



## Annual General Meeting

2018

### Introduction





### Namoi Cotton Ltd Shareholders





**VOTING TIME** 

## NAMOI COTTON LTD SHAREHOLDERS

**VOTING** 

**RESOLUTION ONE** 

ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS To receive and consider the Financial Statements and Reports of the Directors and Auditor for the year ended 28 February 2018 for the Company and its controlled entities.

NO VOTE REQUIRED

## NAMOI COTTON LTD SHAREHOLDERS

**VOTING** 

**RESOLUTION TWO** 

ADOPTION OF DIRECTORS REMUNERATION REPORT

FOR	18,067,050		
AGAINST	462,315		
OPEN & USEABLE	1,052,350		
OPEN & CONDITIONAL	Ο		
ABSTAIN	13,482,995		
EXCLUDED	16,046,587		

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## NAMOI COTTON LTD SHAREHOLDERS

**VOTING** 

**RESOLUTION THREE** 

RE-ELECTION & ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

**ELECTION OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS** 

Item 3a - MR TIM WATSON

Item 3b - MR GLEN PRICE

Item 3c - MR JAMES JACKSON

Item 3d - MRS JUANITA HAMPARSUM

Item 3e - MR JOSEPH DI LEO

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Proxy Votes	Tim Watson	Glen Price	James Jackson	Juanita Hamparsum	Joseph Di Leo	
FOR	47,828,403	37,224,953	47,955,864	47,827,364	47,849,864	
AGAINST	49,150	10,652,100	33,489	60,989	33,489	
OPEN & USEABLE	1,209,719	1,209,719	1,108,719	1,209,719	1,209,719	
OPEN & CONDITIONAL	0	0	0	0	0	
ABSTAIN	24,025	24,525	13,225	13,225	18,225	
EXCLUDED	0	0	0	0	0	

## Chairman's Address





## REVIEW OF FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Restructure

#### A momentous year:

- ➤ On 26 September 2017, stakeholders voted overwhelming in favour of Restructure of Namoi Cotton to ASX listed public company with one class of share
- ➤ NSW Supreme Court approved Restructure on 3 October 2017

- ➤ Namoi Cotton Limited incorporated on 10 October 2017
- ➤ Acknowledge Grower Members & Namoi Capital Stockholders for their strong support in the Restructure

#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Highlights

> 2017 Australian crop 3.75m bales v 2016 crop of 2.7m bales

- ➤ Planted acreage sufficient to produce 4.5m bales
- Extreme heat conditions & limited rainfall during growing reduced yields
- > Planting & defoliation conditions impacted cotton quality

#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Highlights

- Ginned 1.02m bales (including 100% of JV bales) v 0.69m bales
- > Increased volumes driven by larger crop size
- Cotton quality slowed throughput rates & increased unit variable costs by 11%
- ➤ Ginning contribution y-o-y improved 32%

## FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Highlights



- Traded 266k Mt cotton seed v 172k Mt
- Waning Chinese demand from higher prices & import restrictions gradually reduced prices
- Margins widened y-o-y through effective risk & yield management
- COA 15% investment loss of \$1.4m v \$0.8m from high input prices, strong competition & alternate feed supplies

#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Highlights

➤ NCA's marketing procured 636k bales v 507k bales

Larger crop size delivered 25% volume improvement y-o-y

- ➤ Pressure on margins offset by improved derivative position management
- > NCA lint marketing result improved y-o-y by \$0.9m

#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Highlights

➤ NCA packing operations containerised a 168k Mt v record 226k Mt

➤ Reduced volumes due to lower cotton seed demand, poor chickpea yields & Indian Gov't chickpea import policy

> Indian import position leaves 30k Mt chickpea in stock

#### REVIEW OF FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Financial Results

- Financial performance improvement driven by volume increases in all core operating businesses
- Consolidated net profit after tax of \$6.8m improved from net profit of \$0.3m
- ➤ Profit & cash flow include \$1.6m in pre-tax costs associated with the Restructure
- Cash flows from operating activities of \$17.3m up from \$5.5m

