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Full Year Results
30 June 2009

Financial Summary

	FY 09	FY 08	Change
Total Revenue	\$317m	\$367m	-14%
NDR (Gross Margin)	\$78.5m	\$104.0m	-25%
Underlying EBITDA ¹	\$8.0m	\$24.7m	-68%
Statutory EBITDA	\$5.7m	\$24.7m	-77%
Underlying NPAT ^{1&2}	\$(2.8)m	\$11.1m	-
Statutory NPAT	\$(43.9)m	\$1.9m	-
Underlying EPS ^{1&2}	(2.6)c	10.5c	-
Operating cash flow ³	\$16.7m	\$21.0m	-20%
Dividend	-	-	

¹Before significant items of \$2.3m (\$1.6m post-tax) largely relating to redundancy, premises relocation and refinance advisory costs.

²Before amortisation of intangibles (\$6.3m), notional interest on deferred payments for business acquisitions under IFRS (\$1.7m) and impairment of non-current assets (\$32.4m).

³Before interest and taxation.



Financial Summary

- Revenue & NDR down 14% & 25% respectively
- EBITDA down 68% (before significant items of \$2.3m) due to:
 - speed and extent of economic deterioration
 - impact of 29% decline in permanent revenue
- Cost reduction program to align cost base to current trading conditions and future demand (see next slide)
 - annualised \$12m in savings
- Asset impairment \$32m
- Cash generation, before interest and tax, \$16.7m (\$11.6m after tax versus \$9m in corresponding period) reflecting strength of underlying business



Strategies in challenging economic climate: Operational

Rigorous evaluation and cost reduction to align cost base to market:

- Headcount reduction and payroll savings
- Premises co-location and shared services: major initiative
- Supplier re-evaluations and contract renegotiations

Optimising performance:

- Focus on temporary and contract business
- Market levers reviewed and focus on identified growth areas
- Client leverage opportunities continuing: won 2 national mandates for top 20 ASX companies

Strategies in challenging economic climate: Capital Management

Financing:

- Continues to operate with the support of its banker
- Bank waived covenants at 31 Dec 08 & 30 June 09
- Bank facilities positively revised post year end
 - Term facilities extended to 31 July 10
 - Covenants revised
 - Amortisation reduced
- Positive step in a comprehensive refinancing process

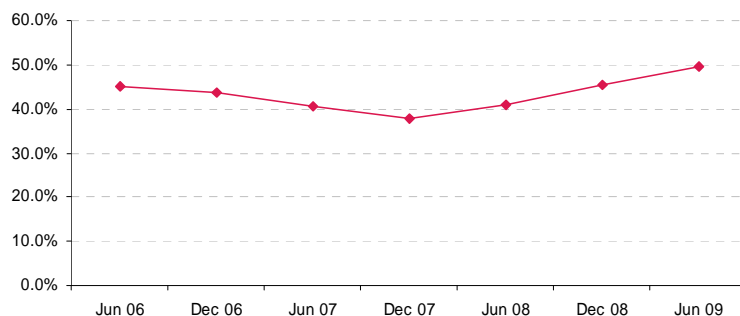
Acquisition model:

- Model responsive to challenging economic conditions
- Payments align with profitability
- Amounts owing to vendors reduced by \$28.9m in FY09 and by \$34.6m in total (see slide 11)

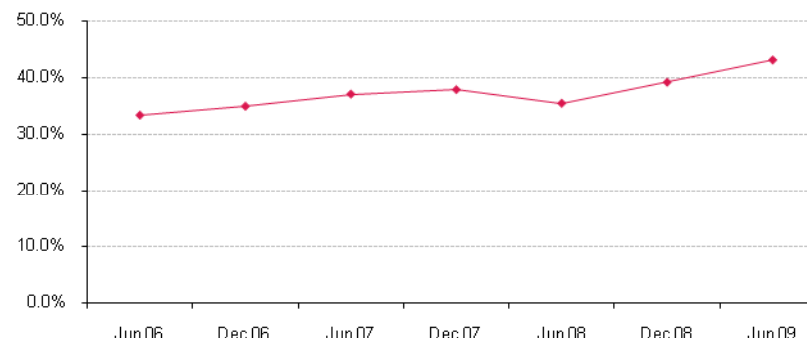
Key operating indicators

- Speed of downturn made it difficult to reduce cost ratios commensurately
- Medium to long term EBITDA:NDR target at 23%

