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The Manager - Listings
Australian Securities Exchange Limited
Exchange Centre
20 Bridge Street
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Via electronic lodgement

Dear Sir

#### **COPIES OF SLIDES FOR WEBCAST**

At 10.00 am AEDT today, Tom Gorman, Chief Executive Officer and Greg Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, will webcast a presentation of Brambles' results for the half-year ended 31 December 2010. The slides for that webcast presentation are enclosed.

The slides and webcast will be available on the Brambles' website at www.brambles.com.

Yours faithfully **Brambles Limited** 

Robert Gerrard
Group Company Secretary



2011 first-half results

15 February 2011





### Discussion topics

Business update and result overview 
Tom Gorman, CEO

Result analysis

Greg Hayes, CFO

Outlook

Growth initiatives update

Tom Gorman, CEO

• Emerging economies focus

Summary

# Business update and result overview Tom Gorman, CEO

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### Result highlights

- Sales revenue up 3%
  - Uneven economic recovery in Brambles' key regions
  - Customer retention and new business wins
  - Strengthening customer relationships
- Operating profit up 8%
  - Improvement in all business units
  - · Defending the business and investing for growth
  - Quality initiatives
- Growth plans on track
  - Increased capital expenditure, targeted acquisitions
  - · Investment in innovation and business development
  - Strong emerging economy performance

### Financial highlights

			Cha	inge (%)
US\$M	1H11	1H10	Actual FX	Constant FX*
Sales revenue	2,147.2	2,086.1	3	4
Operating profit**	366.1	338.1	8	8
Profit after tax**	219.8	206.7	6	7
Earnings per share (US cents)***	15.4	14.8	4	5
Dividends per share (Australian cents)	13.0	12.5	4	
			Chang	je (US\$M)
Cash flow from continuing operations	290.1	400.3	(1	10.2)
Free cash flow after dividends	(3.4)	133.3	(1	36.7)

<sup>\*</sup> Brambles calculates constant currency by translating results into US dollars at the exchange rates applicable during the prior corresponding period.

\*\* Includes US\$6.4M of Significant items, including US\$6.9M of acquisition-related costs and US\$(0.5)M of other.

\*\*\* Earnings per share includes discontinued operations.

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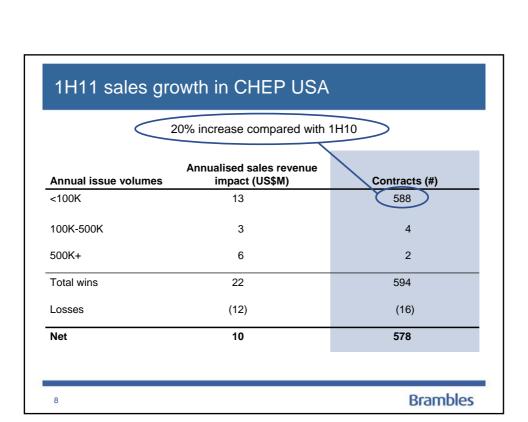
### Strong new business wins

US\$M	Net new business*	1H11 annualised**
CHEP Americas	10	22
CHEP EMEA	14	5
CHEP Asia-Pacific	2	8
Recall	8	19
Brambles	34	54

Net new business = change in sales revenue in the period resulting from business won or lost in the period and the previous 12 months.
 Net new business is calculated on a constant currency basis.
 Annualised = net annualised value of business won and lost during the period.

### Business highlights - CHEP Americas

- Sales revenue up 5%
  - · Growth in all countries
  - Latin America up 19%
  - LeanLogistics up 16%
  - · Ongoing competitive activity
- Defending and growing the business
  - Leading brands re-committing
- Improved CHEP USA business
  - Customer feedback continuing to improve
  - Better Everyday costs as per Aug '10 guidance
  - US\$199M of contract renewals in 1H11 in USA
  - SME strategy building momentum



### Business highlights - CHEP EMEA

- Sales revenue down 2%
  - Negative impact from weaker euro and pound
  - Volume up 2%
  - Automotive sales revenue up 3%
- Volume growth in Western Europe
  - Growth in Germany, Italy, Benelux, Scandinavia
  - Difficult conditions in Spain, France, UK
- Significant progress in emerging economies
  - Middle East & Africa sales revenue up 26%
  - Central & Eastern Europe sales revenue up 16%
  - Positive start in Turkey



