



#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to all First Nations peoples and acknowledge Elders past and present.

As a business that works across many locations, we recognise and support their continuing connection to lands, waters, cultures, languages, and traditions.



Introduction

# Mark Benson

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer



Saunders is a multidisciplinary Engineering, Construction and Industrial Asset Services company.

Proudly Australian-owned and operated since 1951.

Our portfolio blends traditional construction contracts with annuitystyle earnings.

### **About Us**

#### **KEY MARKETS**

DEFENCE & GOVERNMENT

ENERGY

**WATER** 

**RESOURCES & INDUSTRIALS** 



#### **CORE CAPABILITIES**

01 Bulk Fluid Storage and Transfer

O2 Structural, Mechanical and Piping

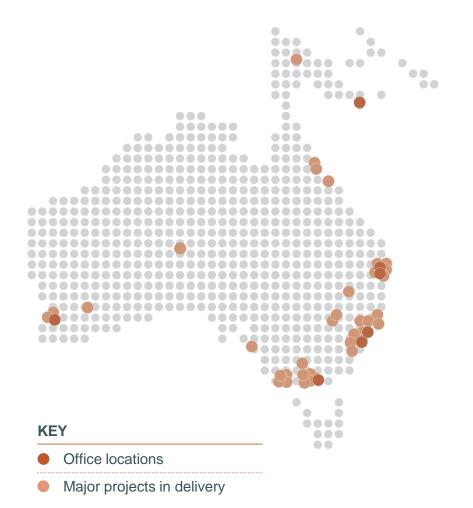
03 Industrial Automation and Electrical

04 Civil Infrastructure

05 Industrial Asset Services



## **Corporate Snapshot**



#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

ASX Code	SND
Ordinary shares on issue 9 January 2025*	123,242,597
Share price as of 20 March 2025	\$0.82
Market capitalisation 20 March 2025	\$101.1m

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS	(last disclosed by substantial shareholders 20/3/25)	
Mr. Desmond Bryant	19.70%	
NAOS Asset Management	18.56%	
Anacacia Pty Ltd	10.62%	
Mr. Timothy Burnett	7.66%	
Ahrens Group Pty Ltd	5.34%	

#### SND ANNUAL DIVIDEND HISTORY (cents per share)

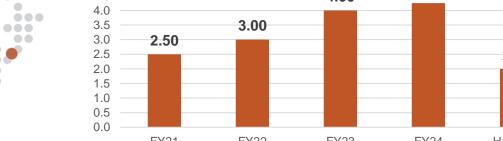


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We have a record result for H1 FY2025. We also maintained a strong orderbook and pipeline.

Saunders has matured and positioned itself into a multidisciplined offering, as set out in our strategy.

The recent acquisitions have integrated well from an operational, systems and cultural perspective, enabling us to provide clients a complete end-to-end service.

References to 'half year', 'Financial Half Year', 'H1 FY25' or 'H1 FY24' all refer to the Periods ended 31 December. All dollar figures are expressed in Australian dollars. Comparisons are to the same corresponding period in the H1 FY24 Financial Half Year, unless otherwise stated.

## **Performance Highlights – H1 FY25**

Revenue

\$126.3m

21.0% (H1 FY24 \$104.4m)

**EBITDA** 

\$9.9m

7 1.2% (H1 FY24 \$9.8m)

**EBITDA Margin** 

7.9%

1.5% (H1 FY24 9.4%)

**NPAT** 

\$5.0m

**7** 2.2% (H1 FY24 \$4.9m)

Earnings per share (basic)

**4.27 cents** 

-4.9% (H1 FY24 4.49 cents)

Dividend distribution

2.00 cents (interim)

46.84% payout (H1 FY24 2.0 cents) Fully Franked

**Pipeline** 

**\$2.3B** at 31 Dec 2024

7 15.0% (\$2.0B at 31 July 2024)

#### Outlook

We have seen some projects being delayed across H1 FY25. Tendering activity remains high and we are seeing encouraging signs of continued growth in our pipeline.

Due to short term delays, along with the termination of the bp contract we expect FY25 revenue to be in the range of \$210m to \$225m and EBITDA to be within the range of \$14m to \$16m. We expect FY26 to return to growth, reflective of our increasing project size, addressable market and increased pipeline of opportunities.