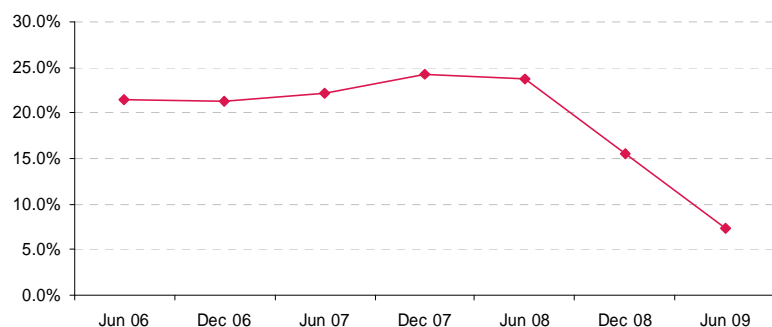
Consultant costs to NDR: Target below 40%



Other costs to NDR



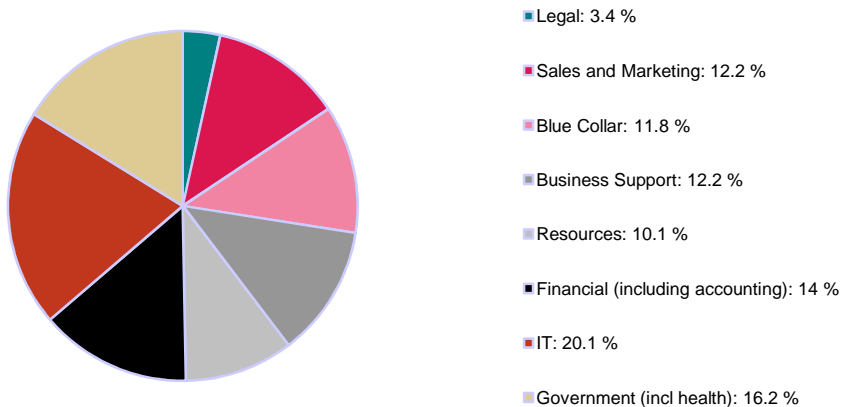
EBITDA to NDR: Target above 23%



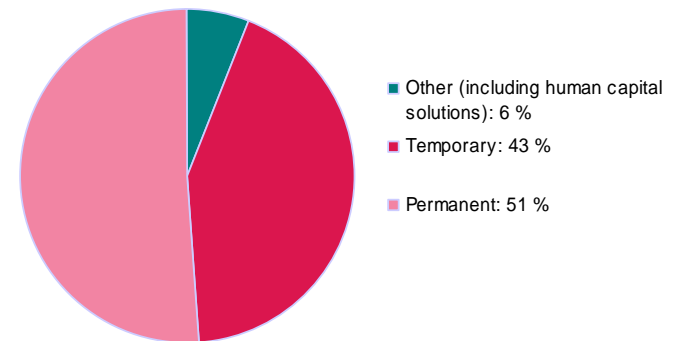
Business profile

- DIVERSITY: spread across industry sectors helps risk mitigation
- MIX: Mix of permanent and temporary expected to change with increasing focus on temporary and contracting placements