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### Business highlights - CHEP Asia-Pacific

- Sales revenue up 13%
  - · Positive impact from currency
  - Australia performance in line with slower economy in Dec quarter
  - · RPC and auto growth
- Emerging economies
  - China and India sales revenue up 91%
  - · Partnerships in FMCG and auto
  - South-East Asia sales revenue up 23%
  - Growth to require further investment



### Business highlights - Recall

- Sales revenue up 6%
  - Major contracts wins
  - Carton volume growth 6%
  - Higher paper prices
- Increased investment in facilities, sales-force and systems
- Strong growth in emerging economies



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### IFCO update

- CY10 result in line with Brambles expectations
- Acquisition timetable on track
  - Regulatory approval received in all required European countries
  - Clearance process in USA progressing as expected
- Public tender offer launched Dec '10 on track
- A\$110M raised in Dec '10 through Share Purchase Plan
- Integration planning underway

## Result analysis Greg Hayes, CFO

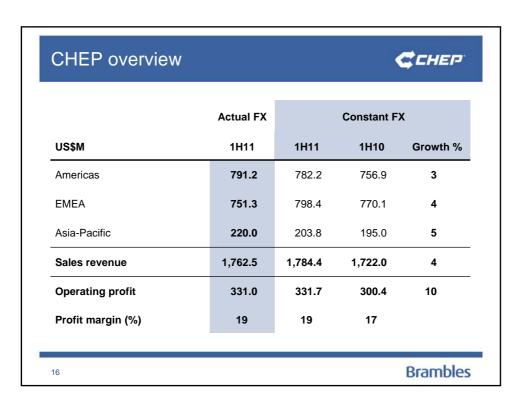
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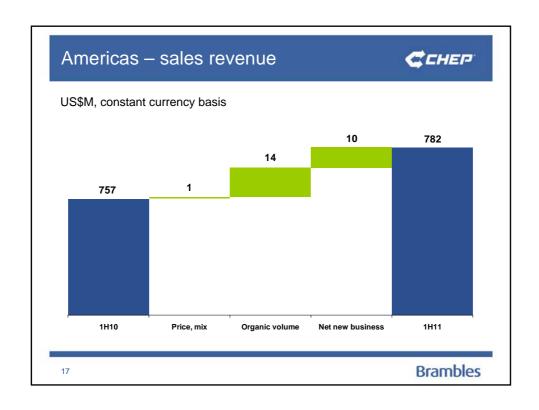
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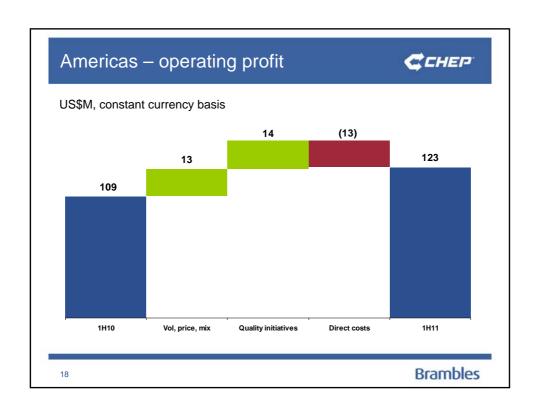
Actual FX		Constant FX	
1H11	1H11	1H10	Growth %
2,147.2	2,164.4	2,086.1	4
372.5	373.1	340.2	10
366.1	365.9	338.1	8
308.9	309.0	284.1	9
219.8	221.5	206.7	7
15.4	15.5	14.8	5
290.1	290.9	400.3	(27)
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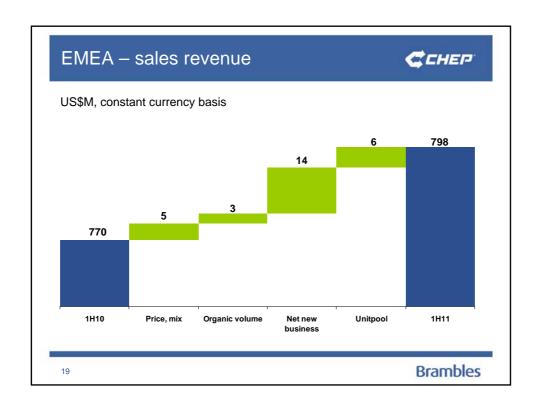
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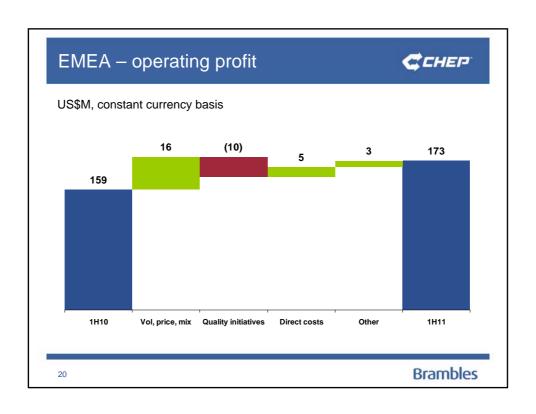