## **Corporate Highlights**

### PIPING SOLUTIONS INTEGRATION UPDATE

The integration of Piping Solutions is complete, enhancing Saunders' multi-disciplinary capabilities and strengthening its Defence expansion.

This expertise is driving new market opportunities and reinforcing our ability to deliver complex projects, including the Boyne River gas pipeline mid-2024.

Announced 8 November 2023.

### RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)

Saunders finalised its first Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan in July 2024, reinforcing its ESG commitment.

The company released a new Modern Slavery Statement and will advance reconciliation efforts in 2025.

### DRIVING GROWTH IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Saunders' expansion into Perth is delivering results, with its WA growth strategy gaining momentum.

Since opening in 2024, the office has secured a \$31.5m contract and strengthened its pipeline across Resources & Industrials, Defence & Government, reinforcing its position in the region.

#### NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Alex Dunne was appointed CFO and Co-Company Secretary effective 26 August 2024, bringing extensive financial leadership experience across ASX 50, private equity, and infrastructure sectors.

Announced 15 August 2024.

### INVESTING IN SAFETY CULTURE

Saunders continues to strengthen its safety culture through 'Together for Safety' training and the new 'Permission to Pause' campaign, empowering teams to prioritise safety and wellbeing, and take action to ensure safe, high-quality outcomes.



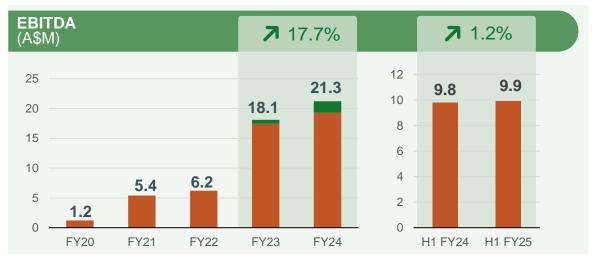
## **Financial Highlights**

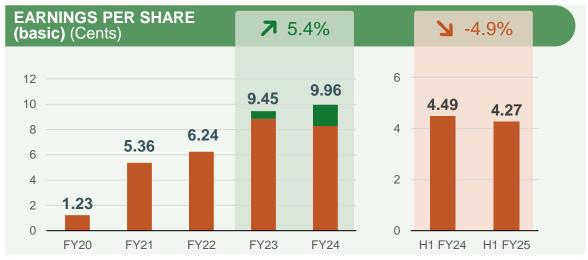




#### **KEY**

- Statutory financial results
- Statutory financial results adjusted for the impact of business acquisition-related expenses







## **Projects Secured**

#### **Major (Announced)**

Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM), WA \$31.5 million

Client: Northern Star Resources ASX Announced: 5 August 2024

Civil infrastructure contracts (four bridges), NSW **\$20.59 million** 

Client: Local councils, NSW Government, Federal Government ASX Announced: 7 August 2024

#### Other selected projects (secured in the period)

#### July 2024

- Ampol Lytton T2095 Pipe Installation
- ProKoppers Mayfield T172
- Ampol Kurnell T409 T&I
- Senex offsite pipeline spooling fabrication

#### August 2024

- Viva Gore Bay T6033 Refurbishment Works
- AGL Bayswater Unit 2 turn-around support
- Ampol fire water piping

#### September 2024

- Arts Queensland Switchboard Replacement
- SJOG Subiaco Hospital EMS
- Kenwick Rail EMS

#### October 2024

Hilltops Council Burrangong Creek Bridge

#### November 2024

- Ampol Lytton Lubes Tank Refurbishment
- Viva API2000 Tank Venting assessment
- Visy Natural Gas & Oxygen pipeline

#### December 2024

 Toowoomba Regional Council Automation Change Management system implementation



## **Projects – Major Ongoing**

Western Sydney International Airport Fuel Farm & Hydrant Line, NSW **\$70.0 million** 

Client: Multiplex & Duratec Announced: 17 October 2022 Water sector contracts

#### \$17.7 million

- Bald Hill Tanks, Sunbury, VIC (Aqua Metro)
- Marsfield Reservoir New Build, Marsfield, NSW (Confluence Water)

