



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

20 November 2015

AHG is today making the attached presentation in Perth to its 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Results of the AGM will be announced later today.

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**About AHG** Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHG) is a diversified automotive retailing and logistics group with operations in every Australian mainland state and in New Zealand.

The Company is Australia's largest automotive retailer, with dealerships in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

AHG's logistics businesses operate throughout Australia via subsidiaries Rand Transport, Harris Refrigerated Transport, Scott's Refrigerated Freightways and JAT Refrigerated Road Services (transport and cold storage), AMCAP and Covs (motor parts and industrial supplies distribution), VSE (vehicle storage and engineering), Genuine Truck Bodies (body building services to the truck industry), WMC (bus and truck importation and distribution), and KTM Sportmotorcycles and HQVA (KTM and Husqvarna motorcycle importation and distribution in Australia and New Zealand).

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# AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS GROUP LIMITED CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10.00 AM FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Automotive Holdings Group Limited's 2015 Annual General Meeting.

My name is David Griffiths and I am the Chairman of Automotive Holdings Group.

In terms of the usual housekeeping items, please switch your mobile phones to silent. In the event of a fire, the emergency exits are clearly marked.

If you have not already done so, please register your attendance at the Link service desk, just outside the door.

As a quorum is present and the meeting is validly constituted, I formally declare the 2015 Annual General Meeting open.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting have been approved by the Board and have been tabled.

Any shareholder who wishes to view a copy of the minutes is welcome to do so and should see the Company Secretary after the meeting.

With me today are my fellow directors:

- Michael Smith;
- Bronte Howson, Chief Executive Officer;
- Howard Critchley;
- John Groppoli;
- Tracey Horton;
- Peter Stancliffe;
- Robert McEniry; and
- Greg Duncan.

Also here today we have our Company Secretary, David Rowland, our Chief Financial Officer Phil Mirams and Glyn O'Brien from our auditors, BDO.

I would like to welcome Greg Duncan to his first AHG Annual General Meeting. Shareholders will have read in the Annual Report that Greg comes to the Group with a very strong background in automotive retailing. His experience, wisdom and guidance have been appreciated by the Board.

This will be the last AGM for Tracey Horton and Michael Smith who have both elected not to re-nominate this year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank both Tracey and Michael for their strong contributions to the Board and its committees. Those contributions will have a lasting effect on the Company and we wish them well in their future careers.

I would like to commence the Chairman's address today by providing a brief overview of the company and its performance in FY2015, before handing over to Bronte, who will provide more details of the Group's financial performance and highlights from the company's business units together with some comments about trading in the period since 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We will then turn our attention to the matters to be resolved at this meeting in the 'Formal Business' section, before closing the meeting.

Following that, the Directors would welcome the chance to answer any further questions from shareholders as we enjoy refreshments in the foyer.

As we have mentioned in the Annual Report, we recently marked the tenth anniversary of AHG listing on the Australian Stock Exchange.

While that anniversary is important, it is also important to note that the Company was founded 63 years ago, in 1952. The Group's growth has been impressive across that extended timeline, but it has been most pronounced since listing in 2005.

AHG remains <u>Australasia's</u> largest automotive retailer by sales, profitability and workforce.

The Company presently holds 179 franchises at 105 dealerships across four Australian states and New Zealand.

AHG is also Australia's largest provider of temperature-controlled transport and cold storage services through the Company's Refrigerated Logistics division, which comprises the operations of Rand, Harris, Scott's and JAT.

Our Other Logistics operations include AMCAP, Genuine Truck Bodies, Vehicle Storage and Engineering, KTM and Husqvarna distribution, and AHG International, which has recently agreed to acquire the distribution of Higer buses and JAC light trucks from the administrators of the former importer, White Motor Company.

Covs, which was also part of the Other Logistics division, was recently sold to GPC Asia Pacific and, subject to a final determination from the ACCC, we expect that transaction to complete in the near term.

AHG's performance in the 2015 financial year was pleasing, both as a company and as an investment.

