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FY2023 Result Presentation - Lindsay Australia Limited

Attached is Lindsay Australia Limited's Results Presentation for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

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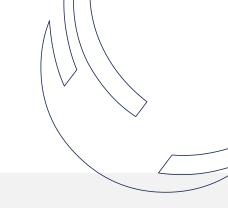




# LINDSAY AUSTRALIA

**RESULTS PRESENTATION FY2023 (ASX: LAU)** 

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# **GROUP AT A GLANCE FY2023**

350 700 +650

+31 +3.3k

**TRUCKS** 

REEFER TRAILERS

CONTAINERS

SITES & STORES

**CUSTOMERS** 

+65m +70m 1,650 +\$670m

TRUCK KMs P.A.

RAIL KMs P.A.

**EMPLOYEES** 

**GROUP REVENUE** 

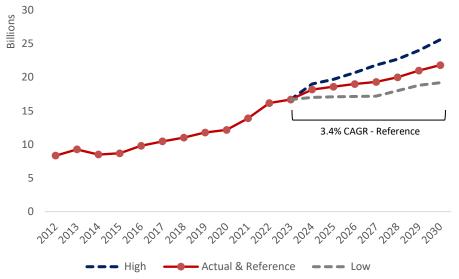


## **STRONG MACRO CONDITIONS**

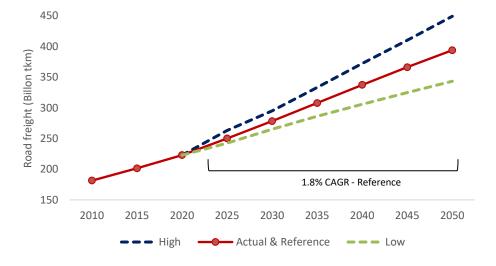
#### 1 Centre for International Economics (CIE), Contribution of Australian horticulture industry (July 2023) 2 Australian Treasury, Intergenerational Report (2023)

## 3 BIRTE, Australian aggregate freight forecasts (November 2022)

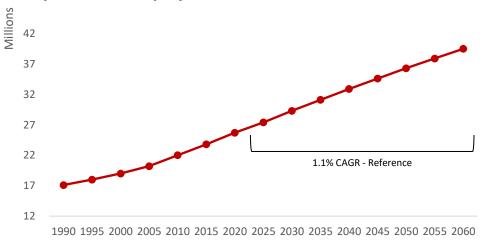
### **Projected horticulture GVP forecasts<sup>1</sup>**



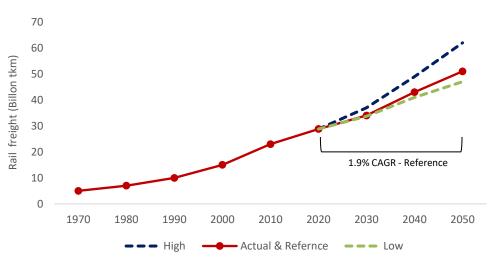
### Forecast aggregate road freight volumes<sup>3</sup>



#### Population level projections<sup>2</sup>



### Forecast interstate non-bulk rail freight volumes<sup>3</sup>



## STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

## ROAD

## RAIL

## RURAL

## **KEY TARGETS**

- Organically grow road volumes & inorganically diversify
- Add additional cold chain capacity
- Fleet expansion & replacement

- Develop rail solutions for customers
- Increase rail capacity, service frequency & destination options
- Improve utilisation

- Expand into new regions & markets
- Increase market share
- Broaden product offering

### **PROGRESS**

- Volumes moved up +25% 2H vs 1H, continuing to explore M&A opportunities
- Additional cold chain capacity in Adelaide, Bundaberg, Mackay & Melbourne (Q2 FY24)
- Increased road fleet: 44 Trucks, 80 Trailers & continued replacement program

- Increased rail fleet 404 to 6501
  - Melbourne rail depot (Q2 FY24),
- 2/ search underway for new Perth site
- Increased rail revenue to 25% of total Transport revenue