#### CROP OUTLOOK FOR FY2018/19 (2018 SEASON)

- National planted area 452k Ha (Irrigated 371k Ha & Dryland 81k Ha)
- Limited rainfall since planting has created water shortages in some areas impacting irrigated & dryland production
- Our crop estimate now 4.6m bales

#### OUTLOOK FOR FY2018/19 (2018 SEASON) Financial Results

- ➤ Incremental volumes to underpin another strong financial performance
- > Improved unit contributions from key gin upgrades

> Consistent earnings anticipated from NCA investment

> Lower contribution from cotton seed trading

#### CAPITAL RAISING UPDATE

- ➤ Board is carrying out a strategic review of:
  - ✓ Further optimisation in Namoi Cotton's ginning business; &
  - ✓ Namoi Cotton's business model given production variability
- ➤ Board has determined, no need for capital raising at this time, due to:
  - ✓ Strategic review; &
  - ✓ Current outlook for cotton production in 2019
- > Continue to implement strategic initiatives funded by free cash flow from operating activities

#### **OUR STAKEHOLDERS**

Thank you to our grower clients, customers, suppliers and shareholders for your continued support

Thank you to my fellow Directors, Executive Management and all our employees

### AGM RESULTS





## CEO's Address





#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Ginning & Seed Operational Highlights

- > \$1m upgrade Merah North gin yard doubling capacity
- > Upgrade to Merah North hydraulic press system
- ➤ 4<sup>th</sup> gin stand, cleaning equipment & press upgrade at Boggabri increasing capacity by 20% to 25%
- ➤ 3<sup>rd</sup> gin stand & cleaning equipment upgrade at North Bourke increasing capacity by 25%



#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Ginning & Seed Operational Highlights

Upgrade gin stand & cleaning equipment at Ashley

> LTIFR improved by 35% y-o-y

Maintenance & targeted downtime efficiency improvement projects

#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Highlights



#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Ginning & Seed Operational Highlights

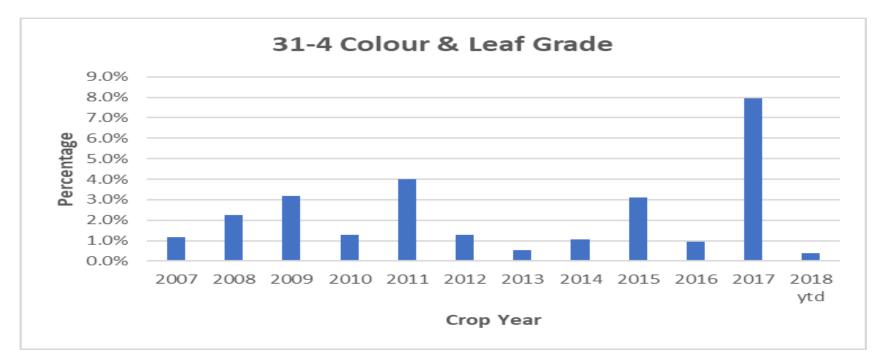
> Aggressive cotton seed trading increasing volumes by 55%

> Effective seed risk & yield management

➤ Efficient seed logistics management despite China import hurdles

## FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Ginning & Seed Operational Challenges

Cotton quality lowered ginning throughputs contributing to a 11% increase in unit variable costs



> COA investment loss of \$1.4m in tough trading conditions

#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) NCA Operational Highlights

- Lint cotton marketing volumes increased y-o-y by 25% to 636k bales
- Improved futures position management offset competitive margin pressure
- Improved efficiencies in commodity packing operations handling 198k Mt



FY 2018 **Ice Futures Prices and Spreads** May-17 to Dec-18 Contracts 90.00 14.00 12.00 80.00 8.00 70.00 6.00 --- May-17 60.00 —\_\_\_Jul-17 4.00 —— Dec-17 --- May-18 2.00 —— Jul-18 € 50.00 —— Dec-18 ---- 2017 Basis ex-gin ---- 2018 Basis ex-gin ---- 2019 Basis ex-gin ---- May-17 - Jul-17 Spread (2.00)Jul-17 - Dec-17 Spread --- Dec-17 - May-18 Spread (4.00)---- May-18 - Jul-18 Spread 30.00 Jul-18 - Dec-18 Spread (6.00)

