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Dear Sir / Madam

#### **Scheme Investor Presentation**

Please find attached a copy of an investor presentation relating to the Watpac Limited Scheme of Arrangement.

The Watpac Independent Board Committee continue to unanimously recommend that Watpac Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme Resolution at the Scheme Meeting (in the absence of a Superior Proposal).

#### **Shareholder information**

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For further information contact:

Investor Relations – Mark Baker, Chief Financial Officer on 07 3251 6442 Media – Amanda Campbell, Corporate Affairs Manager on 07 3251 6453

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Proposed acquisition by BESIX to increase its holding to 64.1%:
Strengthening of the Watpac platform

May 2018

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#### Reasons to vote in favour



- ✓ The IBC unanimously recommends that you vote in favour of the Scheme.
- ✓ The Independent Expert has concluded that the Scheme is fair and reasonable in the absence of a superior proposal the \$0.92 per Scheme Share represents a 40% premium¹
- ✓ The Scheme would provide you with the certainty of immediately realising cash value for 50% of your investment in Watpac
- ✓ The Scheme would allow you to continue to hold an interest in Watpac
- ✓ The Scheme provides an immediate liquidity event for 50% of your investment in Watpac
- ✓ BESIX can add long-term value to Watpac
- ✓ If the Scheme is not successful Watpac share price may fall
- ✓ No Superior Proposal has emerged since the scheme announcement
- If the Scheme does not proceed, BESIX has indicated it may review its substantial shareholding in Watpac

# Independent Expert has concluded Scheme is "fair and reasonable"



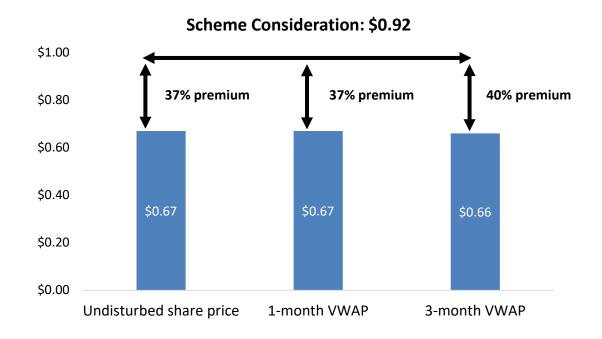
- The Civil and Mining business has been valued on a realisation of net assets basis using the valuation recently provided by two independent valuation firms
- Surplus cash has been calculated on a fundamental analysis of working capital and cash required for bonding facilities
- The offer price of \$0.92 is within the independent expert's valuation range

Watpac – valuation summary			
	Paragraph reference	Low \$m	High Sm
Construction Business	159	60.5	73.8
Civil & Mining Business	168	47.0	64.0
Property assets held for sale	172	15.5	16.0
Surplus cash	182	20.0	20.0 2
Tax losses and R&D <sup>(1)</sup> tax offsets	184	9.3	12.3
Total equity value		152.3	186.1
Fully diluted shares on issue (million)	191	184.8	184.8
Equity value per share	-	\$0.82	\$1.01

## Significant liquidity event at a premium



 The number of shares acquired by BESIX as part of the Scheme would be approximately equal to the total number of Watpac shares traded over the last 20 months prior to the Announcement Date



Note: The graph above shows the Scheme Consideration of \$0.92 per Scheme Share relative to Watpac Shares' recent share prices prior to the announcement of BESIX's proposal on 26 February 2018. Undisturbed closing price of \$0.67 as at 23 February 2018, and volume weighted average prices calculated as at 23 February 2018.