- WB Hunter acquisition adds strategic entry point into VIC and NSW, exploring further M&A opportunities
- 4% growth in FY23
- Acquisition broadens product offering, exploring alternative offerings

### **INDUSTRY DYNAMICS**



Industry consolidation



Rising output & demand



Supply chain resilience



Labour shortages



New rail operator entering market



Rising competition



## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Road, Rail & Rural strategy sets platform for transformative year

**OPERATING REVENUE** 

\$676.2m

up 22.3%

UNDERLYING EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

\$90.3m

up 50.2%

**UNDERLYING PBT<sup>1</sup>** 

\$52.3m

up 95.2%

**NET DEBT<sup>2</sup>** 

\$107.1m

up 8.1%

LTIFR<sup>3</sup>

11.1

down 27.3%

**NET LEVERAGE RATIO<sup>4</sup>** 

1.19x

down 27.9%

ROIC<sup>5</sup>

24.8%

up 58.5%

**UNDERLYING EPS<sup>1</sup>** 

12.1 cps

up 95.3%

**FULL YEAR DIVIDEND** 

4.9 cps

up 53.1%

(Final 3 cps franked, interim 1.9 cps unfranked)

FTEs<sup>6</sup>

1,592

up 6.6%

#### Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> FTE – Full-time equivalent employee.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Refer to Appendix 1 for reconciliation of underlying figures. Underlying figures exclude the impact of AASB 16 and significant items that are non-recurring or items incurred outside of ordinary operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net debt excludes property/other lease liabilities recognised with the adoption of AASB 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lost Time Injury Frequency Ratio (LTIFR) on a rolling 12 month basis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Net Leverage ratio = Net Debt/Underlying EBITDA as at 30 June 2023/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ROIC = Underlying EBIT/ Invested Capital. Invested Capital = Net debt + equity.

## **SAFETY & SUSTAINABILITY**



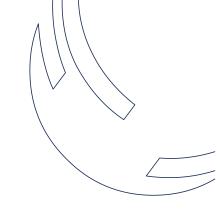
**Safety & Compliance** 

- Ongoing investment in team, resources, and technology.
- "Seeing eye" machines installed in 100% of our prime movers.
- Consistent replacement program to integrate the latest safety features into our fleet.



**Sustainability** 

- Developing an ESG strategy and roadmap to 2030.
- Completed FY2022 Carbon Footprint analysis.
- Increase freight movements on rail; 4x<sup>1</sup> more carbon friendly than road. Implementation of larger more efficient trailer combinations.
- 12% of Prime Mover fleet using Euro 6; replacement program will continue to cycle more Euro 6 units over time.

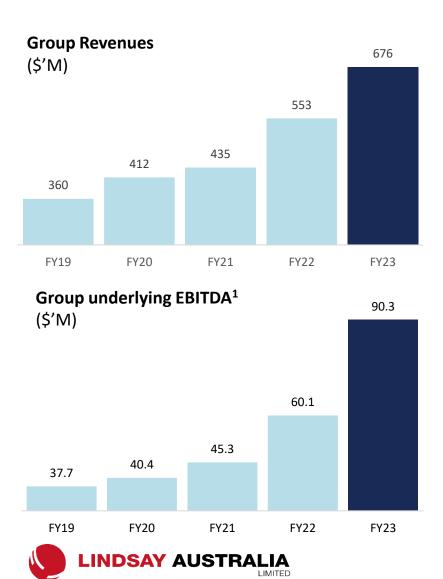


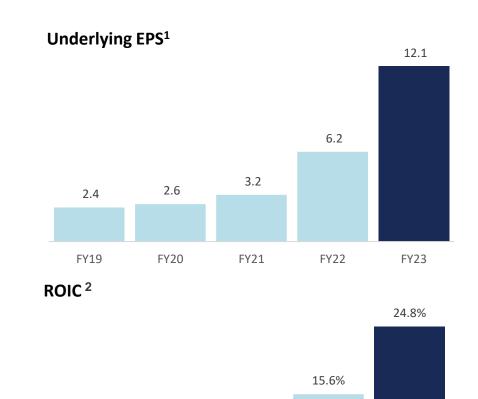




## **FY2023 KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Road, Rail & Rural strategy sets platform for transformative year





