

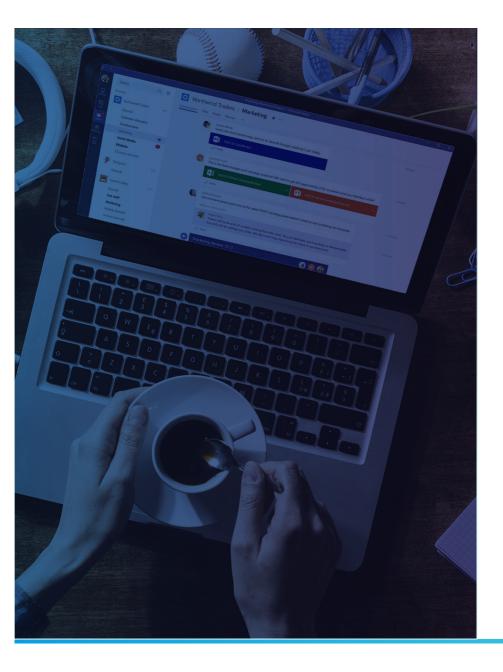
# Company Presentation to Bell Potter

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**Company Overview** 

# Presenting today - CEO & CFO Bios





**Mr Peter McGrath**CEO and Managing Director

Peter's business career spans 30 years in telecommunications, ICT and corporate advisory, with over 15 years in senior leadership positions.

Peter was CEO of the Nextgen Group (Nextgen Networks, Metronode & Infoplex) as well as Managing Director of Leighton Contractors Telecommunications Division and Managing Director of Visionstream for 8 years. Under Peter's leadership, the businesses all grew to become leading players in the Australian marketplace. Prior to this, Peter was Chief Executive Officer of publicly listed Uecomm and earlier Chief Operating Officer of leading commercial ISP: Connect.com. Peter also has extensive experience in equity capital markets and corporate finance with ANZ Securities and UBS Warburg and has served on a number of boards over his career.

Peter holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree (RMIT) as well as an MBA from Melbourne Business School.



Mr Matthew Beale
Chief Financial Officer

Matthew is a qualified Chartered Accountant with broad corporate accounting and finance experience.

Matthew acted as a permanent and interim CFO of SMEs both publicly listed and privately owned, across agricultural food production and processing, import/wholesaling, port operations, sand mining and processing, IT and online retail clothing. Matthew has worked closely with and reported through to business owners including investment managers, family offices, managing directors and boards of directors. Prior to Matthew's first CFO role ~15 years ago, he worked in Corporate Finance roles including advisory and corporate banking. Through these roles and acting as CFO, he has gained experience in due diligence and business valuation for acquisition and sales purposes, capital raisings including pre-IPO and private raisings and debt funding for a variety of uses.

Matthew also has an MBA from The Australian Graduate School of Management.





### A leading B2B provider of cloud communications (UCaaS) and IT services to businesses

# We service our customers via three key divisions

Our goal is to enhance business agility through innovative cloud-based communications and IT solutions

**Voice Services** 

**Data Services** 

Unified Communications Solutions (UCaaS)

**IT Managed Services** 

next.

a commsgroup business

Telco services domestically to the SME/corporate mid-market sectors (<1,000 employees)

www.nexttelecom.com.au

commsgroup

Specialist UCaaS<sup>1</sup>
provider to
wholesale,
enterprise and
Global MNCs
(>1,000
employees)

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**on**Platinum

Leading ICT managed services provider with strong reputation for quality, expertise and innovation

https://onplatinum.com.au

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unified Communications as a Service (UCaaS): a communications delivery model based on the cloud, that allows companies to access key comms services including telephony (voice), video, messaging, chat, collaboration, document storage supporting teamwork, agility, mobility and work from anywhere.