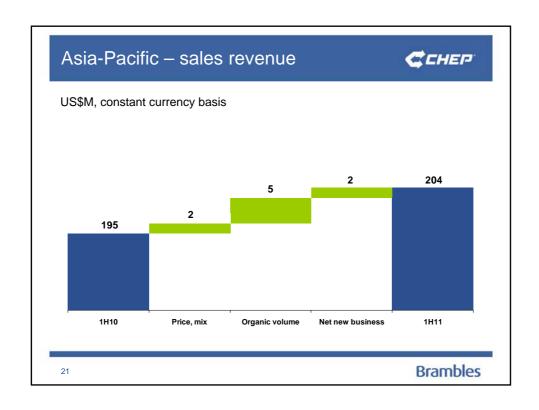


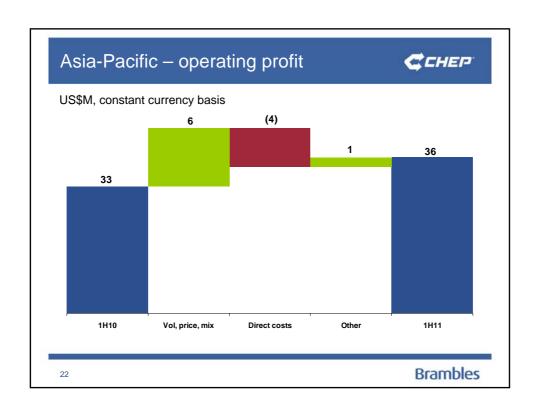


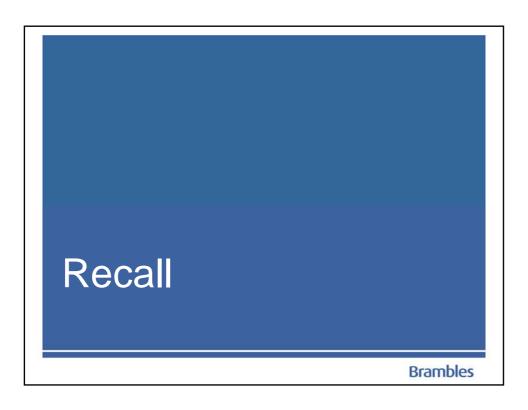




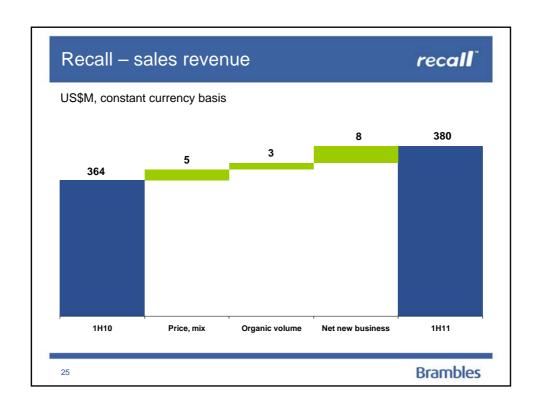


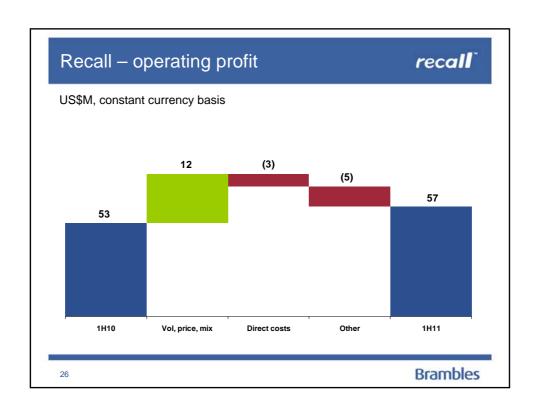






	Actual FX	Constant FX			
US\$M	1H11	1H11	1H10	Growth %	
Americas	174.2	172.0	161.9	6	
Europe	93.8	100.0	95.3	5	
Rest of world	116.7	108.0	106.9	1	
Sales revenue	384.7	380.0	364.1	4	
Operating profit	59.3	57.3	52.5	9	
Profit margin (%)	15	15	14		

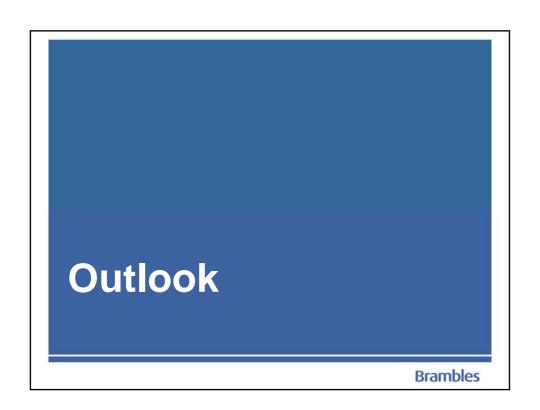




### Cash flow and finance

Cash flow			
US\$M actual rates	1H11	1H10	Change
EBITDA	596.0	562.1	33.9
Capital expenditure	(338.6)	(254.6)	(84.0)
Proceeds from disposals	39.8	43.6	(3.8)
Working capital movement	(34.3)	(21.4)	(12.9)
IPEP expense	52.7	60.2	(7.5)
Provisions / other	(25.5)	10.4	(35.9)
Cash flow from continuing operations	290.1	400.3	(110.2)
Significant items outside ordinary activities	(14.0)	(35.1)	21.1
Cash flow from operations (incl. Significant items)	276.1	365.2	(89.1)
Financing costs and tax	(175.7)	(130.6)	(45.1)
Free cash flow	100.4	234.6	(134.2)
Dividends paid	(103.8)	(101.3)	(2.5)
Free cash flow after dividends	(3.4)	133.3	(136.7)

Actual rates	Dec 10	Jun 10		
Net debt (US\$M)	1,720.5	1,759.3		
Gearing* (%)	45.5	51.9		
Actual rates	1H11	1H10	Covenants	
EBITDA**/ net finance costs (x)	10.4	10.4	3.5 (min)	
Net debt/ EBITDA (x)	1.4	1.8	3.5 (max)	



### Outlook

- On track for FY11 result in line with Aug '10 guidance
  - · Sales revenue growth in all business units at constant currency
  - Operating profit before finance costs and tax of US\$740M to US\$780M\*
    - June 2010 foreign exchange rates
    - Excludes any contribution or acquisition expense from IFCO
  - Interest cost approximately US\$115M
  - Tax rate approximately 28%
- Subject to unforeseen circumstances and ongoing economic uncertainty

\* Comparable 1H11 operating profit was US\$352M.

