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Dear Sir/Madam

We attach copy of presentation being delivered by Mr Mark Chellew, Managing Director, in a series of meetings during a Macquarie Equities Asian Roadshow on Wednesday 17 September 2008.

Yours faithfully

Marcus Clayton
Company Secretary



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**Macquarie Equities Asia Roadshow
17 September 2008**

Presented by: Mark Chellev, Managing Director



Agenda

- **ABL profile and geographic spread**
- **ABL financial performance**
- **Australian cement industry structure**
- **ABL strategy overview**
- **ABL divisional review and markets**
- **Outlook**



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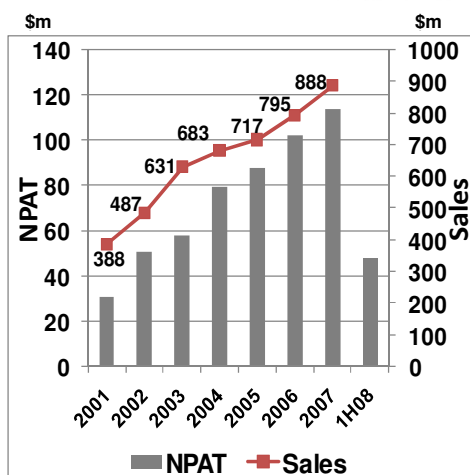
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Adelaide Brighton profile

- ABL is a leading Australian integrated construction materials and lime producing company, heavily focussed on the growing resources, engineering and infrastructure sectors
- Well positioned to supply all states from its domestic manufacturing base complemented by long term supply contracts for imported clinker and cementitious materials
- S&P/ASX 200 company with market capitalisation around \$2 billion
- 1,550 employees with operations in all states and territories
- Market leader in lime manufacture in Australia, number two position in cement, number one in masonry products and an emerging position in the aggregates and ready mixed concrete market

ABL financial performance

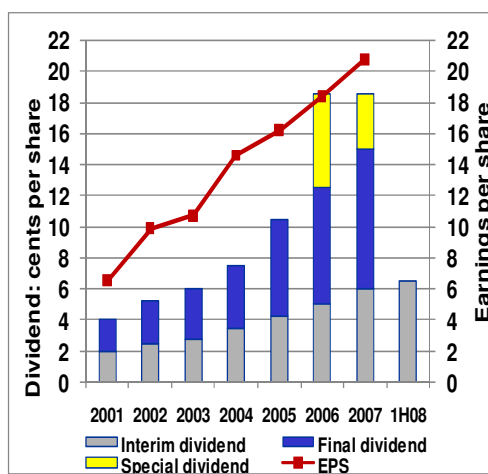


- Consistent seven year growth in revenue and profit
- Increased demand in core cement markets
- Cement and lime price increases recover higher input cost pressures
- Apache Energy (Varanus) gas constraints impacted H1 2008 by \$3m. Partial insurance recovery likely in H2 2008
- Timing of annual maintenance programme impacted H1 2008 (\$4.5m) compared to H1 2007