Net Operating Profit, which includes adjustments for one-off effects as described in the Annual Report, increased by 10.8% on the previous year to a record \$94.2-million.

Statutory Profit After Tax increased by 20.8% to \$88.1-million.

Operating Earnings Per Share increased six percent and shareholders received an increased fully-franked full year dividend of 22-cents per share.

Measuring AHG's performance over the five years since (and including) FY2011, revenue has grown at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of 9.4%, Operating EBITDA has grown at 11.8% and Operating NPAT has grown at a CAGR of 12.5%

AHG's Total Shareholder Return, measured at the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, and which includes capital growth and reinvestment of dividends, stands at 11% over twelve months, at 52% over three years, and at more than 156% over five years.

This is a strong set of figures and your Company will be pushing for further improvements in profit and EPS as AHG realises the synergies from recent investments and acquisitions, realises the benefits of the restructuring and rationalisation of under-performing operations and as maturing Greenfield dealerships add to our bottom line.

I would also like to mention our commitment to Workplace Health and Safety.

AHG today employs more than 7,500 people.

They are undeniably our greatest resource and the Group holds all business unit managers accountable for leading health and safety programs in their areas of responsibility.

As detailed in the Annual Report, AHG's Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate and the Incident Rate both showed reductions in FY2015 and the Group has a five-year strategic plan focused on maintaining, and improving, that performance.

Bronte will give you a more in-depth review of the year operationally, however I'd like to touch on some of the key issues that I think will be of interest to our Shareholders.

Firstly, while applauding the growth in profits in the Automotive division in FY2015, I think it is important to acknowledge the outstanding performance of the Western Australian operations.

The WA market has weakened significantly over the past two years in line with the downturn in the mining and energy sectors but our local management and dealerships have outperformed the broader market and limited the decline in earnings.

The subdued conditions and softer earnings in Western Australia have been more than offset by the strength of the performance on the east coast and in New Zealand, which fully vindicates AHG's strategy of diversifying its operations beyond WA.

The automotive sector, like many others, is facing major changes and disruption from new technologies, fresh entrants to the market, and changing buyer behavior.

AHG is actively tracking developments and identifying opportunities for growth.

We are investing in digital strategies, opportunities in the "private-to-private" or P2P market, and opening a major used car "warehouse" in Joondalup, in Perth's burgeoning northern suburbs, as a test case for further expansion of that model.

With the recent acquisition of Perth's three Mercedes-Benz dealerships we have also greatly enhanced our exposure to the rapidly evolving luxury car market.

Each of those initiatives will enable AHG to leverage the resulting sale transactions across our proven areas of strength in finance, insurance, service, parts and accessories.

We have also significantly strengthened our position in the truck and bus market.

We undertook one of our largest investments in the new Daimler Trucks Perth dealership on land adjacent to Perth airport.

It is a landmark dealership in a high visibility location that Daimler executives have described as one of the best and most modern truck dealerships and service centres in the world.

The Group has also taken a strategic decision to establish a major car and truck service centre in the Pilbara region to capture opportunities being outsourced by the mining sector as it navigates the move from construction to processing.

It is an exciting time in the Automotive industry and AHG plans to capitalise on its deep experience and the assets it already holds by taking a very disciplined approach to the opportunities presented by ongoing changes in the sector.

As we wrote in the Annual Report, the outlook for the Automotive market remains strong and AHG is well placed to continue its strategic expansion.

Our Refrigerated Logistics division operates in a sector that has experienced an industry downturn in recent times.

Coupled with the challenges of transitioning and integrating our acquisitions and cold store expansions, the division has still managed to deliver encouraging results – but it has not yet taken us to the position we'd like to be.

However, as we work our way through capturing the benefits of the identified synergies and grow our service offer to leverage AHG's very strong strategic position, we are very confident that we will improve earnings and margins – and produce very satisfactory results for Shareholders from this division.