FY21

FY23

FY22

10.3%

8.5%

FY20

8.3%

FY19



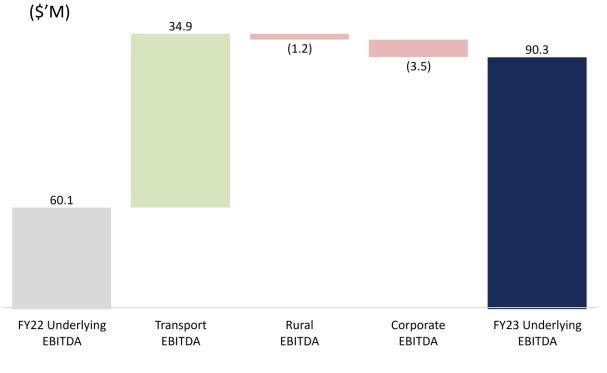
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## **GROUP PERFORMANCE**

### **FY23 underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> Bridge**



#### **Transport Dynamics**



Industry consolidation



Surge in demand



Diversified network



Capital investment



Essential service provider

#### **Rural Dynamics**







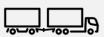
Rising cost of doing business



Product mix



Horticulture focus



Leverage Transport division

#### **COMMENTARY**

- Transport delivered record EBITDA<sup>1</sup> up 52.7%, driven by strong contributions from the Road and Rail divisions, supported by positive industry dynamics, sustained investment and natinonally diversified network.
- Rural EBITDA<sup>1</sup> down 9.5% in a challenging backdrop of trading conditions, the division's focus on horticulture markets limited downside exposure.
- Corporate costs increased \$3.5m as the Group continued to build out our management team and internal capabilities.

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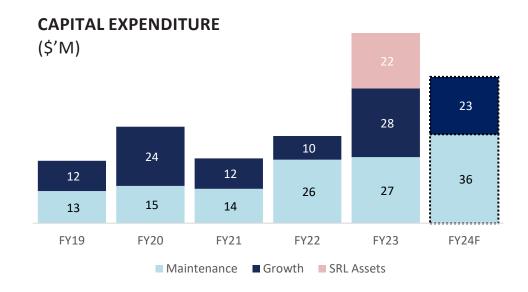
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## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

KEY CAPITAL ITEMS	FY2023 <sup>1</sup>	FY2024F
Prime Movers	\$27.5m	\$21.7m
Reefer Trailers	\$21.0m	\$18.4m
Rail Assets	\$15.2m	\$9.4m
高−合 Ⅰ□Ⅰ 습−合 Facilities	\$3.2m	\$4.0m
Facilities		

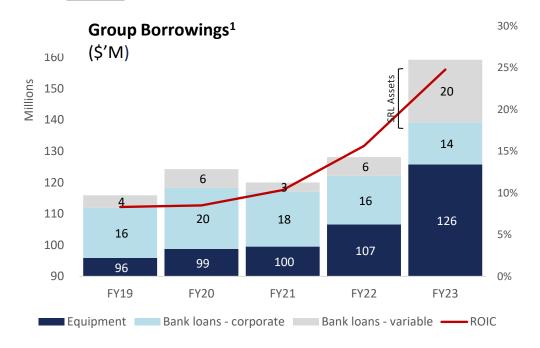
#### **COMMENTARY**

- Consistent investment in maintaining and expanding fleet.
- Acquired \$22.3m in second hand assets post the collapse of major refrigerated competitor, Scotts Refrigerated Logistics (SRL).
- Forecast \$36m maintenance capex for prime mover and rail fleet and \$23m growth capex on new trailing equipment and facilities in FY24.
- Capital allocation remains focused on delivering long run sustainable returns.