## **BESIX** can add long-term value



- **✓** Access to other construction segments
- ✓ Opportunities to diversify into other contracting disciplines
- ✓ Enhanced technical capabilities for Watpac (such as the input of its in-house engineering department)
- ✓ Seeking to **optimise Watpac's financial arrangements** with the support of BESIX's balance sheet
- ✓ Access to BESIX's international client and contact base
- ✓ Ability to benefit from BESIX's expertise and international profile
- ✓ Access to BESIX's extensive innovation program
- Refer to Appendix A slide 15 for more information on BESIX

### No alternative proposal



- No Superior Proposal has emerged and your IBC Directors are not aware, as at the date of the Scheme Booklet, of any Superior Proposal that is likely to emerge
- If the Scheme is **not implemented**:
  - The full amount of your Watpac Shares will continue to be subject to market volatility
  - Watpac will face ongoing risks to successfully achieving its current strategic objectives without enhanced resourcing and assistance from BESIX
  - BESIX has indicated it may review its substantial shareholding in Watpac
  - Due to these three factors, the price at which Watpac Shares trade may fall, including to a price that is below the Scheme Consideration of \$0.92 per Share

# Role of the Independent Board Committee



- An Independent Board Committee (IBC) was formed in mid-January 2018 to consider the BESIX proposal and comprises of independent directors Peter Watson, Bronwyn Morris, Linda Evans and Garret Dixon
- The IBC undertook an assessment of the financial position of Watpac and the challenges Watpac is currently facing
- Over several weeks the IBC engaged BESIX in extensive negotiations that resulted in the IBC receiving a materially improved proposal from BESIX
- The IBC was responsible for evaluating the merits of the BESIX proposal and negotiated the Scheme Implementation Agreement that Watpac entered into with BESIX on 25 February 2018
- The IBC unanimously recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the scheme

## **Post-Acquisition Intentions**



- If the Scheme is implemented, BESIX intends to support Watpac's ASX listing because of the advantages it sees that the listing provides in:
  - Maintaining Watpac's identity as an ASX listed company which forms part of its well-known brand. BESIX believes this identity and brand has strong relevance and appeal to current and future potential customers, employees and various other stakeholders.
  - Maintaining transparency and corporate governance standards as required by the ASX's listing rules and recommended in the ASX Governance Council's corporate governance principles (including to provide relevant protection to minority shareholders). BESIX believes this will contribute to long-term value creation for all Watpac Shareholders.
  - Facilitating the provision of valuable long term incentives for Watpac employees which BESIX believes will assist in enhancing alignment between management incentives and the creation of long-term value for all Watpac Shareholders.

## **Post-Acquisition Intentions (cont.)**



- BESIX does not currently intend, in the absence of a superior proposal, to make an offer to acquire 100% of the Watpac shares.
- If the Scheme is implemented, BESIX intends to work with the Watpac Board to conduct a general review of Watpac's operations
  - This review may identify areas which may be further improved in order to further enhance the performance of the Watpac business
- Other than the Civil and Mining business currently under review, it is not BESIX's present intention to make material divestments of assets if the Scheme is implemented
- BESIX intends to bring long-term value to Watpac with a return to recurring profitability in the shortest timeframe possible
- Upon a return to recurring profitability, BESIX's current intention would be to support the payment of dividends that are in line with or higher than historic dividend distribution levels that followed previous profitable years for Watpac.<sup>1</sup>





- After the Scheme is implemented, the Watpac Board will consist of eight directors, three of whom will be BESIX nominees and at least two of whom will be independent directors
- BESIX intends for all current Watpac directors to remain on the Watpac Board until the end of their current term
- Subsequently, BESIX intends to have representation on the Board that is commensurate with its economic interest in Watpac
- It is the intention of the Board to maintain a membership of cohesive and collaborative directors under a thorough board succession plan
- Watpac and BESIX will establish protocols for governing any conflicts of interest or related party transactions





Name	Classification	
Peter Watson	Independent Non-Executive Chairman	
Garret Dixon	Independent Non-Executive Director	
Linda Evans	Independent Non-Executive Director	
Bronwyn Morris	Independent Non-Executive Director	
Carlo Schreurs	Non-Executive Director – Shareholder Representative	
Rik Vandenberghe	Non-Executive Director – Shareholder Representative	
BESIX Representative	Non-Executive Director – Shareholder Representative	
Martin Monro	Managing Director	