The Board and management have strategically reviewed the businesses within the Other Logistics division and the Company is well advanced in restructuring and rationalising those operations. That intense housekeeping will stand the Company in good stead as we move forward.

My final comment to Shareholders today is that AHG can only look to prosper in a changing world if we have the people and processes to drive us forward.

To this end we are investing in the recruitment, training and safety of our people, examining the suitability of our corporate structure, and updating operating systems across all divisions.

Your Board and management are pleased with the progress to date and remain committed to ensuring that AHG has the resources to meet future challenges.

In conclusion, your Board looks forward to the future of AHG with great confidence.

We have strong financial metrics, and sector-leading scale. We have an industry-leading automotive retail management model with a broad portfolio of brands and enduring long-term relationships with manufacturers and an exciting growth path in Refrigerated Logistics.

I will now hand over to our Managing Director, Bronte Howson.

#### FY2015 in review



# **Bronte Howson**

**Managing Director** 

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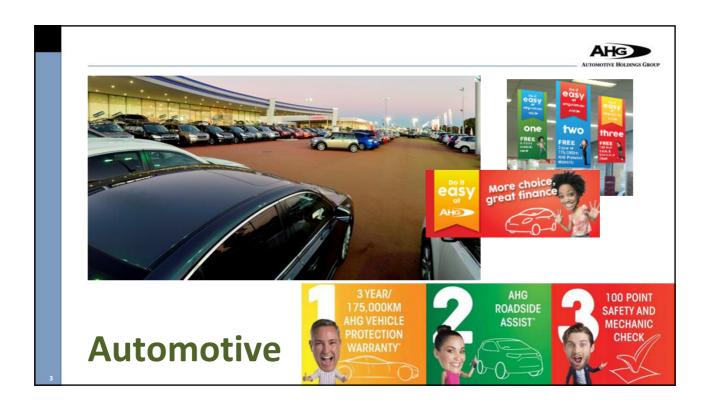
#### FY2015 In review

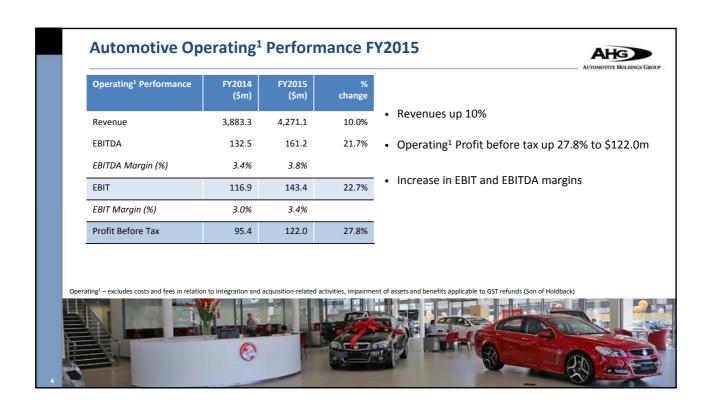


FY2015 Operating<sup>1</sup>
NPAT up 20.0% to \$94.2m driven by outperformance in Automotive segment

- Strong acquisition growth in Automotive and Refrigerated Logistics
- Innovative Automotive marketing campaigns
- Automotive result highlighted by East Coast and NZ performance
- Opening of world class Daimler Trucks facility in WA
- Opening of Truck service facility in Newman (WA)
- Markets remain challenging in Refrigerated Logistics
- Full-year contribution from Scott's/JAT
- · Completion of Erskine Park cold store in Sydney
- Other Logistics KTM/HQVA impacted by weaker AUD
- · AMCAP absorbed Mitsubishi distribution change

Operating¹ – excludes costs and fees in relation to integration and acquisition-related activities, impairment of assets and benefits applicable to GST refunds (Son of Holdback)