Announced: 30 May 2024

Lytton Refinery Future Fuels Desulphurisation project, QLD

\$9.3 million

Client: Ampol

Announced: 6 July 2023

Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM), WA

\$31.5 million

Client: Northern Star Resources Announced: 5 August 2024

Pelican Point Terminal diesel storage expansion, SA

\$44.2 million

Client: Quantem

Announced: 31 July 2023

Four new civil infrastructure projects (bridges), NSW

**\$20.59** million

Client: Local councils, NSW

Government, Federal Government

Announced: 7 August 2024

#### **Key project development**

bp Kwinana Renewable Fuels, Perth, WA **\$42.0 million** 

Client: bp

Announced: 5 June 2023

In June 2023, Saunders secured a contract at bp's Kwinana energy hub for a renewable fuels project.

- The project involved refurbishing and modifying 25 tanks for feedstock or biofuels storage.
- Despite the project being in delivery, in February 2025, bp shelved the project and issued termination notices to all contracted groups on this project including Saunders.
- The project contributed \$9m to Saunders' half-year revenue through December 2024.
- The project had recognised circa \$18m in revenue since inception (to the end of January 2025).



## **Projects Completed**

Selected projects completed in the period

Boyne River Gas Pipeline

Client: APA

Market: Resources & Industrials

Location: Queensland

Soldiers Beach Access Replacement Program, NSW Central Coast

Client: Central Coast Council Market: Defence & Government Location: New South Wales Bayswater Power Station Shutdown

Client: Western Region Delivery Team

Client: AGL Market: Energy

Market: Water

Location: New South Wales

Redbank Reservoir

Location: New South Wales

Shoalwater Bay Training Area Electrical Upgrade, Queensland

Client: GAP Industries

Market: Defence & Government

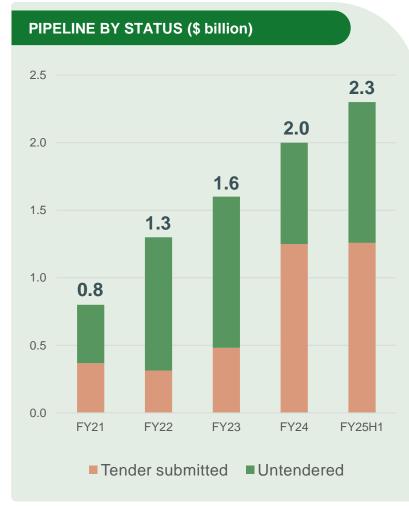
Location: Queensland

Blending Area Firewater System Replacement

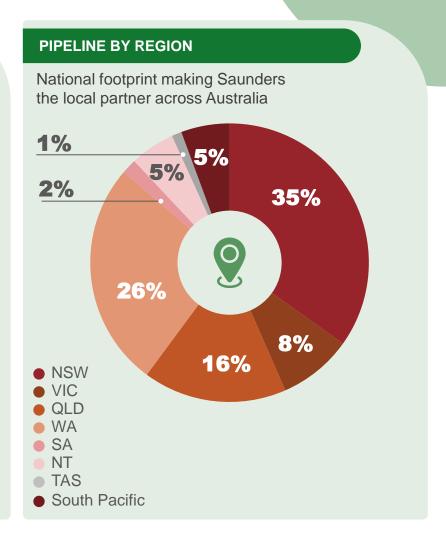
Client: Mobil Market: Energy Location: Victoria



## **Pipeline Analysis**







Order book \$170m at 31 Dec 2024

### **Market Outlook**

### DEFENCE & GOVERNMENT



#### WATER



#### **ENERGY**



### RESOURCES & INDUSTRIALS



#### OUTLOOK

- Movement in the Defence Fuel Resilience Program (DFRP) after the fuel network contract transition, conclusion of Strategic Review and the release of the Integrated Investment Plan
- Increasing Defence budget fuel capability demand from rising geopolitical tensions.

RAAF Base Tindal, RAAF

Base Darwin\*, Larrakeyah

Dept. of Defence\*, Tier 1

contractors to Defence)

Bridge constructions (Local

Government Authorities.

Transport for NSW).