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# Growth initiatives update

Tom Gorman, CEO

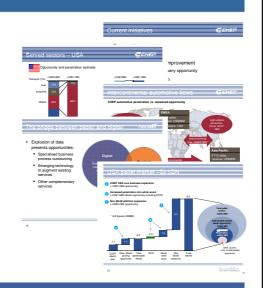
### Recap – Brambles' key strengths

- Global footprint
- Local networks
- Intellectual property
  - Expertise in equipment pooling
  - Expertise in information management
- Customer franchises
- Financial position

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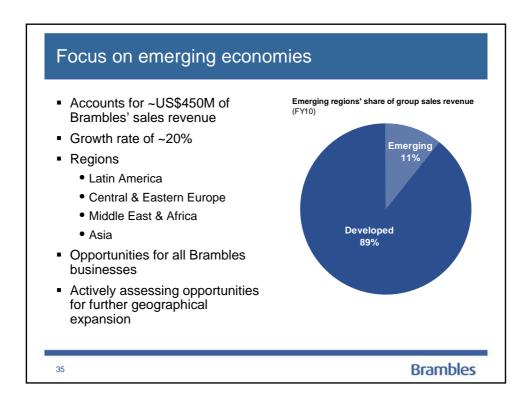
### Delivering growth

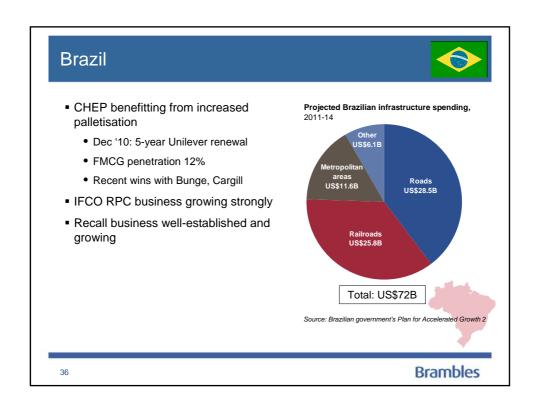
- Strengthen the core
  - CHEP USA SME pallets
  - LeanLogistics
  - RPC expansion
  - Recall storage growth
- Expanding the reach
  - Global automotive
  - · Global containers
  - Recall digital
  - Emerging economies

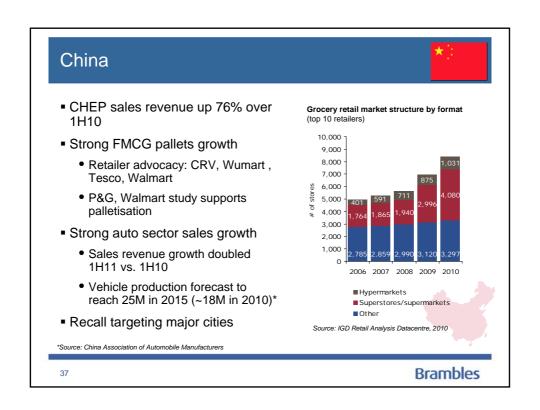


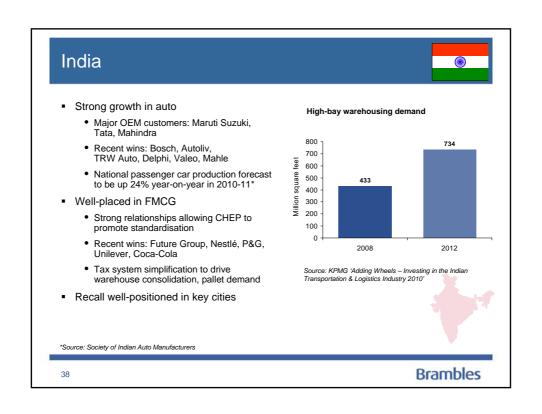
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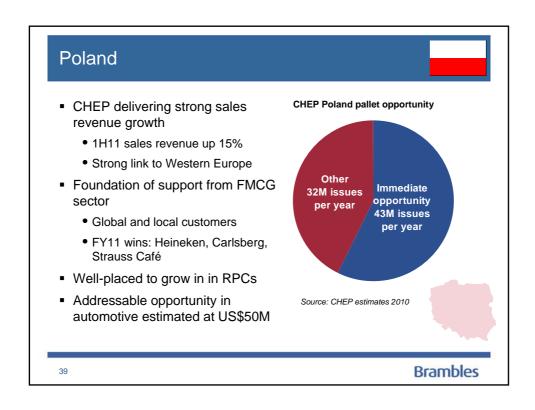
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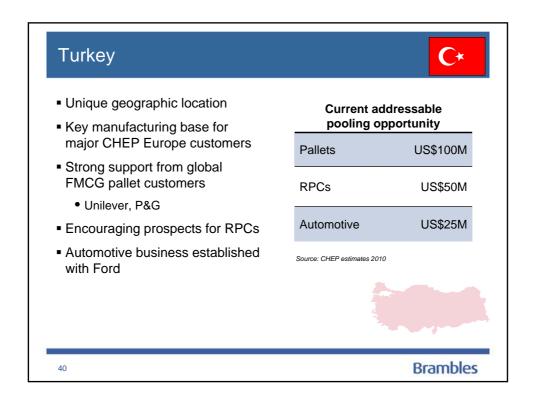