Industry



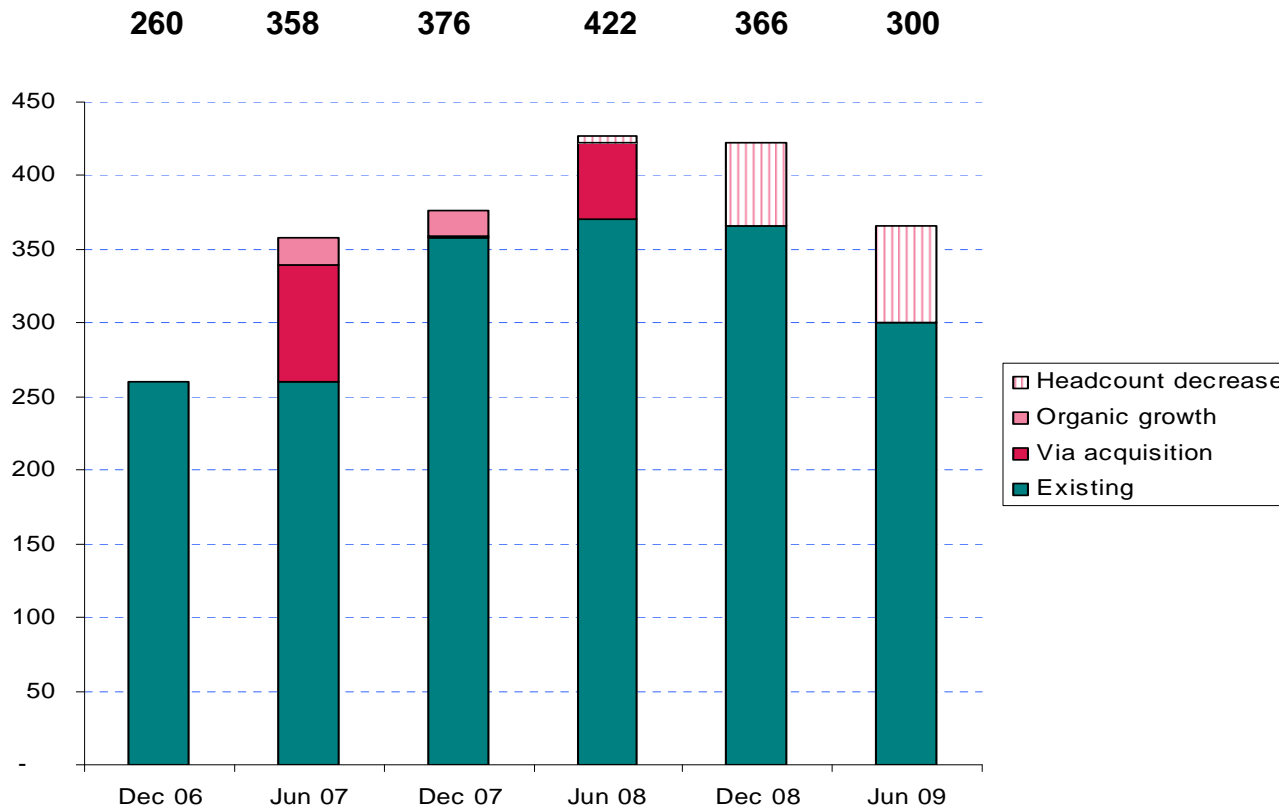
Service



Consultants

➤ Proactive response to trading conditions – reduction of 122 consultants in FY 09

Total consultant numbers



Underlying profitability = best indicator of performance

12 months ended 30 June	2009 \$M	2008 \$M	Change %
Revenue	316.8	367.4	-13.8
NDR (Gross margin)	78.5	104.0	-24.5
EBITDA	Excludes significant items of \$2.3m → 8.0	24.7	-67.6
Depreciation	(1.1)	(1.1)	
EBIT	6.9	23.6	-70.8
Finance costs – amortisation	(2.1)	(0.2)	
Finance costs – interest/charges	(6.9)	(4.2)	
Profit Before Tax	(2.1)	19.2	
Tax	0.6	(5.7)	
Cash interest on vendor liabilities	(1.3)	(2.4)	
Profit After Tax	(2.8)	11.1	
Profit attributable to equity holders	(2.8)	11.1	
EPS (cents)	(2.6)	10.5	



Financial position

		30/06/09 \$M	30/06/08 \$M	Change %
Cash		3.0	1.2	+150
Receivables		36.3	50.8	-29
Intangibles - goodwill	Impairment testing undertaken ⁱ	→ 68.0	129.1	-47
Intangibles – other		12.9	18.9	-32
Other assets		10.7	10.6	+1
Total Assets		130.9	210.6	-38
Current Liabilities				
Trade payables		21.0	24.3	-14
Deferred vendor consideration - debt funded	Vendor liabilities reducing ⁱⁱ	→ 2.3	14.0	-84
Deferred vendor consideration - cash funded		→ 5.3	5.4	-2
Borrowings – working capital		24.4	21.5	+13
Borrowings – acquisitions debt	Bank borrowings re-classified to current ⁱⁱⁱ	→ 23.0	0.0	-
Non Current Liabilities				
Deferred vendor consideration - debt funded	Vendor liabilities reducing ⁱⁱ	→ 1.4	11.1	-87
Deferred vendor consideration - cash funded		→ 10.3	34.7	-70
Borrowings – acquisitions debt		24.5	36.9	-34
Other liabilities		3.3	3.4	-3
Total Liabilities		115.5	151.3	-24
Net Assets		15.4	59.3	-74
Net Asset backing (cents)		14.1	55.7	

i Goodwill balances have been subject to impairment testing. \$32m has been written off in the period.