Defence Precinct (Australian

- Growing emphasis on water security, as climate change stresses water systems, is driving investment in desalination, pipeline and reservoir projects
- Urban population growth and asset renewals continue to drive investment in water infrastructure.
- Water Corporation Process Control Technologies Panel
- Greater Western Water Bald Hill Tanks (Aqua Metro)
- Sydney Water Marsfield Reservoir New Build (Confluence Water).

- Continued focus on national fuel security, including increased storage and asset resilience
- Increasing uncertainty of commitment towards funding alternative fuels projects
- Government infrastructure investment is declining overall but shifting priority to energy infrastructure.
- Pelican Point Terminal Expansion (Quantem)
- Lytton Refinery Tank Turnarounds (Ampol)
- Altona Terminal Conversion (Mobil).

- Dynamic market rewarding agility of mid-tiers
- Declining demand from traditional exports like iron ore is partially offset by growth opportunities in critical minerals
- The Future Made in Australia policy will help drive domestic demand and stabilise the industrials sector.
- KCGM CIL3 Replacement Works (Northern Star Resources)
- Yatala Natural Gas Pipeline Fabrication and Install (Visy).

PIPELINE (Total \$2.3B)

• \$586m (up 20%)\*\*

• \$306m (up 14%)\*\*

• \$884m (up 7%)\*\*

• \$524m (up 25%)\*\*

**KEY** 

**CLIENTS &** 

**PROJECTS** 

Key client completed project

<sup>\*\*</sup> Compared to 31 July 2024

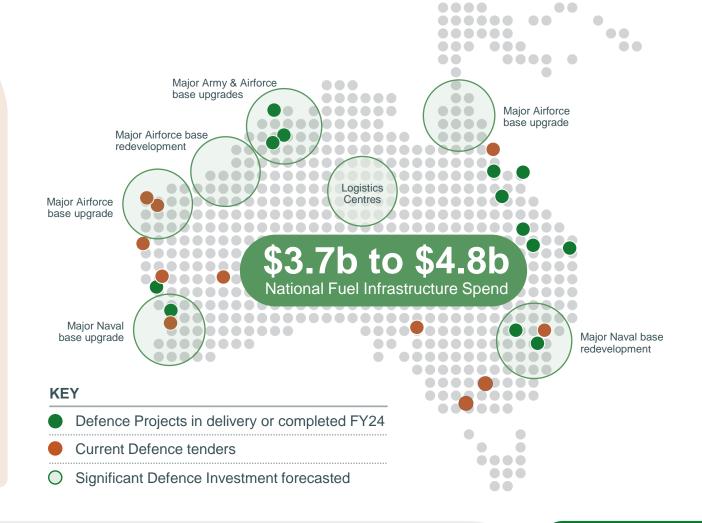
## **Defence Opportunity Landscape**

Defence funding will continue to grow over the next decade, with forecast spending of \$100b per annum by 2033-34 and \$765b between now and 2033-34.



#### \$3.7b - \$4.8b total spend in Theatre Logistics (Fuel)

- Developing and enhancing fuel holding, storage, and distribution capabilities.
- Circa \$2.0b addressable by Saunders.
- Our current pipeline is \$586m.



#### STRATEGY IN ACTION - COMPLETED PROJECT

#### Larrakeyah Defence Precinct Fuel Infrastructure SMP (Marine)

Capability Bulk Fluid Storage, Industrial Automation and Electrical, Structural, Mechanical

and Piping

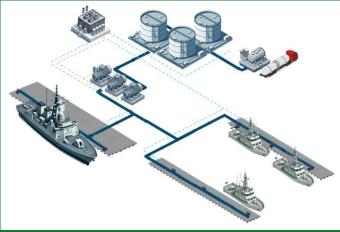
Value \$33.7 million

Location Darwin, NT

Saunders successfully completed a contract for the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct Redevelopment Program (LDPRP), with Laing O'Rourke as Managing Contractor. The project included designing and constructing four bulk fuel storage tanks, installing fuel quarantine and sampling systems, offloading and dispensing filtration and pump stations, and electrical and instrumentation systems. Saunders also delivered safety and process control systems, integrating them with site-wide piping and wharf hydrant lines at a major operational defence base.

