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Easton Investments Limited (ASX:EAS) 2014 Annual General Meeting Presentation

Please find attached a presentation that will be delivered to shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting to be held today.

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EASTON INVESTMENTS LIMITED

2014 Annual General Meeting

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Financial Statements and Reports

Kevin White & Greg Hayes – Joint Managing Directors

2013/14 Full Year Highlights

Operational



- Non-core and uneconomic businesses divested
- Operations streamlined and costs trimmed
- Continuing businesses operating profitably

Financial



- Normalised EBITA = \$716k (2013: Loss of \$595k)
- Strong 2nd half result Normalised EBITA = \$682k
- Reported NPAT = Loss of \$1.71m (2013: Loss of \$3.49m)
 - o Includes non-cash costs of \$2.23m, non-recurring and nonoperational costs of \$0.81m and tax benefit of \$0.75m due to recognition of carried forward losses
- Cash balance at year end = \$2.59m
- Borrowings at year end of \$0.78m

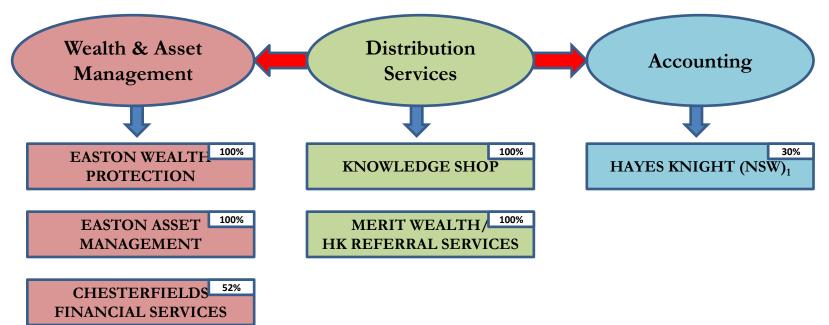
Strategic



- Direction, Strategy and Business Model clearly articulated
- Important strategic transaction completed important step in building a meaningful distribution business



Easton Investments Operations Simplified into 3 Divisions



- Each Division has a strategic growth focus
- Plans include building a network of
 Accounting and Wealth Management firms
- 1. Incorporates Hayes Knight Services (NSW) Pty Ltd



2013/14 Divisional Performance

| Normalised Divisional Result | 2014 | 2013 | Change |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| | (\$'000) | (\$'000) | (%) |
| Wealth & Asset Management | | | |
| • Revenue | 3,782 | 3,406 | 11% |
| • Contribution | 1,309 | 477 | 174% |
| Distribution Services | | | |
| • Revenue | 1,507 | - | n/a |
| • Contribution | 296 | - | n/a |
| Accounting (1) | | | |
| Revenue & Contribution | 46 | - | n/a |
| Total Segment Result (2) | | | |
| • Revenue | 5,335 | 3,406 | 57% |
| Contribution - Normalised | 1,651 | 477 | 246% |

Notes: (1) Reflects equity accounted contribution

(2) Excludes normalised corporate costs of \$935k (2013: \$1,054k)



Strategic Intent & Business Model

- GROW BY ACQUISITION Narrow focus on building a meaningful distribution capability in financial services in Australia
 - Seek to acquire interests in quality and aligned accounting and financial planning businesses
 - Accountants are the "gate keepers" with key client relationships in the high net worth (HNW) and small to medium enterprises (SME) sectors
 - A network achieves scale, where scaled distribution has strategic value
 - Apply a different (superior) business model to others in the sector
 - Prefer "meaningful" interests, not 100% ownership
 - Alleviates many of the issues faced by others in the sector, such as remuneration and retention
 - Provides benefits of listed company involvement to a broad network of firms with similar businesses, aspirations and cultures (strong Value Proposition)

❖ GROW ORGANICALLY –

- Leverage Knowledge Shop's unique distribution capability
- Develop Merit Wealth's adviser and accounting referral network
- ☐ Continue to build the Wealth and Asset Management division
- □ Support the growth of acquired business interests



2014/15 **O**utlook

- Further strong improvement in underlying performance is expected in 2015
- Normalised EBITA is expected to exceed \$2.5m given full year contribution from the Hayes Knight NSW businesses, plus continued improvement from the Company's other businesses
- The expected result is subject to normal trading conditions prevailing over the next 12 months
- * Carried forward tax losses of \$3.85 million as at 30 June 2014 will provide income tax payment relief over the coming year and augment cash flow
- Continued focus on quality acquisitions
 - Very selective and must be earnings accretive

Looking to attract firms with the right culture

- Clear strategic intent
 - Realistic plans to become a leading distribution company in the financial services sector
 - A differentiated business model



Update – 4 months to 31 October 2014

- Strong improvement in underlying performance emerging
 - ☐ Knowledge Shop well ahead of plan
 - Merit Wealth / HKRS behind plan due to slower than expected roll-out of Referral Rights Agreements
- Company is on track to achieve its forecast Normalised EBITA for the full year of \$2.5m (subject to normal trading conditions continuing for the remainder of fiscal 2015)
- Cash position at 31 October 2014 (unaudited) = \$3.3m (up from \$2.6m at 30 June 2014 boosted by cash flow from operations)
- Good pipeline of acquisition opportunities being assessed
- Several funding options being investigated
- Full year outlook remains promising