ABL Summary earnings H1 June 2008

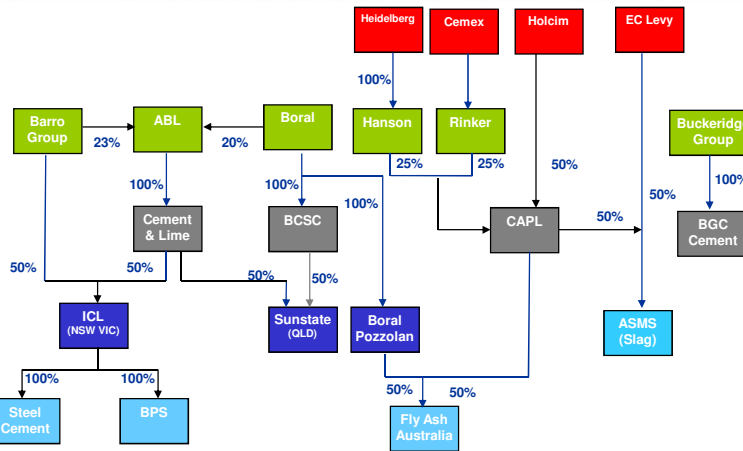
6 months ended 30 June	2008 \$m	2007 \$m	Change %
Revenue	476.9	413.9	15.2
EBITDA	105.5	96.1	9.8
EBIT	77.5	71.1	9.0
Net interest	(15.8)	(10.1)	(56.4)
Profit before tax	61.7	61.0	1.1
Tax expense	(13.9)	(16.5)	(15.8)
Net profit after tax	47.8	44.5	7.4
Minority interest	(0.1)	-	
Net profit attributable to members	47.7	44.5	7.2

ABL earnings and dividend per share



- Continued dividend growth and increase in EPS
- Payout ratio increased to 71.5% for 2007 full year. 74.1% payout interim 2008
- 2007 3.5 cents per share special dividend - near 100% payout ratio for 2007
- Effective use of franking credits
- 2008 interim 6.5 cps

Australian cement industry ownership



Glossary

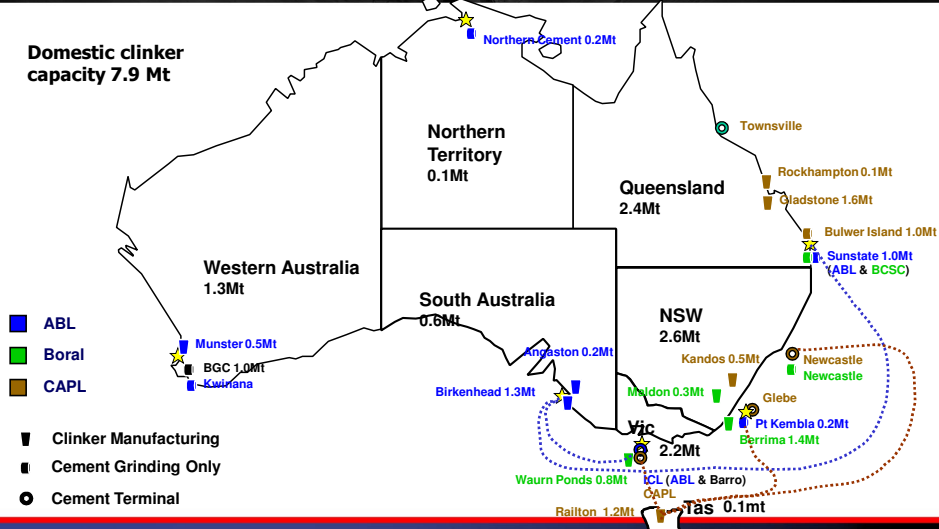
ABL: Adelaide Brighton Ltd
BPS: Building Products Supplies

BCSC: Blue Circle Southern Cement
ASMS: Australian Steel Mill Services

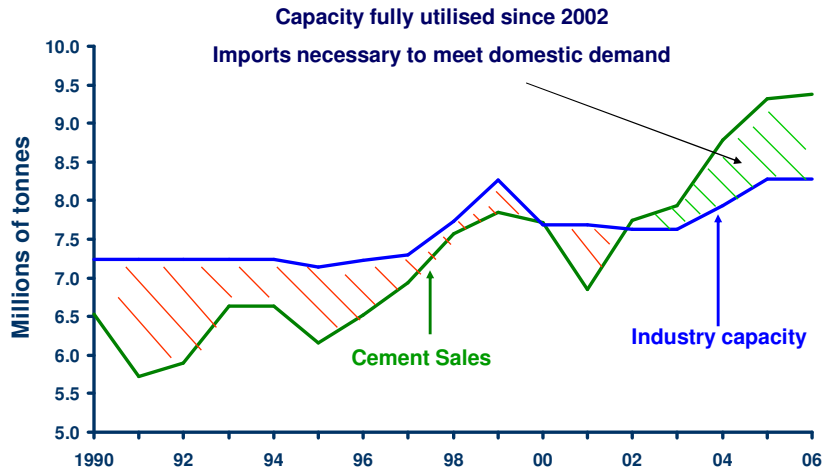
ICL: Independent Cement & Lime
CAPL: Cement Australia Pty Ltd