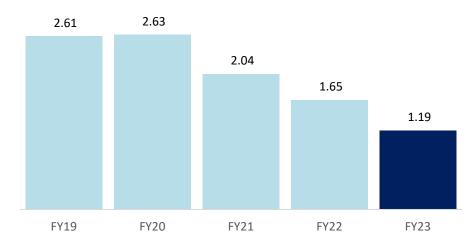




## **BORROWINGS**



### **Net Leverage Ratio<sup>2</sup>**





Improving Metrics

- Disciplined capital allocation combined with earnings growth delivered record net leverage of 1.19x [Target <1.5x].</li>
- Record ROIC of 24.8% attributable to strategic capital investments and strong returns.



Borrowings

finance.

Funded \$20m of the SRL asset purchase and \$48m in new equipment

■ Borrowings rose \$31.1m to \$159.0m.

Comfortable headroom exists to fund future planned capex programs.



- Balance Sheet
- Strength of balance sheet and borrowing capacity provides flexibility to capitalise on future opportunities.

#### Notes:

**PG 13** 

<sup>1</sup> Group borrowings excludes property/other lease liabilities accounted for under AASB15. <sup>2</sup> Net debt excludes property/other lease liabilities recognised with the adoption of AASB 16.

## **CASH FLOW**

## Operating Cash Flow

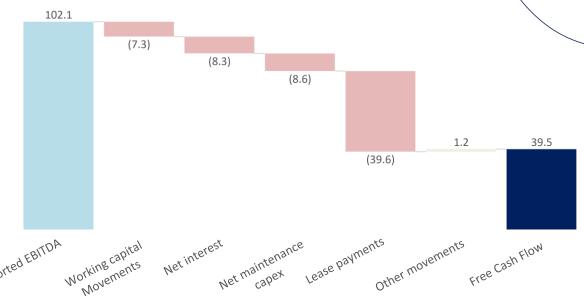




Cash Conversion

- 95% operating cash conversion.
- Generated \$39.5m in free cash flow<sup>1</sup>.
- Projected positive cash flow will sustain our maintenance programs, drive growth initiatives, and return additional capital to shareholders.







Deferred tax

- No tax payments made in FY23 due to the temporary full expensing (TFE) incentives, leading to a \$15m DTL.
- With TFE concluding in FY23, forecast increased tax payments from FY24 as the \$28m DTL linked to TFE unwinds.

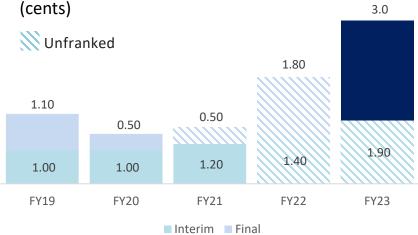
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<sup>1</sup> Free cash flow = Operating cash flow – maintenance capex – lease payments. Maintenance capex excludes \$3.1m in equipment loans related to asset finance. The associated repayments of \$1.7m are included in lease payments.

## **DIVIDENDS**

## **Dividends per Share**



### **Underlying EPS**<sup>1</sup>



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**Dividends** 

- Declared final 3 cps dividend (fully franked) up 53% on the prior year and a payout ratio<sup>1</sup> of 41%.
- Acquisition of WB Hunter provides access to \$8.1m in franking credits.
- Future dividends expected to be fully franked.



Capital Allocation

#### Capital allocation framework:

- 1. Fund on-going maintenance capex requirements
- 2. Growth & transformation initiatives
- 3. Return surplus capital to shareholders, currently through dividends

#### Notes:

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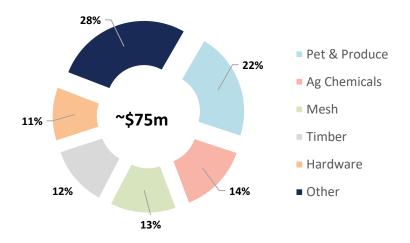
## **WB HUNTER ACQUISITION**

#### **Rural Sales**

(\$'M)

Pro forma (PF)	Lindsay Rural FY23	Hunter FY23PF	Rural Division FY23PF
Revenue	\$163.0m	\$100.3m	\$263.2m
EBITDA	\$9.9m	\$5.5m	\$15.4m

#### Retail Store<sup>1</sup> Sales Mix (%)





**Key Metrics** 

- Acquired for an enterprise value of \$34.6m in August 2023.
- Expected to deliver high single digit accretion pre-synergies in pro-forma FY24.
- Low capital requirements with strong ROIC.