- All of Watpac's independent non-executive directors and the managing director hold an interest in Watpac shares
- As at the date immediately prior to the date of the Scheme booklet, no Watpac director (other than BESIX nominee directors) had a relevant interest in any securities of BESIX

# **Key dates**



Key dates		
Latest time and date for receipt of proxy forms (including proxies lodged online) or powers of attorney by the Watpac Share Registry for the Scheme Meeting	10am on 5 June 2018	
Time and date for determining eligibility to vote at the Scheme Meeting	7pm on 5 June 2018	
Scheme Meeting	10am on 7 June 2018 at Watpac Head Office, Level 1, 12 Commercial Road, Newstead, Queensland, Australia	
If the Scheme is approved by Scheme Shareholders:		
Second Court Date	14 June 2018	
Outcome of Second Court Hearing announced to ASX	14 June 2018	
Effective Date	15 June 2018	
Record Date (for determining entitlements to Scheme Consideration)	7pm on 18 June 2018	
Implementation Date (Scheme Consideration will be despatched to Scheme Shareholders on the Implementation Date)	25 June 2018	

#### Why you may wish to vote against the Scheme



- You may disagree with the recommendation of the IBC and the conclusions of the Independent Expert
- You may prefer to fully participate in the future financial performance of the Watpac business
- You may wish to maintain your current investment exposure to Watpac and its current risk profile
- You may have concern that BESIX, as a majority shareholder, has the ability to exercise effective control over Watpac in a manner that may be perceived to be disadvantageous to minority shareholders
- You may be concerned about a reduction in liquidity
- Implementation of the Scheme may trigger adverse tax consequences
- You may consider there is potential for a Superior Proposal to be made in the foreseeable future



Appendix A: BESIX overview

## **BESIX** organization



Multi-services Group with activities in 22 countries

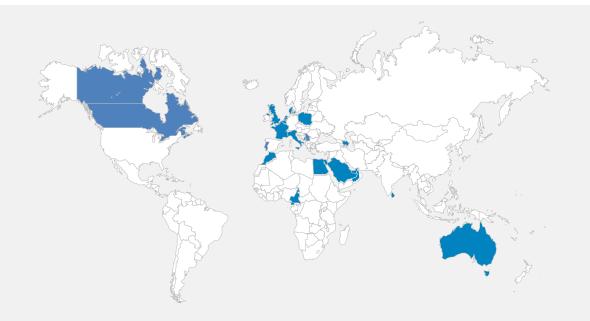




## A strategy of diversification



Geographical spread & activity scope reinforce our services offering and mitigate risk



N°1 in Belgium N°75 TOP 250 International Contractors

66% activities abroad c.14,000

employees

+95 years
international activity
c.6 years

experience in Australia

Privately
Owned
50% MIC

50% MIC 50% OC CONCESSIONS & ASSETS

**REAL ESTATE** 

**CONTRACTING** 













## A strategy of diversification (cont.)



Track record of maintaining established brand names and creating strong identities



#### **BESIX** purpose





#### Our commitment to excellence





Our purpose Excel in creating sustainable solutions for a better world.



Our vision As BESIX Group we develop multiple services to create value for our clients, whilst incorporating the evolving expectations of the end users and building on strong partnership with all stakeholders.

Our strategic drivers

- 1. Leveraging on our customer centricity
- 2. Promoting a great place to work
- 3. Developing a "one-stop-shop" solution
- 4. Being a leader in open innovation
- 5. Synergizing our ways of working
- Promoting openness towards new ventures & activities for business

Our values











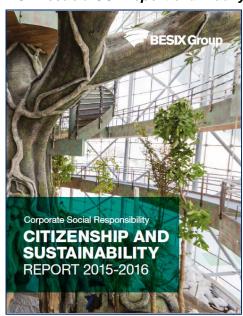
## **Building Corporate Social Responsibility**