### **Market Data**



| Share price <sup>1</sup>           | \$0.107 |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Market Capitalisation <sup>1</sup> | \$39.5m |
| Net debt <sup>2</sup>              | \$5.9m  |
| Enterprise Value                   | \$45.4m |

### CCG.ASX Share Price (AUD)



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at 14 February 2022 <sup>2</sup> Calculated using cash balance as at 31 December 2021

# Key timeline of events

### commsgroup

#### August 2020

- Expands global MS Teams calling network to China, Philippines, Tokyo, the US and Europe
- 700% increase in underlying EBITDA to \$2.5m for FY20



#### December 2020

 Acquisition of leading SME telco provider Next Telecom increasing revenue to \$30m+ annualised

### switchedon

#### August 2021

 Acquisition of SME telco Switched On, building base in Melbourne, increasing annualised revenue to \$36m+



#### September 2021

 Partnership with Vodafone Fiji

### commsgroup

#### November 2020 · Re-branding of

parent company to Comms **Group Limited** 



· Acquisition of Melbourne based telco infrastructure owner Binary Networks



### commsgroup

#### August 2021

- Branding change with Next Telecom serving domestic SME & Comms Group serving global, wholesale and **Enterprise**
- · 28% increase in underlying EBITDA to \$3.2m for FY21

### **on**Platinum

#### **February 2022**

- · Acquisition of leading ICT Services provider onPlatinum
- · Inaugural debt facility of \$10m with CBA established
- · Guidance upgrade to annualised revenue of \$50m+ and annualised EBITDA of \$7m+

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### **April 2019**

 Peter McGrath appointed as CEO & MD



### **Products & Services Overview**

# A highly focused B2B telco with a full ICT product suite and leading position as a global unified communications provider



#### Voice services

- Replace legacy ISDN & PABX lines
- Move traditional "in-office" PABX to the cloud
- Advanced cloud business phone/hosted PBX (domestic)
- Global PBX for International offices
- Inbound 13/1300/1800 services
- Mobile voice/data plans

#### Wholesale/Global

- SIP Trunks
- SIP & MS Teams calling services wholesale
- · Call Termination Services
- DIDs/Telephone numbers



#### **Data services**

- High speed fibre-optic based data & internet services
- NBN services inc. NBN Enterprise Ethernet
- Own our own Layer 2 and Layer 3 (ISP) networks
- SD WAN
- Multi-carrier diversity services
- · Access to Cloud Services
- · Firewall services



### Unified Comms Solutions (UCaaS)

- Industry leading Global Microsoft Teams calling (Direct Routing)
- Range of value-added applications
  - · Contact Centre
  - · Call Recording
  - · Call analytics
  - SMS messaging with integration to MS Teams



#### **Managed IT services**

- 24x7 IT Managed services
- Provision of ICT hardware
- · Security services
- Cloud based services (Azure, VMWare)
- Own our own Cloud laas Virtual Server cluster (VMWare)
- · Desktop as a service
- Backup as a service



# Leading global Microsoft Teams calling provider

### Comms Group provides a world leading international calling experience



Comms Group has added a number of key products to its key Unified Communications offering, including:

- Contact Centre for Microsoft Teams

  Native contact centre for Microsoft Teams.

  Intuitive and powerful web administration.
- 2 Call Recording for Microsoft Teams
  Native cloud-based Call Recording for
  Microsoft Teams PCI Compliant.
  Seeing good interest from financial services firms.
- 3 Call Analytics for Microsoft Teams

  Measure Call Sentiment through CommsChoice
  Insights, Al-driven Speech Analytics license, which
  measures conversation pace, volume, pitch, and
  tonality.



### Comms Group Global Network



CommsChoice is a leader in Microsoft Teams calling for global businesses.



Extensive international network with the most extensive Asia Pacific coverage.



Recently completed expansions into China, Japan, Philippines, HK and Indonesia.