# Diversified products

- Diversified product and service offering.
- Cross sell & synergy opportunities to leverage increased product range across both businesses to provide customers better services.



# Region expansion

- Strategic entry point into northern Victoria & southern New South Wales across Hunter network of 8 stores.
- Platform to continue to expand Rural division across new markets through a trusted brand.

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Excludes commodity division sales

## **OUTLOOK**



- Market dynamics remain positive.
- Strategically positioned to capitalise on current market opportunities, leveraging our scale, reach and unique service offering supported by the strength in our balance sheet.
- Anticipate further industry consolidation in both Transport and Rural sectors.



- Continued momentum from FY23 into early FY24.
- Focus on enhancing operating efficiencies, reducing core business costs, and pursuing value-adding greenfield, transformational, or bolt-on acquisition opportunities for sustainable growth.







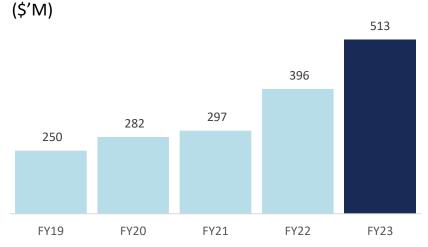


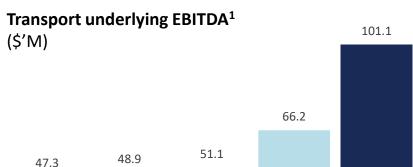
## LINDSAY TRANSPORT

## Transport Revenue

FY19

FY20





FY21

FY22

FY23



Surge in demand

- Transport's revenues grew 29.5% driven by significant demand in road and rail services, industry consolidation and high fuel levy recoveries due to increased diesel prices.
- Achieved a record EBITDA of \$101.1m (+52.7%) due to rail expansion, road investment, and geographical diversification, further amplified by the exit of a key competitor.



(CODB)

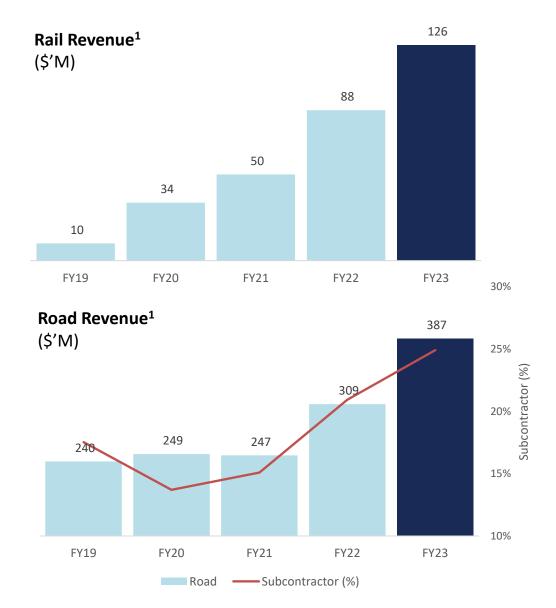
- Experiencing CODB rises driven by inflation, supply constraints, and labour shortages.
- CODB counteracted through price recovery, targeting high value work and streamlining operations.
- Supply has started to reenter the market, creating pressure on rates on some freight lanes.
- Continue to differentiate offering high quality services through our national network and unique integrated service offering to sustain and capture market share.



# Cold chain capacity

- Growth in some regions limited by available cold chain capacity.
- Expanded capacity in Adelaide (Q1 FY24), Bundaberg, and Mackay; a second Melbourne location is underway (Q2 FY24), bolstering our capability for future growth.
- Prioritising the establishment of a new site in Perth, targeting the end of 2024 to significantly boost our rail capacity.

## LINDSAY TRANSPORT





**Rail division** 

- fleet expansion from 404 to 650 rail boxes.

  Continue to integrate recently acquired rail assets
- continue to integrate recently acquired run asse
- Additional facilities will boost rail capacity.
- Entry of additional rail operators into the non-bulk intermodal market will bring additional capacity to the sector.