#### % OF TOTAL SCOPE

01	Bulk Fluid Storage & Transfer	24%
02	Structural, Mechanical & Piping (SMP)	34%
03	Industrial Automation & Electrical	19%
04	Other	23%





#### STRATEGY IN ACTION - CURRENT PROJECT

#### **Western Sydney International Airport**

Capability Bulk Fluid Storage, Industrial Automation and Electrical, Structural, Mechanical

and Piping

Value \$70.0 million

Location Luddenham, NSW

In late 2022, we were awarded a significant contract by Multiplex to build the aviation fuel terminal at the new Western Sydney International Airport, showcasing our multidisciplinary expertise in Bulk Fluid Storage & Transfer including Industrial Automation. The project included storage tanks, piping, and SCADA controls. Our Piping team also installed 10.5 km of hydrant lines, seamlessly connecting the system.

Status: Wet commissioning began on 10 February 2025, following the first fuel introduction.

#### % OF TOTAL SCOPE

01	Bulk Fluid Storage & Transfer	12.5%
02	Structural, Mechanical & Piping (SMP)	70%
03	Industrial Automation & Electrical	13%
04	Civil Infrastructure	4.5%





## **Investment Highlights**

Strong track record of delivering profitable growth across the top line, EBITDA and NPAT; consistent dividend paying

Portfolio blends traditional construction contracts with annuity-style earnings

Strategically well-positioned with customers across Australia as a leading multidisciplinary Engineering, Construction and Industrial Asset Services company, following recent acquisitions successfully completed in 23/24

Proven ability to win and deliver sector-recognised key projects

Strong project pipeline spread across key markets, exhibiting strong structural growth profiles: **Energy, Defence & Government, Water, Resources & Industrials** 

Maturing into our multidisciplinary offering and recent acquisition integration complete and well received by the industry





#### **PROJECT PROFILE - CURRENT**

#### **Pelican Point**

Capability Bulk Fluid Storage and Industrial

Automation and Electrical

Value \$44.2 million

Location Pelican Point, SA

Our multi-disciplinary in-house engineering and operational teams worked closely with long-term and repeat client Quantem to value engineer, optimise constructability and conduct a full lifecycle analysis on this critical new diesel storage project in Adelaide.

The scope of work includes detailed design, procurement, construction, fabrication, installation, and commissioning of three 30,000 cubic metre diesel storage tanks and associated structural, mechanical and piping infrastructure, adding significant new diesel storage capacity for the fuel industry in South Australia.



#### **PROJECT PROFILE - CURRENT**

### Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) CIL3 Tanks Replacement

Capability Structural, Mechanical and Piping

Value \$31.5 million

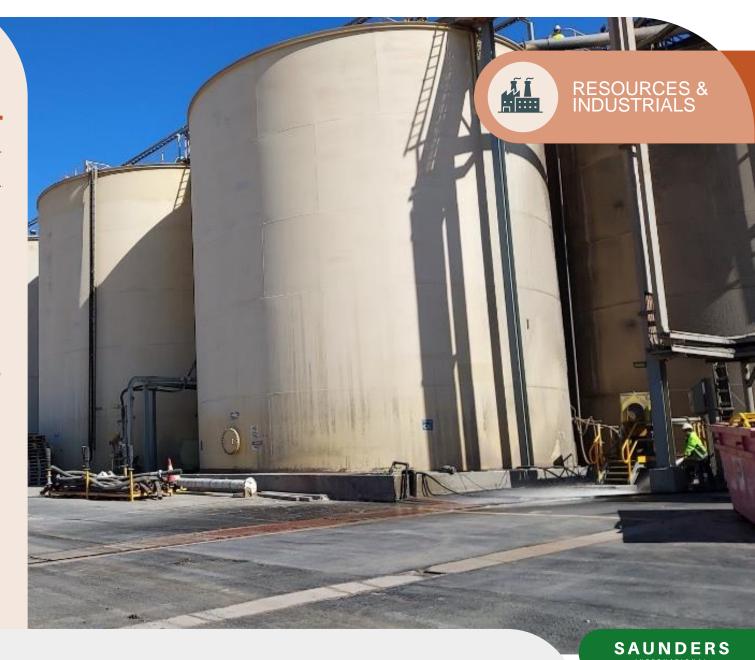
Location Kalgoorlie, WA

Saunders has been awarded a \$31.5 million contract by Northern Star Resources to undertake the CIL3 Tanks Replacement project at the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) in Western Australia.