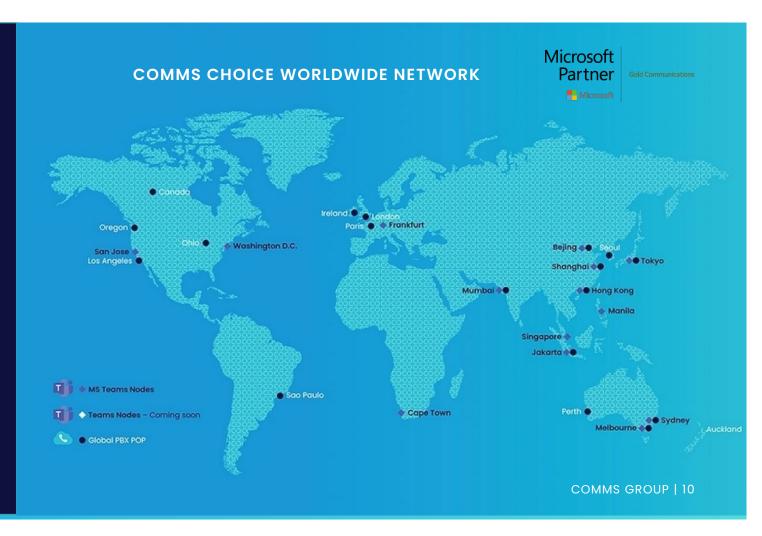
The first and only provider of Microsoft Teams calling in **China**.



Continuing to expand into under served markets - currently expanding into **India**, **South Africa and Vietnam**. And other Asian countries shortly.



Singapore sales office established in 2021





# OnPlatinum acquisition – entering IT services market



Acquires a leading provider of ICT<sup>1</sup> services with a highquality customer base



Extends Comms Group's product offering, broadening product set into the IT services market. Provides strong cross sell opportunity.



Adds ~\$16m in total group revenue, a ~45% increase on current business revenue



Strengthens Comms Group's position in the corporate mid-market<sup>2</sup>



Expands the Company's domestic footprint into QLD



Base EBITDA contributions of \$2m<sup>3</sup> (incl. synergies) and expected to grow overtime

<sup>1</sup> ICT refers to Information Technology (IT) services as well as Communications Services.

For Comms Group, Corporate Mid-Market refers to larger organisations with typically 500+ employees and monthly spend (MRR) of typically > \$5,000.
Annualised EBITDA contribution.



# **Strategic Rationale**

### Consistent with the Company's strategy of pursuing near term accretive acquisition opportunities



# Expansion of domestic footprint

- Provides access to customers in QLD and NSW via onPlatinum's services to SME and corporate mid-market
- New base in QLD with significant resources and capabilities



# Transformational acquisition

- Adds ~\$16m in total group revenue, representing a ~45% increase on current group revenue
- Full year FY22, underlying EBITDA guidance upgraded to \$5m to \$5.5m which includes 5 months trading from onPlatinum



# Extension of service offerings

- Delivers a high-quality corporate customer base
  - Broadens Comms Group's product set into the IT services market
- Extension of offerings to existing client base via onPlatinum's managed IT services and cloud offerings



# Consistent with M&A strategy

- Targets expanding offerings & client base
- Post-acquisition, annualised revenue is expected to be over \$50m and annualised underlying EBITDA of \$7m+ including expected synergies from onPlatinum<sup>1</sup>

### onPlatinum business overview

### Trading via the onPlatinum and Tango Technology businesses



### **Managed services**

Managed services, provision of hardware, professional and security services

~ 54% of revenue



#### Cloud services

Desktop as a service, Office 365 services, Windows cloud services, and Backup as a service

~ 25% of revenue



### **Data services**

Wide Area Network (WAN) maintenance and services, WAN provisioning and SD-WAN offerings

~ 11% of revenue



#### Voice services

A fully supported PBX hosted system combining traditional phone systems, VOIP and cloud computing