Rail revenue rose 43.4% driven by consolidation, rising utilisation, high fuel recoveries and



- Road revenues up 25.6% benefitting from similar tailwinds to rail, expansion of road fleet by 44 prime movers and additional subcontractor usage.
- High demand for food-related products persists, as other segments of the logistics sector experience a downturn.
- Investment in larger road combinations and expansion of trailer fleet, will continue to improve utilisation and support increasing customer demand.
- National logistics capabilities and high service offering continues to differentiate from competitors.

#### Notes:

1 Revenue includes fuel recoveries

KEY ASSETS	FY2022 Fleet Size [Avg Age]	FY2023 Fleet Size [Avg Age]	<b>Expected</b> Life
Prime Movers	303 [4.4 yrs.]	350 [4.1 yrs.]	7 – 10 years
Reefer Trailers	620 [8. <b>3</b> yrs.]	700 [8.0 yrs.]	+15 years
Reefer Containers	404 [2.5 yrs.]	650¹ [5.4 yrs.]	+15 years
Skel Trailers	185 [4.5 yrs.]	350 [10.0 yrs.]	+20 years



Capital investment

- Consistent investment in fleet ensuring safety, reliability and fuel efficiency [maintain prime movers < 5 years].</li>
- Largest refrigerated fleet in Australia.
- Expansion into rail continues to drive ROIC with longer life and lower capital cost assets.

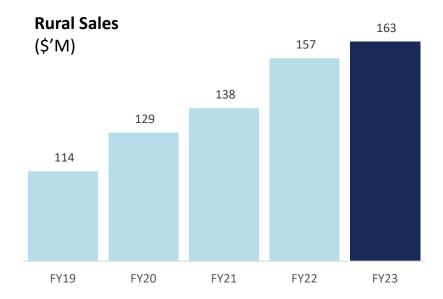


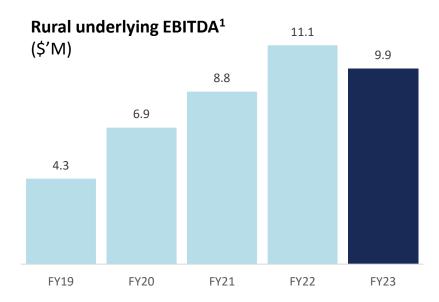
# SRL asset acquisition

#### \$22.3m SRL Asset acquisitions included:

- 44 short haul prime movers
- rail assets including 372 containers (250 operational) and 185 skel trailers
- 22 local rigids and other support equipment

## **LINDSAY RURAL**







- Sales increased 4.0% to \$163.0m supported by expanded sales team and emphasis on high value horticulture regions.
- EBITDA<sup>1</sup> decreased 10.7% impacted by volatile price movements, inventory overhang in a declining market and rising CODB primarily related to wages and freight costs.
- Downside exposure from challenging trading conditions was limited due to the divisions focus on horticulture.



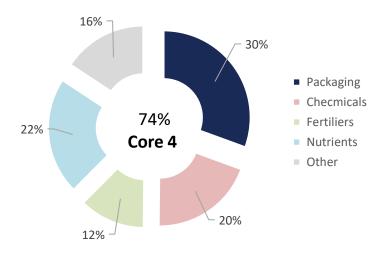
# Integrated value

- Demand for Transport services positively benefitted Rural as customers look to bundle logistics and rural services together.
- Rural continues to drive utilisation of Transport services through the fruit loop by providing inputs into high output regions.