## **Summary**Tom Gorman, CEO

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### Summary

- Sales revenue and profit up against uneven economic backdrop
- Defending the business while investing in quality and growth
- Emerging economies performing strongly
- Growth initiatives on track
- Outlook in line with Aug '10 guidance

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### **Appendices**

### Glossary of terms and measures

Except where noted, common terms and measures used in this document are based upon the following definitions:

Actual rates

In the statutory financial statements, foreign currency results are translated into US dollars at the applicable actual monthly exchange rates ruling in each period

Brambles Value Added (BVA)

Brambles Value Added (BVA) represents the value generated over and above the cost of the capital used to generate that value.

It is calculated using fixed June 2010 exchange rates as:

Underlying profit: plus

• Significant items that are part of the ordinary activities of the business; less

• Average Capital Invested, adjusted for accumulated pre-tax Significant items that are part of the ordinary activities of the business, multiplied by 12%.

Capital expenditure (capex)

Unless otherwise stated, capital expenditure is presented on an accruals basis and excludes intangible assets, investments in associates and equity acquisitions. It is shown gross of any fixed asset disposals proceeds.

Cash flow from operations

Constant currency

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Cash flow generated after net capital expenditure but excluding Significant items that are outside the ordinary course of business.

Constant currency results are presented by translating both current and comparable period foreign currency results into US dollars at the actual monthly exchange rates applicable in the comparable period, so as to show relative performance between the two periods before the translation impact of currency fluctuations.

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### Glossary of terms and measures (continued)

Except where noted, common terms and measures used in this document are based upon the following definitions:

Continuing

operations

Continuing operations refers to CHEP, Recall and Brambles HQ.

Profit after tax, minority interests and Significant items, divided by shares in issue.

Free cash flow

Cash flow generated after net capital expenditure, finance costs and tax, but excluding the net cost of acquisitions and proceeds from business disposals.

Sales revenue Shares in issue

Excludes revenues of associates and non trading revenue. Based on weighted average shares in issue of 1,425.4M in 1H11; 1,403.8M in

Significant items

Significant items are items of income or expense which are, either individually or in

aggregate, material to Brambles or to the relevant business segment and: • outside the ordinary course of business (e.g. gains or losses on the sale or termination of operations, the cost of significant reorganisations or restructuring);

• part of the ordinary activities of the business but unusual due to their size and

nature Underlying profit

Underlying profit is profit from continuing operations before finance costs, tax and

Significant items.

Actual rates	1H11 US\$M	1H10 US\$M
Underlying profit	372.5	340.2
Significant items:		
Acquisition-related costs	(6.9)	-
Restructuring costs	0.5	(2.1)
Subtotal	(6.4)	(2.1)
Operating profit	366.1	338.1

		1H	11 currenc	y mix at act	ual FX rate	es
US\$M	Total	USD	EUR	GBP	AUD	Other
Sales revenue	2,147.2	691.1	507.9	203.6	274.3	470.3
Operating profit	366.1	63.0	79.1	50.2	46.4	127.4
Net debt*	1,720.5	1,597.7	176.0	(101.6)	24.9	23.5

US\$B				
Maturity	Туре	Committed facilities	Debt drawn	Headroom
< 12 months	Bank/USPP*	0.4	0.3	0.1
1 – 2 years	Bank	1.2	0.3	0.9
2 – 3 years	Bank	1.0	0.1	0.9
3 – 4 years	USPP*	0.2	0.2	-
4 – 5 years	144A**	0.2	0.2	-
> 5 years	USPP*/144A**	0.7	0.7	-
Γotal		3.7	1.8	1.9

