be in range of \$146-152 million

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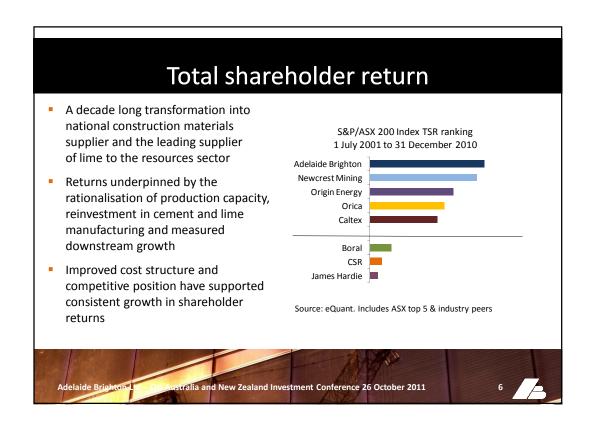
# Competitive position

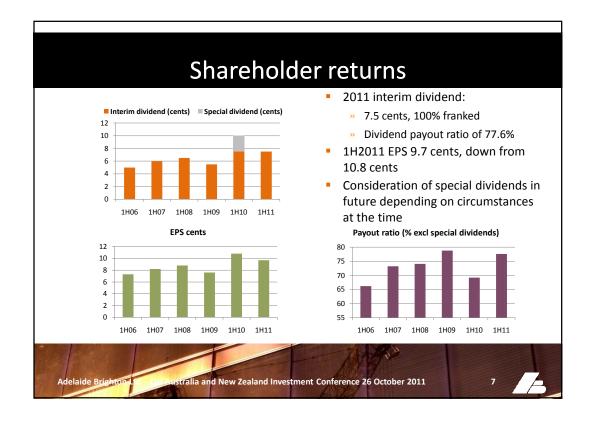
- A leading Australian integrated construction materials and lime producing company with high exposure to the engineering, infrastructure and resource sectors
- An S&P/ASX200 company with operations in all states and territories; 1,600 employees; AUD1.8 billion market capitalisation
- Well positioned to supply cement to all mainland states from its domestic manufacturing base, coastal supply and import facilities
- Market leader in lime in Australia, and 9th largest producer on world scale
- The second largest supplier of cement and clinker in Australia
- Market leader in concrete masonry products and an emerging position in aggregates and ready mixed concrete
- Adelaide Brighton is highly cash generative with low gearing and balance sheet capacity for organic and acquisitive growth

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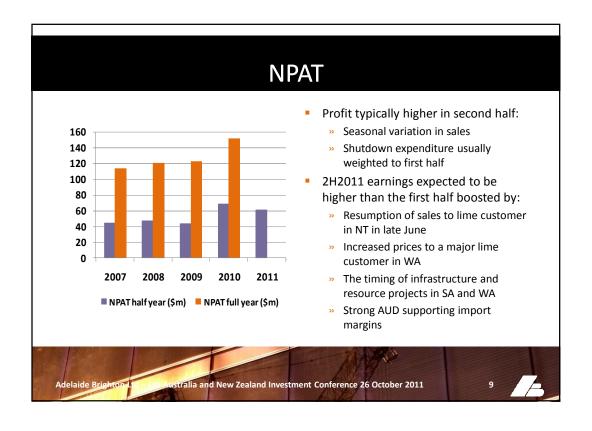
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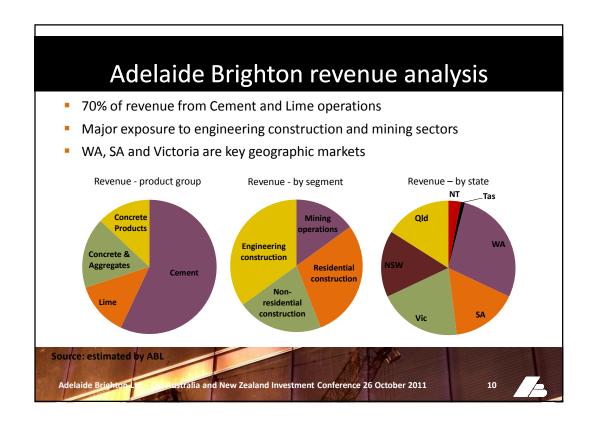






\$m	30 June 2011	30 June 2010	% change
Revenue	507.9	519.4	(2.2)
EBIT	92.4	98.7	(6.4)
PBT	84.5	92.1	(8.3)
NPAT attributable to members	61.5	68.8	(10.6)
Cents			
EPS	9.7	10.8	(10.2)
Interim dividend	7.5	7.5	
Special dividend	-	2.5	
Gearing			
Net debt \$m	220.6	180.9	
Gearing %	23.9	19.8	
<ul> <li>Current debt facilities total \$36 value enhancing organic and ac</li> </ul>		et strength and flexib	oility for further