#### A holistic approach driven by RESPECT



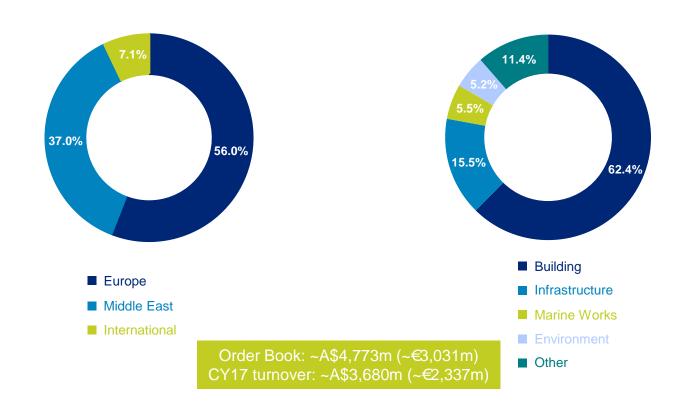
#### BESIX issue a CSR report bi-annually



## BESIX Group – Order Book at 31/12/2017



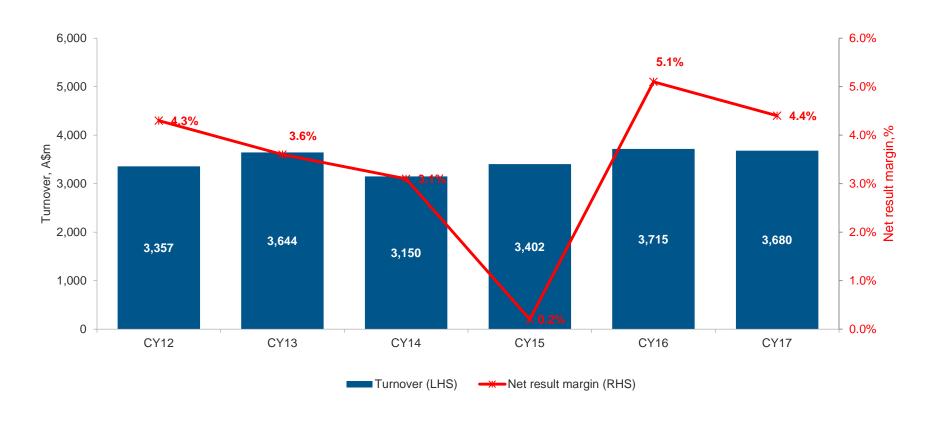
#### Breakdown by Business Unit & activity



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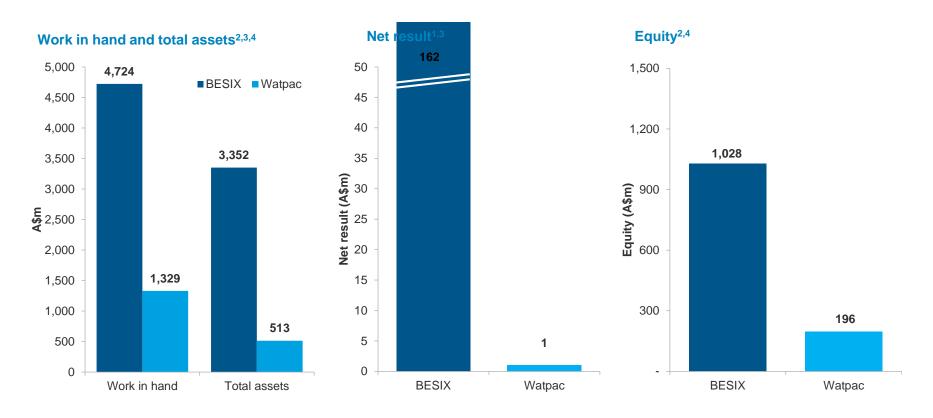
#### Track record of sustained profitability





## **BESIX's strong financial position (cont.)**

#### BESIX brings scale advantages and more financial resources







Value Creation from an Integrated Approach

# **CONTRACTING REAL ESTATE CONCESSIONS & ASSETS** Design **Project** Development Watpac focus area Finance Maintain & Operate



## **BESIX** in-house engineering capabilities

#### Enabling efficient execution on-site through a state-of-the art design