Australian cement industry

Domestic clinker capacity 7.9 Mt

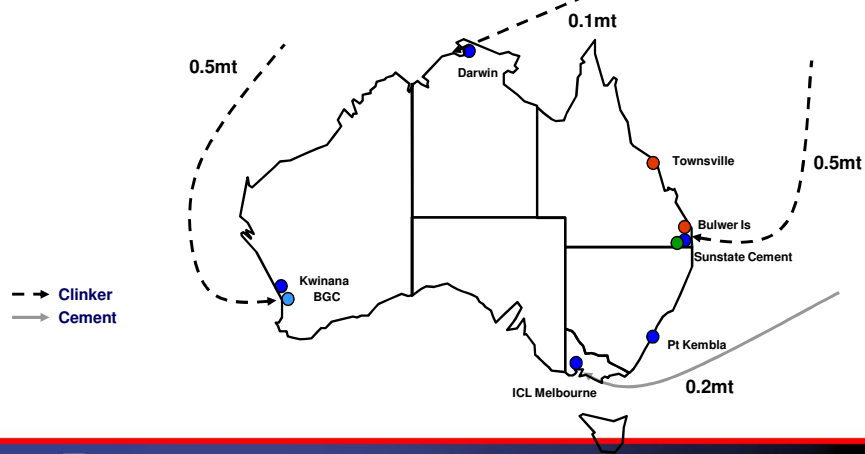


Australian cement capacity and demand



Imported cement and clinker flows

- ABL and BGC the principal importers
- ABL Pt Kembla switched from imports to BCSC supply ex Berrima



Adelaide Brighton strategy overview

- **Focused and relevant vertical integration**
 - Downstream concrete – cement pull through
 - Masonry products – long term growth in higher margin market sectors. Hanson Building Products acquisition 1 July 2008
 - Aggregates and sand – Austen Quarry (west of Sydney) plus future aligned acquisitions
- **Lime business development**
 - Projected volume increases of 360k tonne by 2015
 - Further potential for WA lime price increases over the next five years
 - Mataranka lime plant in Northern Territory at capacity. Feasibility study for \$30m expansion to meet future demand
- **Operational Improvement and cost reduction programme**
 - Increased cement and lime output extending existing capacities
 - Reliability and process improvement defers need for permanent switch of 2 x 250kt cement kilns to lime production until later next decade
 - \$22.5m cost reduction programme over the next four years



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Adelaide Brighton strategy overview

- **Emissions trading and climate change**
 - ABL has a higher proportion of carbon emitting operations than other construction materials companies due to intensity of upstream (cement and lime manufacture) in its business mix
 - Government Green Paper July 2008 includes cement and lime with Energy Intensive Trade Exposed status
 - ABL is prepared for national Greenhouse Energy Reporting and is working with PricewaterhouseCoopers for an independent review
 - ABL is progressing strategies to mitigate the future carbon risk
 - Optimising plant efficiency to benchmark standards
 - Substitution of cementitious additives and fillers
 - Securing long term supplies of slag and fly ash
 - Targeting carbon offsets such as increased use of biomass fuels