This project involves the reconstruction and upgrade of six carbon-in-leach (CIL) tanks, each measuring 12.7 meters in diameter and 13.5 meters in height. The scope also includes associated pipework, structural steel, and interconnecting launders within a complex brownfield environment.

The project aims to increase the throughput and enhance the reliability of the Fimiston Processing Plant by upgrading the third bank of CIL tanks. Saunders' advanced construction methodology ensures that the plant remains fully operational during the project, minimising shutdowns and maintaining continuous revenue for Northern Star Resources.

This project marks Saunders' growing presence in Western Australia, supported by the recent opening of a new regional office in Perth.



#### **PROJECT PROFILE - CURRENT**

#### Four new bridge projects

We have recently announced that we have been awarded four contracts in the civil infrastructure sector, totalling \$20.59 million.

Each of the four projects includes the demolition of an existing bridge, as well as the design and construction of a new concrete bridge structure. The projects have been funded by local councils, the NSW Government and the Federal Government, aiming to ensure that local road networks are safer and fit-for-purpose for years to come.

The projects include:

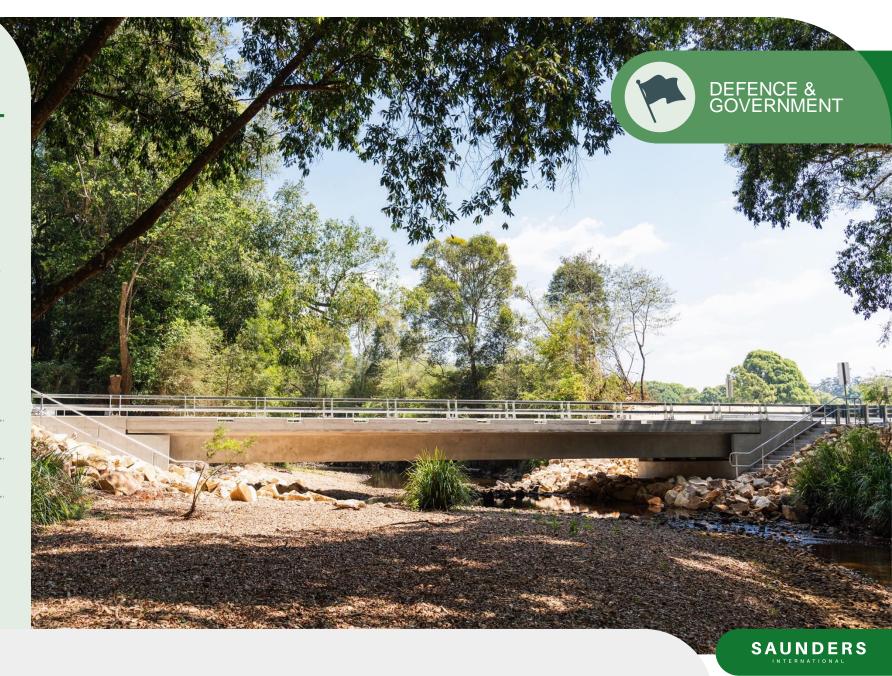
Brunners Bridge, Singleton, NSW

Spring Creek Bridge, Narrabri, NSW

Melville Ford Bridge, Aberglasslyn, NSW

Molong Street Bridge and Burrendong Bridge No 1, Dubbo, NSW.

Image: Logans Crossing Bridge, Logans Crossing, NSW completed October 2023.





## **Statutory Income Statement**

A\$000	H1 FY25	H1 FY24	%
Revenue	126,310	104,427	21.0%
Other Income	508	192	164.6%
Materials & third-party costs charged to projects	(77,148)	(59,472)	29.7%
Employee benefits expense	(34,428)	(25,724)	33.8%
Motor vehicle expense	(227)	(244)	-7.0%
Occupancy and operating lease expense	(398)	(375)	6.1%
Other expenses	(4,692)	(8,995)	-47.8%
EBITDA	9,925	9,809	1.2%
Depreciation expense	(2,341)	(1,787)	31.0%
EBIT	7,584	8,022	-5.5%
Interest Income	55	86	-36.0%
Finance Costs	(369)	(193)	91.2%
Profit before income tax	7,270	7,915	-8.1%
Income tax (expense)	(2,234)	(2,987)	-25.2%
Profit after income tax	5,036	4,928	2.2%
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Basic (cents per share)	4.27	4.49	(4.9%)
Diluted (cents per share)	4.22	4.43	(4.7%)

#### **KEY INSIGHTS**

**Revenue** growth of 21.0% driven from the continuation of the core business and a strong contribution from a first full year of contributions from strategic acquisitions in 2023.