Further reduction from decline in vendor liabilities (ii). Balance 47% of 08 levels.

ii Vendor liabilities linked to profitability and liabilities have reduced by \$28.9m. (see next slide)

Payments have also peaked (see slide 12).

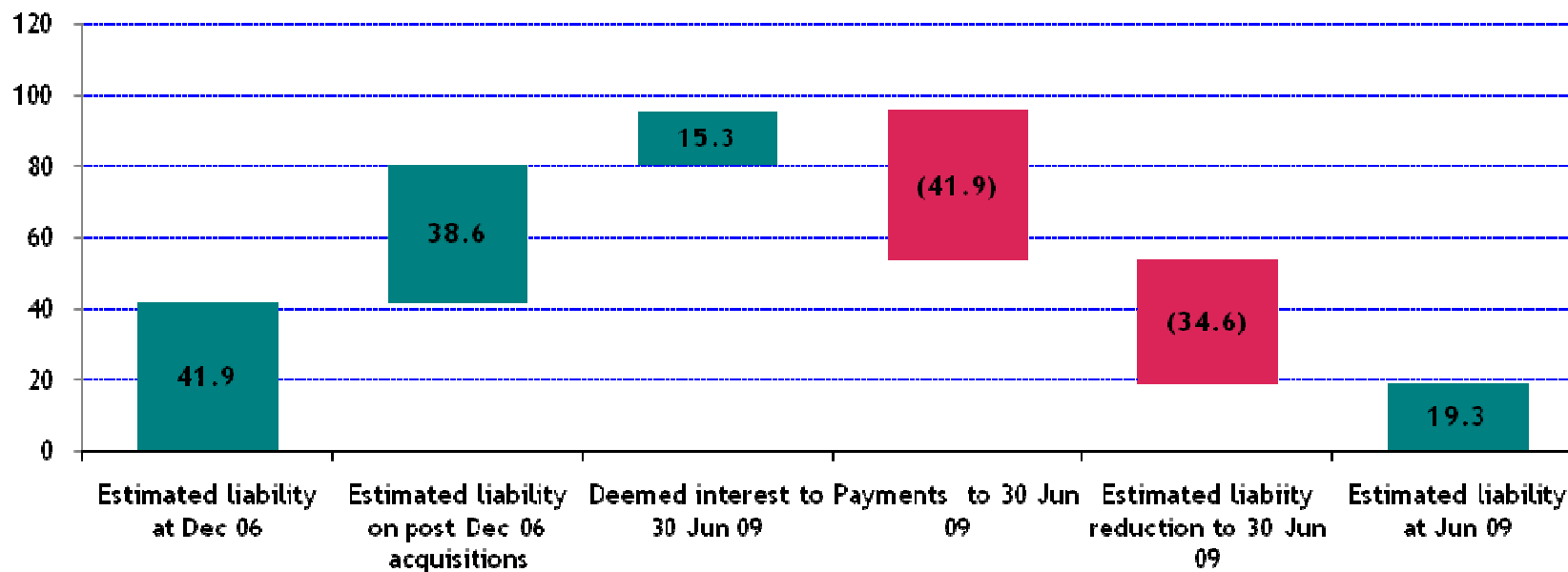
iii Classified as current as due for repayment within the next 12 months at year end . This facility has been extended to 31 July 2010 post year end.