## **Automotive highlights**



- AHG outperformed the declining WA market
- Strong growth in East Coast markets offsetting weakness in WA
- New Zealand operation performing well with record results
- Strong fixed operations (service, parts) performances
- New acquisitions/Greenfield (Bradstreet Motor Group, Paceway Mitsubishi WA, Leo Muller CJD Qld and Hillcrest Mazda Qld)
- VW emissions issues a watching brief but minimal impact on current operations (AHG has 5 VW dealerships out of a total of 105)









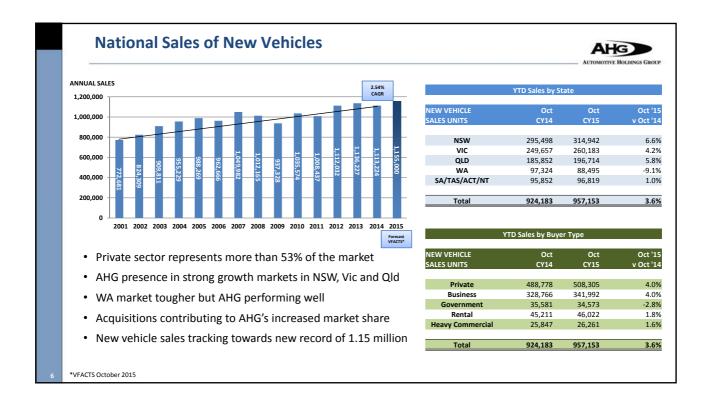


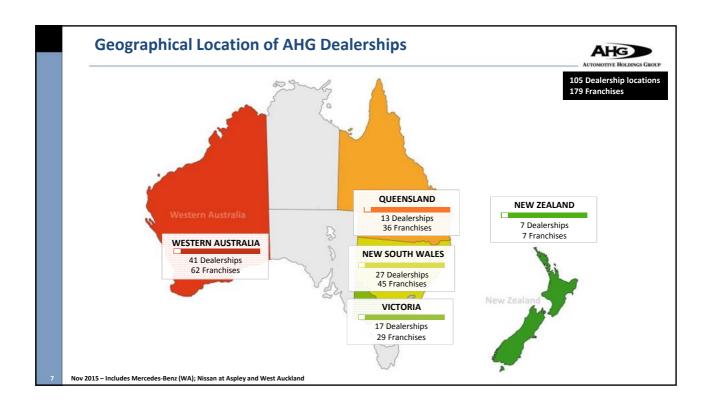


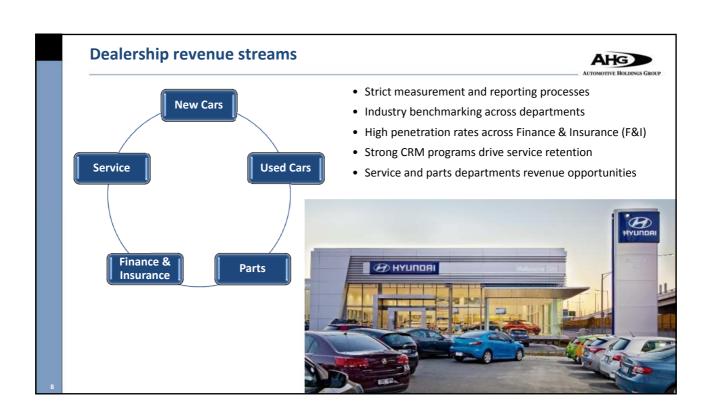












#### **Distinctive market position**

- Sales of more than 110,000 new and used vehicles a year
- High performance retail culture
- Direct relationship with the manufacturer
- Originates ~\$1 billion p.a. auto finance
- Service database (~859,000 Repair Orders in FY 2015)
- Customer lifecycle (service, tyres, batteries... next sale)
- Strong focus on training and career development
- Industry leading operating systems and processes
- Highly structured reporting



# **Australian Automotive market** AHG) **AHG VEHICLE SALES FY 2015** 75,678 New vehicles (~40k private) \$30b 37,856 Used vehicles (private) • Total market size \$81-billion\* \$15b P2P • AHG holds 6.6% of Australian new car market\* (CY2015 forecast 1,155,000 units) • AHG holds 1.6% of Australian used car market\* (CY2015 industry estimate 2,200,000 units with total value of \$51b) \$36b \*Approximate value based on VFACTS, Company reports and Deloitte industry estimates

