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# A Day at the Farm

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### Some key messages

- It's been a very tough period ... but it's getting better
- We have a lot of work to do ... and we're doing it



- We are in the critical 'swing' period, with June and July <u>always</u> key sales/profit months
- We have had some pluses and minuses in recent weeks
  - Seasonal conditions have continued to be positive in Australia
  - Glyphosate pricing remains very competitive in the US and has spread to Canada
  - 'Subdued' pricing environment in Europe
- We will continue to keep year end under close/regular review ... and advise the market if we form a different view of the final result





- Final results and analysis for 2010 will allow us to reset expectations for glyphosate contributions on a go-forward basis; and
- Will underline importance of existing product diversification strategy





Identifying and resourcing the medium term drivers that will enable Nufarm to achieve sustainable profit growth



- Implemented in 2001
- Recognised reliance on Australia and glyphosate/phenoxy positions
- Has seen Australia move from 65% of \$670m in revenues to 25% of \$2.6b in revenues
- Has seen non- glyphosate and non-phenoxy sales increase from \$350m to approx \$1.3b



Glyphosate is approximately one third of our business by revenues, with the other two thirds providing the best opportunity for profitable growth



### **Reviewing the growth strategy**



### The glyphosate piece ...

- ... about one third of our business is going to deliver less value than was previously anticipated
- Now reviewing the level of capital invested in this part of our business
- We recognise that glyphosate will need to be managed differently in different markets
- We also recognise that glyphosate remains a very important part of Nufarm's total portfolio offering

### **Product split**





#### Insecticides

- Leverage foundation position achieved with imidacloprid
- New product entries
- Higher margin segment

### Seeds

- Focused approach in three core crops
- Substantial growth opportunity
- Very attractive margins



### Key segment for earnings growth:

- Currently generates approx \$200m in revenues and gross margins above 30%
- Focus on 4 big insecticide families (Neonics; OP's; Pyrethroids; insecticide growth regulators)
- 'Nuprid' (Imidacloprid) entry strategy very successful
  - Registrations in 25 countries, selling in 18 countries
  - Targeted at niche, higher value market segments
  - Provides foundation insecticide position for 'new formulations' (Sorbie and suSCon), mixtures, and continued penetration into seed treatment
- Products launched or coming: fipronil, lambda cyhalothrin





### Key segment for earnings growth:

 Currently generates approx \$180m in revenue and gross margins above 30%

### Recent launch into Tebuconazole market

- World's largest triazole fungicide
- Used in large number of crops
- Both foliar and seed treatment applications
- Nufarm positions in Australia, Latin America and Europe (60 registrations)

### Fluazinam entry strategy underway, with first approvals in 2009

- Initial target market is Europe, with Brazil to follow
- Opportunity for differentiated approach (mixtures; etc)



A growth market as growers and breeders seek to protect the increasing value of high performance germplasm

- Offers a bolt-on, value add revenue stream for Nufarm's expanding seeds portfolio
- Able to utilise tebuconazole and imidacloprid positions as cornerstone actives
- Started in 2005 with 15 registrations in 4 countries (13 in Australia) to now more than 50 registrations in 15 countries
- Dedicated ST staff with significant experience in the US, EU and ANZ geographies





# A focused approach aimed at building a global scale, high margin business in a number of core crops

- The successful acquisition and integration of elite germplasm and breeding assets
  - Herbicide Tolerance, disease resistance, feed value improvement traits (Brown mid rib), food value improvement traits (food grade sorghum)
- Selling elite hydrid products into more than 25 countries
- Currently earning average gross margins of 45-50% and forecast to generate strong organic EBIT growth
- Substantial opportunities for additional growth via targeted acquisitions

### **Reviewing the growth strategy**



## Revisiting and challenging our regional business models

#### Brazil

- Achieve and maintain a profitable business recognising inherent volatility of market
- Support further diversification into additional products and segments
- Appropriate risk management; right people; operational excellence

#### Europe

- Continued diversification of portfolio
- Review cost base
- Identify new segment opportunities, eg. biopesticides

### USA

- Transition ag business from a glyphosate dominated portfolio
- Take a 'segment' rather than 'product' approach to maximising positions
- Continued support for turf and specialty

### Australia

- Protect market positions
- Finetuning of 'path to market' models
- Review the cost base
- Understanding changing dynamics of the market

### **Reviewing the growth strategy**

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### **Immediate actions**

- Ensure capital is allocated to those areas that will deliver maximum returns
  - Have people and resources in place to drive growth in those segments
  - Combination of organic growth (pipeline + increased market penetration) and targeted 'bolt-on' acquisitions
- Reduce overhead in areas where returns are likely to be lower than previously anticipated
- Review the overall capital base of the business





- Identifying 'bolt-on' acquisition opportunities that quickly add value to key segments of the business
- Able to be quickly integrated, with strong earnings accretion
- A preference for assets (products and businesses) that are not part of an auction process
- An ability to move quickly, given our more flexible balance sheet



### A mutual commitment to identify areas of commercial co-operation that will add value to both companies

- Product distribution agreements that will put Sumitomo chemistry across Nufarm distribution bases in Brazil; Indonesia; Canada; North East Europe; and other markets
- Product distribution agreements that put Nufarm chemistry across Sumitomo distribution bases in North Asia, Mexico; and potentially other markets
- Product development collaboration, with an initial focus on glyphosate resistance management programs

# Getting back to business

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