## Consistent long term strategy

- Consistent strategy over the last decade has supported long term shareholder returns:
  - » Cost reduction and operational improvement
  - » Lime development
  - » Focused and relevant vertical integration
- Cement investment to expand milling capacity
- Lime capacity expansion and improvements in environmental performance
- Downstream acquisitions four acquisitions year to date

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# Operational improvement continues

- Operational improvement
  - » Adelaide Brighton has an ongoing focus on cost management across the Group, with particular emphasis on energy efficiency and reduction of its carbon footprint
  - » The company will continue to evaluate its domestic footprint compared to the potential enhancement of import flexibility
  - » Clinker and lime manufacturing facilities running at capacity
  - » Expansion of Birkenhead cement milling capacity
  - » Investment in Munster lime Kiln 6 brings capacity benefits and environmental improvements

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# Operational improvement in cement

- Expansion of Birkenhead (South Australia) cement milling capacity
  - » \$60 million for the expansion of cement milling capacity by 750,000 tpa
  - » Little carbon impact clinker capacity maintained
  - » Reduce group reliance on imported cement
  - » Environmental benefits through improved dust collection from the upgrade of ship loading facilities
  - Expected to improve EBIT by \$10-\$12 million per annum when completed in early 2013
  - » Project is subject to planning approvals and renewal of long term supply contracts with ICL
  - » Investment over 2011 and 2012

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## Lime development

- Lime capacity expansion
  - » Approved \$34 million for two projects bringing environmental improvements and 100,000 tonnes per annum capacity at Munster, Western Australia
    - \$24 million to replace the kiln 6 electrostatic precipitator with a heat exchanger and bag filter to reduce dust emissions
    - \$10 million for a new cooler bag house to meet expected future demand from the resources sector in WA
    - Investment will occur over 2011 and 2012

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### Consistent long term strategy

- Focused and relevant vertical integration to underpin cement asset utilisation and drive returns through the value chain
  - Four transactions completed year to date 2011 for a total consideration of \$47 million, which represents a multiple of 7.3 times estimated annualised 2011 EBITDA
    - 1. KMM, Kingaroy Qld
      - Concrete and aggregate business acquired in January 2011 expected to benefit from infrastructure and resource projects
    - 2. Mundubbera, Queensland concrete business acquired in August 2011
    - 3. South Coast Equipment, south of Wollongong NSW
      - Concrete business acquired in March 2011
      - Well positioned to benefit from long term population growth in this region
      - Secures cement sales from Port Kembla operations

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## Consistent long term strategy

- 4. Hammercrete, south east Qld and northern NSW
  - Purchase of high quality assets, completed in July 2011
  - Hard rock quarry with approved volume limit of 500,000 tpa and reserves in excess of 20 years – services Gold Coast, southern Brisbane and northern NSW
  - Three concrete plants Gold Coast, Brisbane and Toowoomba
  - Well positioned to benefit from projects and long term population growth
- » Adelaide Brighton continues to evaluate potential acquisitions, with the expansion of our aggregates position being a key factor in future strategic growth

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#### Contract renewal

- Cement supply agreement formalised with major cement customer:
  - » SA cement supply until 31 Dec 2012 (with a further one year option exercisable by customer)
  - » WA cement supply until 31 Dec 2012
- Lime supply contract with major WA alumina producer formally executed (in line with Heads of Agreement)
  - » Effective from 1 July 2011 and covers supply for periods ranging between five and ten years
- Supply to ICL agreed in principle subject to ICL unit-holder approval
  - » Cautiously confident that supply arrangements which expire towards the end of 2012, will be renewed on not materially different terms

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#### Cement

- Loss of sales in 1H of circa 100,000 tonnes to a major customer in WA
- Mining sector partially offset residential activity and lull in SA infrastructure
- Victorian market was strong with sales in line with the pcp
- Cement net selling prices were in line with the prior year
- 1H2011 successful completion of significant planned cyclical maintenance
  - » Limestone transport vessel, MV Accolade II, dry-dock
  - » Birkenhead annual maintenance shutdown
- Major clinker kilns operated at capacity; production augmented by imports
- Stronger Australian dollar in first half 2011 supported import margins

Birkenhead limestone pre-blending



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### Lime

- Temporary suspension of operations at a major NT customer (sales resumed in June 2011)
- Excluding this temporary shutdown, lime volumes were in line with pcp
- Lime kiln production fully utilised at Munster WA. Smaller Dongara (WA) plant and Munster clinker kilns provide flexibility to supply peak demand
- Threat of small scale lime imports into WA remains
- Cautiously confident of long term position given low cost structure

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### Concrete and Aggregates

- Premixed concrete volumes in line with improving east coast market
- Austen Quarry (west of Sydney) volumes were in line with pcp
- After a slow start to the year, sales of quarry products to the Pacific Highway upgrade in northern NSW improved later in the first half
- Concrete and aggregate prices increased; further benefits being realised in second half
- Continued focus on control of quarry and concrete production costs, including raw materials and transport costs