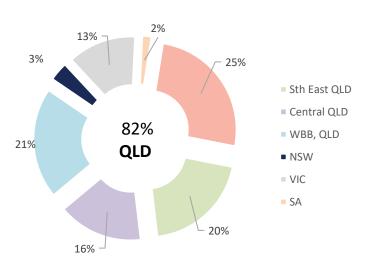
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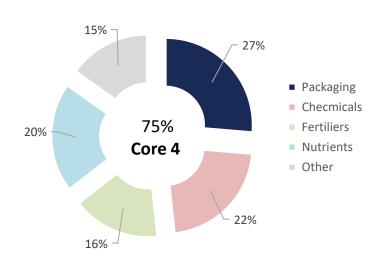
#### Rural FY19 Sales Mix (%)



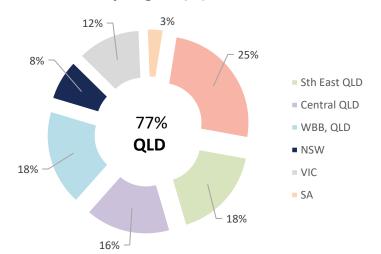
#### Sales FY19 by Region (%)



#### Rural FY23 Sales Mix (%)



#### Sales FY23 by Region (%)





Product Mix

- 75% of sales driven from core four (packaging, chemicals, fertilisers & nutrients).
- One of the largest independent packaging retailers in Australia.
- Hunter acquisition bolsters product offering.



- 77% of sales generated in Queensland.
- Horticulture focus limits exposure to downside risk of El Nino.

Geographic diversification

Hunters acquisition decreases QLD concentration to 50%.

PG 24



### LINDSAY AUSTRALIA'S END-TO-END FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS

Lindsay Australia Ltd (ASX: LAU) is an integrated transport, logistics and rural supply company with a specific focus on servicing customers in the food processing, food services, fresh produce, agriculture and horticulture industries.

#### LINDSAY RURAL – Working with Australian growers











Horticulture & Agronomy

Irrigation & Fertilisers Pack

#### LINDSAY TRANSPORT - Providing total transport solutions











LINDSAY FRESH LOGISTICS - Managing storage and delivery







Bio-security



Ripening



Delivery



Import & Export

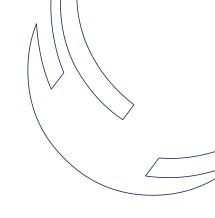
Core divisions, Rural and Transport (including Fresh Logistics) offer complementary products and services which support the key needs of customers throughout their production lifecycle.

The Lindsay end-to-end solution begins with offering expert agronomy advice and continues with a diverse range of products and services along the supply chain to help farmers grow, package, transport and distribute their produce throughout Australia and the world.

Lindsay's end-to-end solution is unique and offers customers a single point of contact.



## THE LINDSAY END-TO-END SOLUTION



### NATIONAL FREIGHT **OUR VALUE CHAIN** LINDSAY KEY LANE COVERAGE **ASSETS** 21 TRANSPORT DEPOTS/ **FARM INPUTS IN COLD STORES NATIONALLY RURAL STORE FARM** 21 RURAL STORES **FRUIT** NATIONALLY LOOP COLDROOM/ 350 PRIME MOVERS, 700 REEFER DC/ MARKETS TRAILERS, 450 REEFER CONTANIERS, 350 SKELS, 120 RIGIDS 1,650 EMPLOYEES - 850 DRIVERS



## **OUR NATIONAL NETWORK**

**LINDSAY RURAL** 

Adelaide

Atherton

Ayr

Brisbane Retail

Brisbane Warehouse

Bowen

Brandon

Bundaberg

Childers

Coffs Harbour

**Emerald** 

Gatton

Innisfail

Invergordon

Mareeba

Mildura

Mundubbera

Murwillumbah

Nambour

Stanthorpe

Tully

Woolgoolga

LINDSAY TRANSPORT

Adelaide

Ayr

Bowen

Brisbane

Bundaberg

Childers

Coffs Harbour

Emerald

Gatton

Innisfail

Mackay

Mareeba

Melbourne

Mildura

Mundubbera

Nambour

Perth

Stanthorpe

Sydney

Tully

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**Brisbane Markets** 



## **CORPORATE SNAPSHOT**

ASX Stock Code [LAU]	
FY23 revenue	\$676.2m
FY23 underlying <sup>1</sup> EBITDA	\$90.3m
Cash balance as at 30 June 2023	\$52.0m
Total borrowings <sup>2</sup> as at 30 June 2023	\$159.0m
FY23 underlying <sup>1</sup> earnings per share	\$0.121
FY23 dividends per share	\$0.049
Share price as at 25 Aug 2023	\$1.17
Shares on issue as at 25 Aug 2023	309.9m
Market Capilsation	\$361.0m