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#### FY2017/18 (2017 SEASON) Strategy – Investments/Acquisitions

➤ Acquired Twynam's 50% interest in Australian Classing Services for \$0.7m

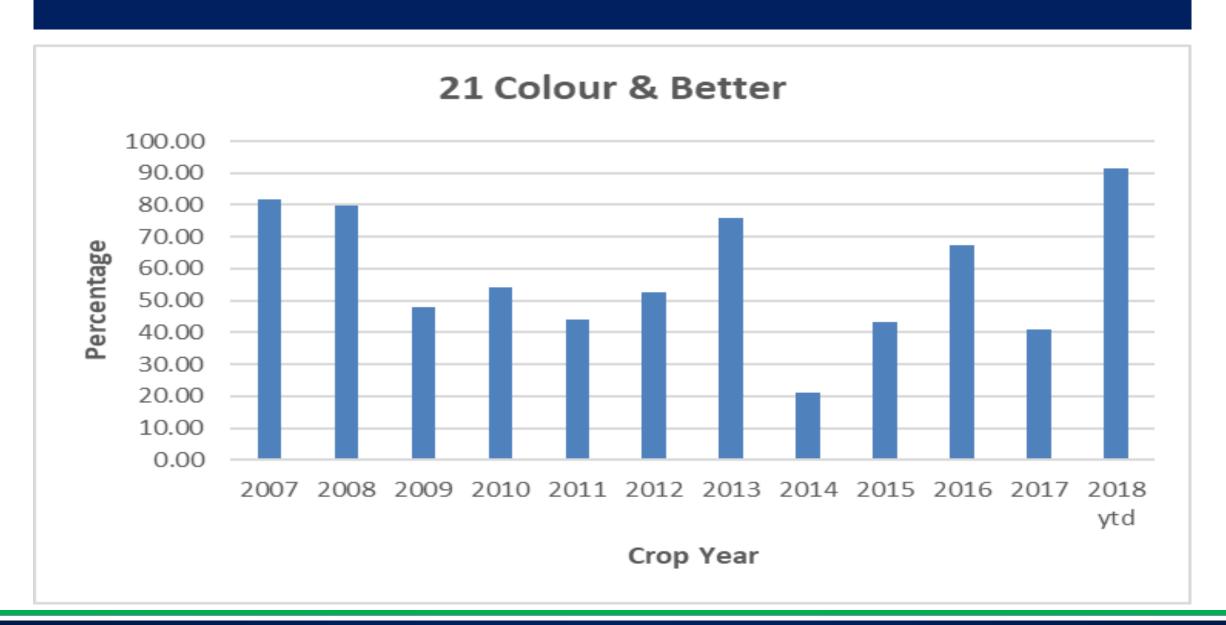
> Acquired Harris's 25% interest in MGC for \$2m