#### Addressing the changing market in traditional dealerships

AHG

- · Dealership model remains strong
- Traditional commerce and e-commerce converging
- Consumer experience is paramount
- Majority search online but still prefer to purchase offline at dealerships
- Target omni-channel prospects in dealership, on-line, tablet, mobile
- Optimise online leads (Drive Chat etc.)
- Working with manufacturers to deliver best customer experience

Consumers spend more time for online research per-purchase of a car than for any other product.

Preferring offline purchase Percentage

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Food and beverages

Cars

Health care

Consumer electronics
Household insurance

Consumer loans

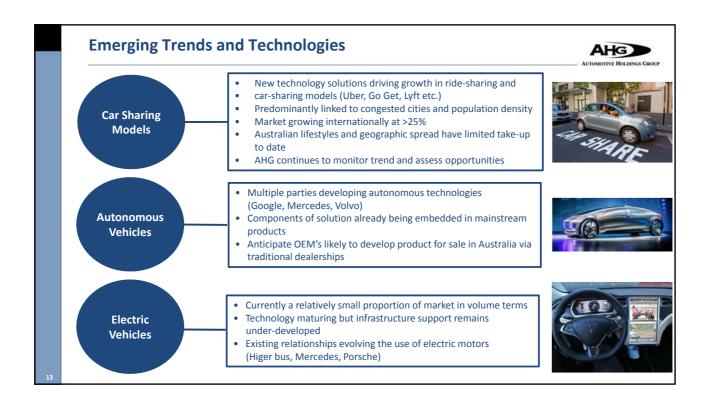
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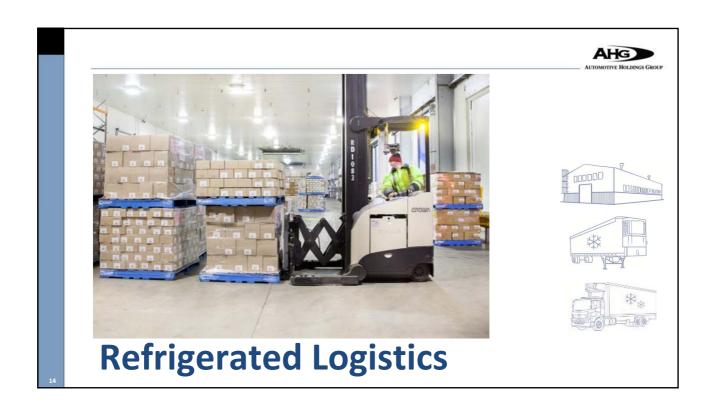
Preferring online purchase Percentage

Size of bubble = time spent online looking for information

Source: EY Future of Automotive Retail

**Opportunities for AHG** AHG) easyauto 123.com.au • UAA part of Bradstreet operation • Northern Perth · Established regional auction house **Ex-Bunnings Warehouse** Retail and Wholesale Simulcast bidding ~500 used cars · Fixed pricing >400 cars **USED** Optimised processes WAREHOUSE Omni-channel focus MODEL "Hassle free" • Finance and Insurance • Tyres and Service MUAA • Buying service **P2P MARKET** • \$15bn market opportunity Fastest growing sector Digital disruption play Mobile-first big data platform Targets sellers and buyers · Link to online finance





#### Refrigerated Logistics Operating<sup>1</sup> performance



Operating <sup>1</sup> Performance	FY2014 (\$m)	FY2015 (\$m)	% change
Revenue	429.7	609.1	41.7%
EBITDA	29.7	45.2	52.4%
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.9%	7.4%	
Profit Before Tax	14.2	20.2	42.8%

- Business reflects full 12 months of Scott's acquisition
- Improved EBITDA margin of 7.4%
- Revenue growth lower than expected due to weaker transport demand
- New Erskine Park facility utilisation ahead of expectations