Board of Directors and Key Management				
КМР	Role			
Mr Ian Williams	Non-Executive Director & Chair			
Mr Clayton McDonald	Chief Executive Office			
Mr Robert Green	Non-Executive Director			
Mr Matthew Stubbs	Non-Executive Director			
Mr Stephen Cantwell	Non-Executive Director			
Mr Craig Baker	Chief Operating Officer			
Mr Justin Green	CFO and Company Secretary			
Mr Broderick Jones	Group Legal Counsel and Company Secretary			

	Top shareholders <sup>3</sup>		
Ranl	< Name	Units	%
1	Washington H Soul Pattinson and Co Ltd	55.7m	18.0%
2	Mizikovsky Group	16.9m	5.5%
3	BKI Investment Company Ltd	16.8m	5.4%
4	Citicorp Nominees Pty Ltd	16.7m	5.4%
5	National Nominees Limited	15.8m	5.1%
	Total Top 20	182.7m	60.2%



#### Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to Appendix 1 for reconciliation of underlying figures <sup>2</sup> Excludes AASB 16 property/other lease liabilities <sup>3</sup> As of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## **RECONCILIATIONS**

## **Underlying results**

2023 (\$'000)	EBITDA	EBIT	PBT	NPAT
Statutory Result	101,294	58,461	49,397	34,517
Depreciation right of use properties	(10,704)	-	-	-
Finance costs right-of-use properties	(3,198)	(3,198)	-	-
AASB 16 profit impact	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081
Fuel tax credit provision relating to prior years	(1,204)	(1,204)	(1,204)	(1,204)
CEO Transition	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Facility reinstatement costs from Bundaberg Fire	583	583	583	583
ScottsRL asset acquistion costs	616	616	616	616
Merger & Acquisition costs	633	633	633	633
Notional tax at 30% on underlying adjustments	-	-	-	(858)
Underlying Result	90,251	58,122	52,256	36,518

2022 (\$'000)	EBITDA	EBIT	PBT	NPAT
Statutory Result	72,781	34,167	27,541	19,230
Depreciation right of use properties	(10,108)	-	-	-
Finance costs right-of-use properties	(3,373)	(3,373)	-	-
AASB 16 profit impact	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
Fuel tax credit provision relating to prior years	(1,866)	(1,866)	(1,866)	(1,866)
Interest on fuel tax credit assessment relating to prior years			(1,546)	(1,546)
Facility reinstatement costs	1,138	1,138	1,138	1,138
Notional tax at 30% on underlying adjustments	-	-	-	231
Underlying Result	60,075	31,569	26,770	18,690

#### Notes:



Net Borrowings (\$'000)	2023	2022
Reported borrowings	45,916	32,570
Lease liabilities	188,120	173,905
Property & Other Lease Liabilities	(75,012)	(78,402)
Cash	(51,973)	(29,041)
Net Borrowings	107,051	99,032
Underlying EBITDA	90,251	60,075
Net Leverage Ratio <sup>1</sup>	1.19	1.65
ROIC (\$'000)	2023	2022
Net Borrowings	107,051	99,032
Equity	127,372	102,915
Invested Capital	234,423	201,947
Underlying EBIT	58,122	31,569
ROIC <sup>2</sup>	24.8%	15.6%
EPS (\$'000)	2023	2022
Underlying NPAT	36,518	18,690
Weighted Average SOI	302,696	300,794
EPS <sup>3</sup> (CPS)	12.1	6.2
DPS	4.9	3.2
Payout Ratio	41%	52%



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net Leverage Ratio = Net Borrowings/Underlying EBITDA
<sup>2</sup> ROIC = Underlying EBIT/Invested Capital
<sup>3</sup> EPS = Underlying NPAT/Weighted Average Shares On Issues
Refer 2023 Annual Report for full details of underlying adjustments.



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