H1 FY25 **effective tax rates** of 30.7% have improved on H1 FY24 effective tax rates of 37.7% due to non-deductable business acquisition related expenses in H1 FY24.

**EPS** for the period was 4.27 cents marginally lower than H1 FY24 of 4.49 cents due to an increase in the ordinary shares on issue as a result of the consideration paid for the acquisitions in FY2024.



### **Balance Sheet**

A\$000	H1 FY25	FY24
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	19,327	19,807
Trade and other receivables	22,206	25,623
Contract assets	22,019	20,566
Other current assets	2,655	897
Total current assets	66,207	66,893
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	14,814	14,809
Right-of-use assets	11,274	12,434
Intangible assets	17,392	17,392
Deferred tax assets	1,663	1,671
Total non-current assets	45,143	46,306
Total assets	111,350	113,199

#### **KEY INSIGHTS**

**Cash balance** decreased by \$0.5m due to increases in working capital as a result of increased business revenue.

Decrease in **other financial liabilities** due to contingent consideration for Automation IT (\$1.1m) paid during the period. Remaining balance of contingent consideration for Piping Solutions (\$7m) paid in the subsequent period.

Increase in **contract assets**, a 7.1% increase or \$1.5m, due to increased business revenue, 21.0%. This has been more than offset by the decrease in trade and other receivables, down 13.3% or \$3.4m on FY24.

Decrease in **right-of-use assets** due to run down of current leases with no significant new leases in the period.

A\$000	H1 FY25	FY24
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	26,026	28,194
Contract liabilities	4,355	5,600
Current provisions	5,428	5,231
Other financial liabilities	7,000	8,100
Current tax liability	1,112	1,478
Lease liabilities	2,268	2,251
Other Current Liabilities	1,124	-
Total current liabilities	47,313	50,854
Non-current Liabilities		
Provisions	1,286	1,358
Lease liabilities	8,801	9,692
Total non-current liabilities	10,087	11,050
Total liabilities	57,400	61,904
Net assets	53,950	51,295

### **Cash flow**

A\$'000	H1 FY25	H1 FY24
Cash flows from Operating activities	3,961	25,418
Cash flows from Investing activities	(2,022)	(5,760)
Cash flows from Financing activities	(2,419)	(2,235)
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(480)	17,423
Opening cash on hand	19,807	12,833
Effects of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	-	30
Closing cash on hand	19,327	30,256

#### **KEY INSIGHTS**

**Operating Cash Outflows** represent a combination of impacts including timing of cash in/outflows (including H1 FY24), debtors receipts and acquisition payments.

Net **Investing Cash Outflows** represent final cash consideration for acquisition of Automation IT (\$0.8m) with maximum earn-out being achieved, and payments for capital expenditure (\$1.2m).

Net **Financing Cash Outflows** relate to dividends paid and net repayment of lease liabilities and insurance premium funding.



#### **About Saunders International Limited**

Saunders International Limited (ASX: SND) is a multidisciplinary Australian company that provides engineering, construction and industrial asset services across the complete asset lifecycle. Established in 1951 and listed on the Australian Securities Exchange since 2007, Saunders specialises in bulk liquid storage and transfer, structural, mechanical and piping (SMP), industrial automation and electrical, civil infrastructure and industrial asset services.

Serving clients in Defence & Government, Energy, Water, Resources and Industrials sectors, Saunders partners with some of the world's largest energy companies, leading contractors and all levels of government. The company operates as 'One Team' with its clients, focusing on delivering tailored solutions in a fast-evolving environment through collaborative efforts.

With a team of over 500 employees and eight offices across Australia, and operations in Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, Saunders is well-positioned to meet diverse client needs while upholding high standards of quality and safety.

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