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## Australia's largest Refrigerated Logistics provider



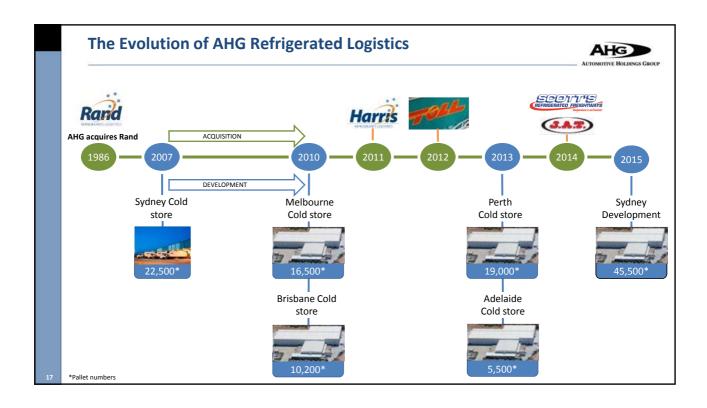
- New state-of-the-art, custom-designed facilities in all states
- · Major road and rail transport capacity
  - ~470 owned prime movers and rigids
  - ~1,000 owned road trailers
  - ~490 owned rail containers
  - Major network of 300 sub-contractor prime movers and rigids
- Enhanced customer value proposition and operational synergies
- Primary supplier to national manufacturers, wholesalers and major retailers

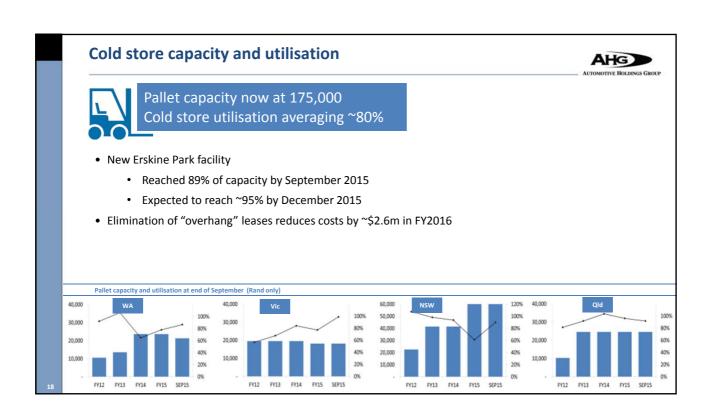






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# Positioned for further opportunity

- Transport and storage of consumer goods
- Cold store design maximises cross-dock capabilities
- Property and facilities review
- Investment in core technology infrastructure
- Ambient address increasing customer demand





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#### Other Logistics Operating<sup>1</sup> performance



Operating <sup>1</sup> Performance	FY2014 (\$m)	FY2015 (\$m)	% change
Revenue	421.4	365.2	(13.3%)
EBITDA	17.1	10.5	(38.5%)
EBITDA Margin (%)	4.1%	2.9%	
Profit Before Tax	13.9	5.3	(62.1%)

- · KTM remains impacted by weaker AUD
- AMCAP down due to change in Mitsubishi distribution model and costs associated with implementation of new warehouse system
- Weak truck and bus market impacted Higer and GTB/VSE

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#### **Other Logistics highlights**







- Strong underlying business metrics
- Overall profitability reduced due to lower AUD/EUR rates





- Mature business model
- Reduced contribution due to change in Mitsubishi distribution model





- Loss-making in FY2015 but break even YTD FY2016
- Restructure of business underway in line with strategic focus