Forecast to be EBITDA positive by \$0.4m in FY2018/19

#### 2018 Season Forecast Production Model

Growing	Irrigated			Dryland			Total Ha	
Region	Area Ha	Yield	Production Bales	Area Ha	Yield	Production	Total Ha	Production Bales
Upper Namoi	18,100	10.25	185,525	20,000	2.50	50,000	38,100	235,525
Lower Namoi	35,000	12.25	428,750	20,000	2.00	40,000	55,000	468,750
Gwydir	48,000	12.50	600,000	30,000	2.00	60,000	78,000	660,000
Mungindi	9,500	11.50	109,250	2,000	1.00	2,000	11,500	111,250
Walgett	11,500	11.50	132,250	8,000	1.00	8,000	19,500	140,250
Macquarie	36,200	12.50	452,500	2,000	2.00	4,000	38,200	456,500
Bourke	4,200	11.00	46,200	-	-	-	4,200	46,200
Lower Lachlan	12,000	11.25	135,000	_	-	-	12,000	135,000
Upper Lachlan	6,500	11.25	73,125	500	2.00	1,000	7,000	74,125
Tandou	6,000	11.00	66,000	_	_	-	6,000	66,000
Murray	4,500	11.00	49,500	_	_	-	4,500	49,500
Murrumbidgee	66,500	11.00	731,500	_	_	-	66,500	731,500
NSW Total	258,000	11.67	3,009,600	82,500	2.00	165,000	340,500	3,174,600
MacIntyre Valley	45,500	11.50	523,250	12,500	2.00	25,000	58,000	548,250
Central/Nth Queensland	16,625	10.50	174,563	3,000	3.00	9,000	19,625	183,563
Dawson-Callide	4,600	10.50	48,300	600	3.00	1,800	5,200	50,100
Darling Downs	29,500	10.50	309,750	31,000	3.00	93,000	60,500	402,750
St George	12,200	12.00	146,400	-	-	-	12,200	146,400
Dirranbandi	2,900	12.00	34,800	1,500	1.00	1,500	4,400	36,300
Cunnamulla	-		-	_	-	-	_	-
Burdekin	_		-	-	-	-	_	_
QLD Total	111,325	11.11	1,237,063	48,600	2.68	130,300	159,925	1,367,363
Total	369,325	11.50	4,246,663	131,100	2.25	295,300	500,425	4,541,963

#### 2018 Season Crop Quality



#### 2018 SEASON Ginning & Seed Volumes



Ginning bales forecast at 1.2m v 1.02m (including 100% of joint ventures)

Market share decreased y-o-y by 1.0% to 26%

Traded cotton seed forecast at 275k Mt v 266k Mt

#### 2018 SEASON Ginning Projects

- > \$1m+ 4<sup>th</sup> gin stand, cleaning equipment & press upgrade at Trangie
- ➤ New cleaning, drying & moisture equipment at WGC
- ➤ Construction 8,000Mt cotton seed sheds at Trangie & Hillston
- Construction of mote storage shed at Yarraman
- > Completed roll out of key safety management kiosks

## 2018 SEASON Ginning Operations

- > Excellent fibre quality delivering improved throughputs
- Low incoming seed cotton moisture causing fires & chokes
- > Variable operating costs favourable to budget
- ➤ Completion of ginning anticipated by end September 2017

#### 2018 SEASON Seed Operations

- > Efficient logistics program to cater for large domestic demand
- ➤ No export demand due to Chinese import restrictions on Bollgard III
- > Dry weather has supported >\$200/Mt increase in prices
- ➤ Lower yielding cotton seed than 2017 crop

## 2018 SEASON NCA Operations

Lint cotton volumes forecast at 815,000 bales

- > Fibre quality impacted early season shipments
- Brisbane supply chain challenges
- Improved market share in Bangladesh & Turkey



#### 2018 SEASON NCA Operations

- > Packing volumes forecast to be 45% 50% down
- ➤ Increased third party storage & handling of lint cotton volumes through up country warehouse network
- > Optimisation of logistics supply chain through MacIntyre

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#### FY2018/19 FORECAST Financial Performance Overview

- Net cash flows from operating activities forecast between \$18m & \$23m
- > Factors underpinning this improved forecast result are:
  - ✓ Increased ginning & cotton seed volumes
  - ✓ Improved ginning gross margins
  - ✓ Reduced Restructure related costs
  - ✓ Effective management of overhead costs

#### FY2019/20 (2019 SEASON) Outlook



- Forecasts reflect an Australian crop approximating 2.5m bales (down 44% y-o-y)
- Minimal rainfall since September/October 2017 & public dams at low % full levels
- Potential dryland plant upside on later rain

#### FY2019/20 (2019 SEASON) Outlook



- Actual contingency planning underway to address potential lower volume year
- Targeting maximised market share ginning & seed volumes
- Focus on market share improvements in cotton marketing & increased commodity packing volumes in NCA

#### IN CLOSING

Thank you to all of our grower clients, customers and suppliers for your continued support

> Thank you to our valued shareholders

Thank you to the Board & all of our employees for their continued contributions





## QUESTION TIME





# Annual General Meeting 2018