Vendor liability

- Vendor liabilities have reduced by \$34.6 million in total (\$28.9m in FY09) as a result of the linkage of liabilities to profitability

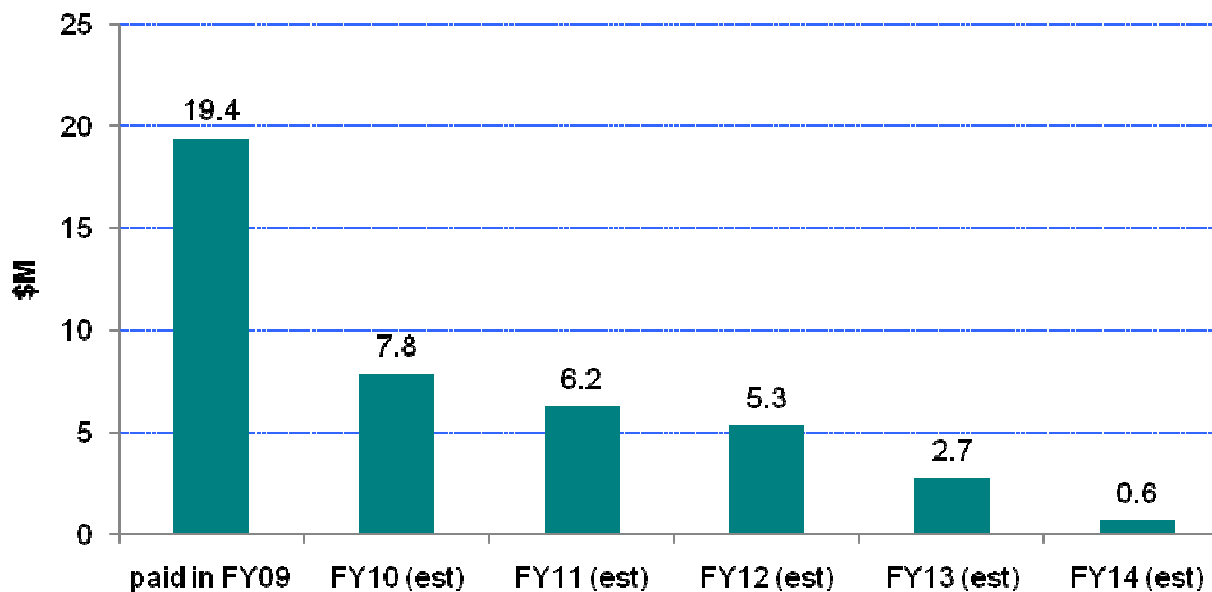
Analysis of vendor liabilities



Vendor payment profile

- Payments to vendors have peaked and are expected to more than halve in FY10ⁱ

Estimated Vendor Earn Out Payments (FY10-FY14)



ⁱ Estimated vendor earn out payments at future value of \$22.6m.
Balance sheet (Vendor earn out liabilities) at present value of \$19.3m.



Outlook

Short term

- Underlying operational profit Q4 FY09
- Cost base aligned to market conditions and current demand
- Focusing on identified growth sectors
- Cautious of short term outlook

Long term

- Skills shortage will continue to be an issue for employers due to permanent demographic change
- Well-established specialist recruitment firms will have the edge





Appendices



Statutory profitability

12 months ended 30 June	2009 \$M	2008 \$M	Change %
Revenue	316.8	367.4	-13.8
NDR (Gross margin)	78.5	104.0	-24.5
EBITDA	Includes significant items of \$2.3m → 5.7	24.7	-76.9
Depreciation	(1.1)	(1.1)	
Amortisation	(6.3)	(6.1)	
EBIT	(1.7)	17.5	
Notional Interest on vendor liabilities	(3.0)	(7.2)	
Finance costs – amortisation	(2.1)	(0.2)	
Finance costs – interest/charges	(6.9)	(4.2)	
Impairment of goodwill	<u>(32.4)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	
Profit/Loss Before Tax	(46.1)	5.9	
Tax	2.2	(4.1)	
Profit/Loss After Tax	(43.9)	1.8	
Profit attributable to equity holders	(43.9)	1.9	
EPS (cents)	(40.7)	1.8	



Reconciliation of statutory to underlying

Underlying NPAT adjusts for significant items, AIFRS-required amortisation, notional interest on vendor liabilities and goodwill impairment

12 months ended 30 June	2009 \$M	2008 \$M
Statutory NPAT	(43.9)	1.8
Significant items	2.3	0.0
Non cash items		
Add back: Amortisation of identifiable intangible assets	6.3	6.1
Notional interest on vendor liabilities	3.0	7.2
Impairment of goodwill	32.4	0.0
Deduct: Cash interest on vendor liabilities	(1.3)	(2.4)
Tax effect	<u>(1.6)</u>	<u>(1.6)</u>
Underlying NPAT	<u>(2.8)</u>	<u>11.1</u>