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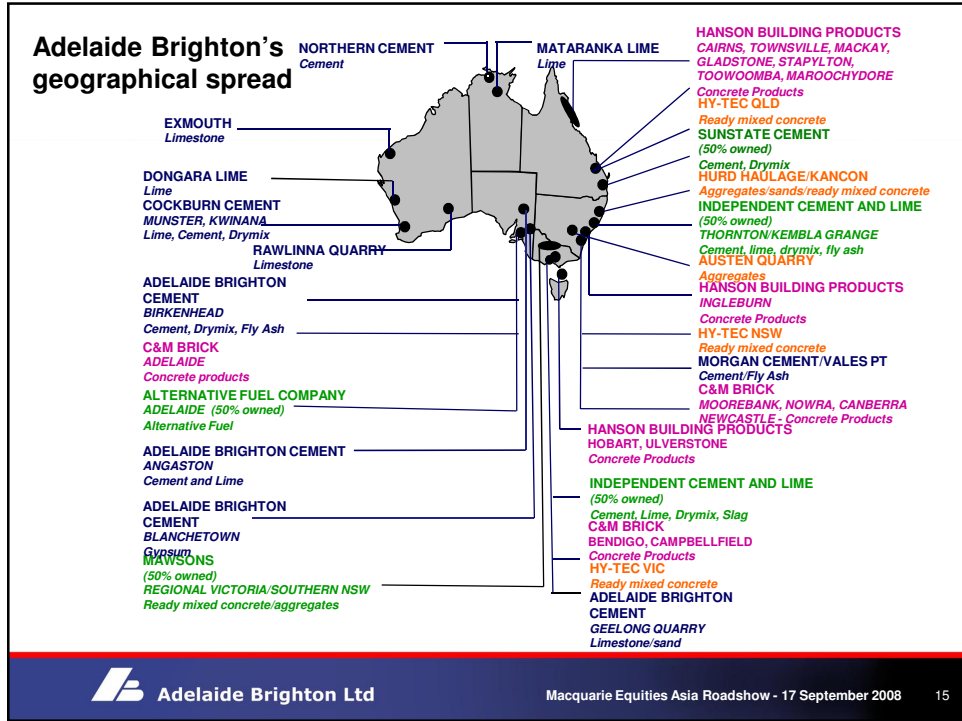
Adelaide Brighton strategic growth

- **Selective downstream integration**
 - Hurd Haulage, Kancon Group, Hastings Concrete and Port Mini Mix acquisitions
 - NSW Austen Quarry fully commissioned H1 2007
 - Mawson Group 50% acquisition in Jan 2008
 - Hanson Building Products acquisition in July 2008
- **Lime growth +360kt on 2006 base by 2015**
 - Lime prices reviewed as contracts expire. Current gap between alumina and non-alumina pricing is circa \$70/tonne. Gap likely to narrow when long term contracts expire 2012/2013
 - Lime volume increases dependent on approval and timing of major projects
- **\$25m Operational Improvement 2007 - 2011**
 - Increased cement and lime output extending existing capacities
- **Flexible, long term import contracts to meet market demand**
 - Clinker supply contracts success (freight and product)
 - Slag contracts now in place
 - Flexible logistics WA, NT, QLD, NSW & VIC

Lime demand – major projects

Project	'000t	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Hismelt Stage 1	10								20
Alcoa Wagerup T3				20	25	25	25		95
Boddington Gold	10	5							15
Ravensthorpe Nickel	10	15							40
Hismelt Stage 2							50		50
Worsley Expansion 2				60				40	100
Ranger	10	20							30
Tiwest Kwinana	5								5
South Australia			5	5	5	10		10	35
TOTAL		45	45	85	30	35	75	50	390

- 2008 H1 impacted by Varanus (-10kt) and Kalgoorlie Nickel (-15kt)
- Varanus likely to impact lime volumes until end 2008