~ 10% of revenue

- A strong reputation for quality, expertise and innovation
- An award-winning business with a demonstrated history of sustainable growth
- Infrastructure services that support over 55,000 requests per month - with only 4,500 that require human involvement
- ~500 customers with average revenue per customer (ARPU) of circa \$3,000 per month
- Aims to have customers on longer term contracts of 3+ years
- Servicing all capital cities and headquartered on the Gold Coast with over 60 employees



### onPlatinum partners with industry leaders

A client base that has grown to ~500 clients with 7500 end-points globally, since 2012

















One of just 14 Australian businesses authorised and approved by Microsoft to build third party hosted solutions privately





# **Financial metrics**

# **Key financial highlights**

### Increased scale and continued profit growth

COMMS Group

Global Cloud Communications

FY21 Revenue

**Up 30%** 

YoY growth to \$25.2m

FY21 EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

**Up 20%** 

YoY growth to \$3.2m

FY 21 Gross Profit

**Up 23%** 

YoY growth to \$11.4m

FY21 Gross Margin

49%

Up from 47% YoY<sup>2</sup>

Annualised revenue<sup>3</sup> expected to be

>\$50m

Annualised EBITDA<sup>1,3</sup> expected to be

>\$7m

<sup>1</sup> Underlying EBITDA excludes net interest, tax, non-cash share LTIP costs, rent, depreciation, amortisation and business, integration & restructuring costs.

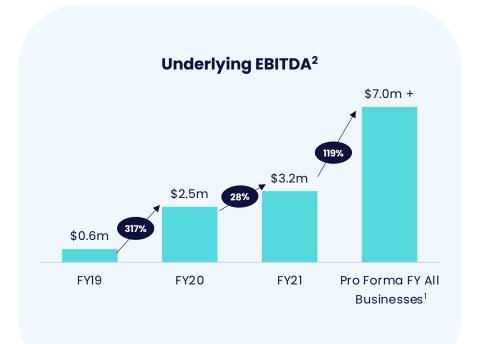
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gross Margins excluding acquired businesses

<sup>3</sup> Annualised underlying revenue & EBITDA including all acquisitions finalised during the year and the recent acquisition of OnPlatinum Australia

# A demonstrated history of performance







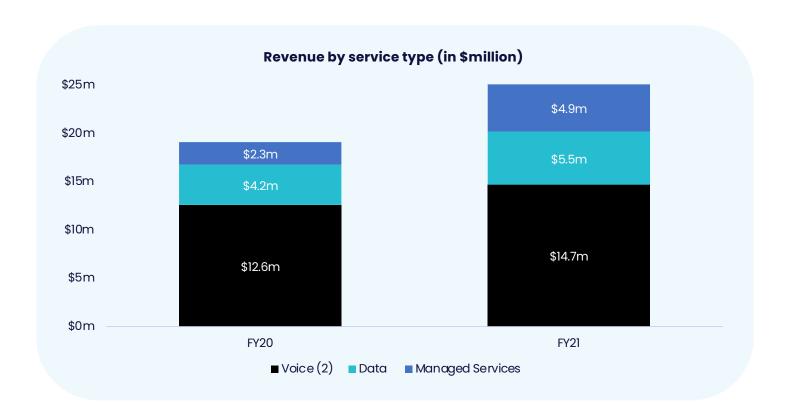
Strong revenue growth with high gross margins of nearly 50% and continued increase in EBITDA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annualised revenue & EBITDA of all businesses including onPlatinum based on current run-rate of all businesses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Underlying EBITDA excludes net interest, tax, non-cash share LTIP costs, rent, depreciation, amortisation and business, integration & restructuring costs.

### A diversified revenue stream









**Strategy and Outlook** 

# Comms Group strategic imperatives





Extend our services in the corporate midmarket sector with a full ICT service offering



Become a key UCaaS provider throughout the APAC region and globally, servicing the wholesale and enterprise (MNC) sectors



Grow to scale organically and via acquisitions to over \$100m revenue with commensurate increase in profitability



Expand domestically to become a national provider

"We are singularly focussed on continuing our growth journey and enhancing business agility through innovative cloud communications & IT solutions"

### **Board**





#### John Mackay Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Over 15 years' experience as chairman and director of major listed and unlisted companies across the communications, utilities, health, construction and education sectors.