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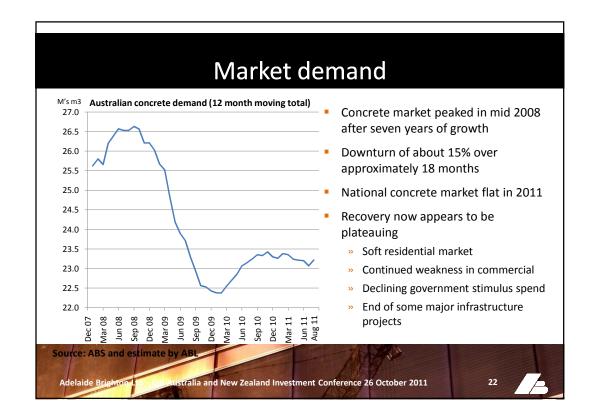


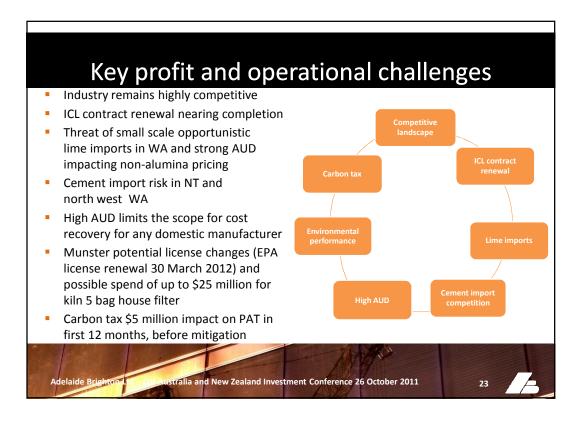
### **Concrete Masonry Products**

- First half revenue down 9% versus pcp
- Difficult trading conditions soft housing and retail activity
- Continued weakness in Qld market made worse by very wet weather
- Price increases notified across all states with increases ranging from 5% to 7% in September 2011 and again in February 2012
- Programs to achieve savings in overheads and production costs and develop innovative and lower cost products
- Output volumes have been adjusted to meet market demand
- Concrete Products first half EBIT of (\$1.2) million down by \$2.0 million due to market weakness

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## Carbon tax implications

- Adelaide Brighton is committed to lowering its carbon emissions and has significantly reduced its carbon footprint in Australia by:
  - » Use of supplementary cementitious materials such as fly ash and slag
  - » Use of alternative fuels and raw materials
  - » Changes to cement standards
  - » Closure of less efficient clinker facilities
  - » Developing its capability to import cementitious materials
- As a result of investment in import supply chain over the last 20 years, Adelaide Brighton is now the largest importer of cement and clinker into Australia
- This places the company in a strong position relative to our domestic cement and clinker competitors to deal with the potentially rising cost of local production given the proposed introduction of a carbon tax



### Carbon tax implications

- Adelaide Brighton estimates that the impact of carbon tax effective
   1 July 2012 to be circa \$5 million on profit after tax, before mitigation, in the first full 12 months of the scheme
- Considering proposed carbon tax and high AUD, Adelaide Brighton expects it will significantly mitigate the impact of the carbon tax over the next five years by:
  - » Enhancing its import flexibility
  - » Reducing reliance on domestic manufacture
  - » Increasing the use of alternative fuels and cementitious substitutes
- The carbon tax as proposed is unlikely to have any significant impact on the long term growth strategy:
  - Operational improvement and asset utilisation
  - Meeting the significant growth in lime demand from the resources sector
  - » Vertical integration into downstream concrete, aggregates and products markets

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### 2011 Outlook

- National demand for cement in 2011 to be similar to 2010 levels
- Cement volumes are expected to be higher in the second half of 2011 than the first half – infrastructure and resource projects
- Excluding the temporary shutdown of a major customer in the Northern Territory in the first half of 2011, full year lime sales volumes are expected to be approximately the same as 2010 levels
- Strong AUD also increases risk of import competition and presents pricing challenges in non-alumina (mostly spot) lime business
- Strength of the AUD supports import margins 2H imports hedged
- Lime price increases to a major alumina customer in Western Australia, effective from 1 July 2011, are expected to improve 2H2011 EBIT by \$6 million compared to 2H2010 EBIT

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### 2011 Outlook

- Further improvements in prices of premix concrete and aggregate products are expected as the full benefit of 1 April 2011 prices increases are realised in 2H2011
- Concrete products to remain weak due to soft housing and retail activity
- Concrete products price increases have been notified to the market across all states with increases ranging from 5% to 7% in September 2011 and again in February 2012
- In the second half of 2011 shutdown costs are expected to be in line with pcp
- Cost management focus across the Group, with particular emphasis on energy efficiency and reduction of the company's carbon footprint
- Capital expenditure for FY2011 expected to be in the range of \$130 to \$140 million
- Significant land bank in WA, SA and Vic over 5-10 years it is possible to realise circa \$100 million
- Continuation of successful long term growth strategy with investment in cement, lime and downstream operations
- Full year 2011 NPAT expected to be between \$146 and \$152 million

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