Market demand 2008 update

- **Cement**
 - South Australia: robust residential and engineering
 - Strong market demand in Queensland
 - Western Australia: growth in resources and infrastructure sectors
 - Robust demand from engineering and infrastructure sectors in Victoria
 - New South Wales: continued market weakness
- **Lime**
 - Strong demand in Northern Territory
 - South Australian demand level with growth potential
 - Western Australian demand impacted by Varanus gas disruption
- **Concrete and aggregates**
 - New South Wales and Queensland: stable demand
 - Victoria: volume growth – CBD contracts
- **Masonry products**
 - Weaker demand in first half in New South Wales and Victoria
 - SE Queensland and South Australia markets remain satisfactory
 - North Queensland market softening

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Cement and Lime

- Increased cement demand met by sustained production and increased imports
- Additional long term import clinker supply contracts in place but at higher cost. Current world clinker prices at US\$45 per tonne
- Maintenance programmes largely completed in first half – sound base for second half performance
- Munster kiln six coal firing performing beyond expectations giving confidence to extend coal firing strategy
- Northern Cement output increased to meet additional demand
- Mataranka Lime operating at capacity. Angaston volume used to meet additional Ranger demand
- Morgan Cement NSW operating at capacity



Concrete and Aggregates

- Operations in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria under the Hy-Tec brand
- Total annual output one million cubic metres of ready mixed concrete
- Growing reputation - CBD capabilities
- Continued focus on mix designs to mitigate material cost increases
- Emerging aggregates position in NSW and Victoria
 - Self sufficient in New South Wales from Austen Quarry
 - Acquisitions: Hurd Haulage, Kancon, Hastings Concrete and Port Mini Mix - regional NSW
 - Mawson Group in regional Victoria
- Quarry development potential – three to ten year horizon
 - Feasibility study on Exmouth lime JV quarry in WA
 - Potential to serve Gorgon field pipeline development
 - Modest (circa \$5m) potential for a three year EBIT



Austen Quarry



- 200 million tonnes aggregates potential reserves. 120 km west of Sydney
- Important future strategic supply of aggregates to the western Sydney market
- High quality aggregate - 1mt annual capacity
- Road base approval from the Roads and Traffic Authority in NSW
- Supplies all Hy-Tec NSW internal requirements

Masonry Products

- Number one position nationally in the masonry products market with operations in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania
- Acquired Hanson Building Products (HBP) July 2008 – benefits from integration with C&M
- HBP/C&M benchmarking for performance improvement
- Masonry products division well positioned for future market growth



Financial performance overview

- Record 2007 full and 2008 half year results as cement and lime volumes, pricing and operational improvements offset energy and fuel inflationary pressures
- Increased shareholder returns through both dividend and share price growth
- Cement and lime plant output at near capacity levels
- Operational improvement programme starting to deliver results
- Actions taken to mitigate energy cost increases
- Tight credit markets prompted early refinancing negotiations. Additional facilities secured in constrained debt markets.
 - June 2008 credit approval with CBA, NAB and Westpac:
\$310m 2 year facilities expiring June 2010
\$210m 3 three facilities expiring June 2011



Outlook – market and profitability

- Cement demand expected to grow by 5%- 8% in 2008 and plateau in 2009 – longer term growth 2.5% pa through 2012
- Regional weakening in residential demand offset by engineering and infrastructure growth
- Cement pricing - ABL seeks further growth above CPI in H1 2009 to recover rising input costs
- Demand for lime from mining and resource sectors will continue along forecast growth patterns after markets recover from Varanus supply constraints
- Lime price increases to be realised as longer term contracts expire
- Masonry products contribution from C&M and HBP – benefits of synergies and scale
- Recent weakness of A\$ likely to impact EBIT by circa \$2m in Q4 2008 due to increased cost of imports. However over time weakness of A\$ is likely to lead to increase in import parity price of cement in Australia, subject to influence of shipping rates
- Full impact of Varanus gas explosion is likely to be \$4-\$5m for 2008, with \$2m insurance recovery expected in 2008 and further insurance recovery in 2009
- 2008 NPAT likely to be towards lower end of guidance \$120m - \$126m