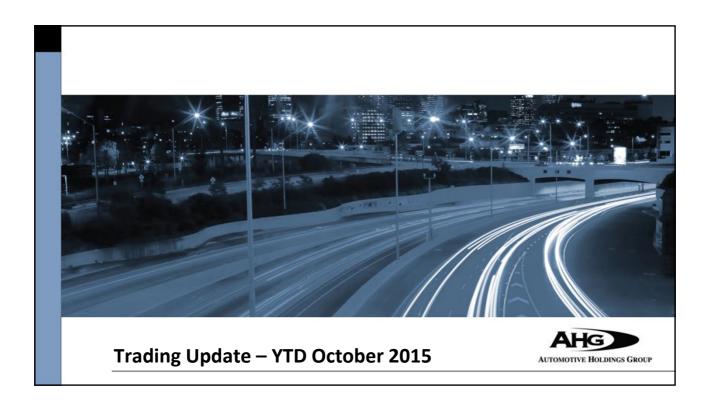
- AHG to acquire business operations from WMC administrator
- Exposure mitigated in FY2015, restructure of business underway





- Divestment of Covs expected early 2016 subject to ACCC
- Retain Holden and Ford wholesale trade in AMCAP

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#### Trading update FY2016 (YTD Oct 2015) - Automotive



Consolidated Financial Performance (Unaudited)	FY2015 Jul - Oct (\$m)	FY2016 Jul - Oct (\$m)	% change
Operating <sup>1</sup> EBITDA Performance			
Automotive	43.0	48.8	13.5%

- New and Used car market remains strong
- Decline in WA new vehicle volumes offset by continued strong performance from east coast markets and growth in New Zealand operation
- Parts, service performing well

Operating<sup>1</sup> – excludes costs and fees in relation to integration and acquisition-related activities, asset divestments, and impairment

#### Trading update FY2016 (YTD Oct 2015) – Refrigerated Logistics



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Consolidated Financial Performance (Unaudited)	FY2015 Jul - Oct (\$m)		% change
Operating <sup>1</sup> EBITDA Performance			
Refrigerated Logistics	15.0	15.3	2.3%

- Trading in line with prior period
- Market remains challenging
- Cold store utilisation near capacity
- New warehouse technology rollout continues (WA complete)
- New transport management system on track to be implemented CY2016
- Dedicated project structure driving cost-down, integration and efficiency initiatives

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## Trading update FY2016 (YTD Oct 2015) – Other Logistics



Consolidated Financial Performance (Unaudited)	FY2015 Jul - Oct (\$m)	FY2016 Jul - Oct (\$m)	% change
Operating <sup>1</sup> EBITDA Performance			
Other Logistics	3.7	3.2	(14.1%)

- Division trading within expectations
- KTM impacted by weaker AUD
- AMCAP trading impacted by Mitsubishi distribution change
- Delay in sale of Covs impacting business in Q1
- VSE/GTB turnaround performance in Q1
- Restructure of WMC completed with Chinese brands

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## **Trading update FY2016 (YTD Oct 2015)**



Consolidated Financial Performance (Unaudited)	FY2015 Jul - Oct (\$m)	FY2016 Jul - Oct (\$m)	% change
Operating <sup>1</sup> EBITDA Performance			
Consolidated Group	61.5	68.6	11.5%
Automotive	43.0	48.8	13.5%
Refrigerated Logistics	15.0	15.3	2.3%
Other Logistics	3.7	3.2	(14.1%)
Property	(0.2)	1.3	937.8%
Depreciation and Amortisation	(12.8)	(14.5)	13.1%
Group Interest	(12.0)	(12.2)	(1.7%)
Operating <sup>1</sup> NPAT attributable to shareholders	24.4	27.9	14.3%

Operating<sup>1</sup> – excludes costs and fees in relation to integration and acquisition-related activities, asset divestments, and impairment.

#### **Outlook**

- Improve returns to shareholders by applying AHG's proven auto dealership model to acquisitions and Greenfield sites
- Drive increased performance from Refrigerated Logistics
- Continued integration of Refrigerated Logistics businesses to drive efficiencies and synergy savings
- Divestment of non-core businesses where appropriate
- Complete investment in Logistics IT upgrade
- · Continued focus on Group-wide cost-down strategy
- Manage balance sheet capacity to ensure ability to fund growth



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