#### Peter McGrath CEO and Managing Director

Peter's business career spans 30 years in telecommunications, ICT and corporate advisory, with over 15 years in senior leadership positions.



#### Ben Jennings Non-Executive Director

Ben has spent almost 18
years as an accountant
working in both
commercial and public
practice roles in both
Australia and the United
Kingdom.



#### Claire Bibby Independent Non-Executive Director

A highly experienced lawyer with over 25 years' experience as general counsel, Executive and Non-Executive Director with ASX, multinational, private and NFP organisations.



#### Ryan O'Hare Non-Executive Director

Ryan's telecoms career began in 1993 when cofounding telecommunications service provider corpTEL Communications.

corpTEL rapidly became one of the largest privately owned B2B telecom groups in Australia until its sale to AAPT (TPG) in 1998.





| Term                                   | Definition   |
|--|--|
| Cloud Communications                   | The provision of key communications services from cloud servers based in data centres and over high speed internet connections.  |
| Cloud PBX, Cloud Phone,<br>Hosted PABX | A cloud PBX functions the same as an in office PABX but is hosted in a cloud server accessed via the internet. This is becoming the preferred option for providers and customers today. Comms Group operates a global Cloud Phone network.   |
| Corporate mid-market                   | For Comms Group, this is larger organisations with typically 500+ employees and monthly spend (MRR) of typically > \$5,000.  |
| CTS                                    | Call Termination Services – provision of a service by wholesale service providers to terminate voice calls in different markets or countries and on to different networks such as mobile and fixed voice networks.   |
| Data Service                           | A broadband service that delivers voice, video and data over a private network or the Internet. NBN and fibre optic services are the most common forms of data services in the SME and corporate mid-market. Comms Group operates a domestic Layer 2 (data) and Layer 3 (internet) network with key Points of Presence (PoPs) in Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane and aggregates a range of layer 2 wholesale access services. |
| Enterprise                             | For Comms Group, this is organisations with typically > 1,000 employees and operating multi-nationally as an MNC.  |
| Fibre (optic)                          | Use of fibre optic networks to carry digital signals (data) via light transmission at very high speeds, transforming the telco and cloud services market globally.   |
| ICT                                    | Information Communication Technology is an umbrella term that covers the wide range of IT services and Communications services provided to businesses.   |
| MNC                                    | Multi-national corporate whereby the corporation has offices, facilities and assets in multiple countries.   |
| MRR                                    | Monthly recurring revenue is the monthly recurring annuity style revenue received from customers.  |
| NBN                                    | Australia's national broadband network, which is a wholesale open access data network, replacing older copper and cable broadband with optic fibre networks, high speed switches and other technologies.   |
| PABX                                   | A typically in-house telephone switching system that interconnects telephone extensions to each other as well as the outside telephone network known as the public switched telephone network (PSTN).  |
| SD-WAN                                 | A software-defined wide-area network (SD-WAN) uses software-defined network technology, such as communicating over the Internet with encryption between an organisation's locations. Allow companies to build higher-performance WANs using lower-cost and commercially available Internet access. SD-WAN is replacing traditional data networks such as MPLS.   |
| SIP                                    | Session Initiation Protocol - being the standard IP telephony signalling protocol used to manage voice calls over the internet.  |
| SME                                    | For Comms Group, this is small to medium enterprise typically up to 500 employees.   |
| Unified Communications (UCaaS)         | A communications delivery model based on the cloud, providing key communications services including telephony (voice), video, messaging, chat, collaboration, document storage supporting teamwork, agility, mobility and work from anywhere. Comms Group is a leading provider of MS Teams calling with a global network and offering.  |



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