



Rubicor

Half Year Results
31 December 2011

Financial Summary

| <u>Financial Highlights</u> | 1H 2012 \$'m | 1H 2011 \$'m | Change % |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Total Revenue | 149.6 | 145.9 | +3% |
| NDR (Gross Margin) | 30.6 | 32.7 | -6% |
| EBITDA | 4.6 | 5.9 | -22% |
| Underlying NPAT ¹ | 0.0 | -0.3 | |
| Statutory NPAT ² | -20.2 | -2.1 | |
| Underlying EPS ¹ before interest and tax (cents) | 0.0 | -0.3 | |
| Operating cash flow before interest and tax | 6.1 | 2.5 | |
| Operating cash flow | 2.3 | -2.0 | |

¹ Before asset impairment (\$19.5m), amortisation of intangibles (\$0.8m), and notional interest on deferred payments for business acquisitions (\$0.4m) under AIFRS

² After impairment charge of \$19.5 m, reflecting impact of challenging conditions and uncertainty over timing of recovery on certain Rubicon businesses

Operational highlights

- ◆ Market conditions challenging in particular in Q2

- ◆ Exploiting two-speed economy with resilience in:
 - ◆ WA & ACT
 - ◆ Mining and resources, insurance, engineering & government

- ◆ Consultant base at appropriate level:
 - ◆ Adding in selective growth sectors
 - ◆ Reducing where markets constrained

- ◆ Focus on sustainable growth:
 - ◆ Investment in workforce training and technology
 - ◆ Assessing and reviewing projects to produce efficiencies
 - ◆ Developing annuity streams to future proof income

Capital management

- ◆ Capital management:
 - ◆ No dividend declared
 - ◆ Operating cash flow before interest and taxation \$6.1 million = strong conversion of EBITDA to cash

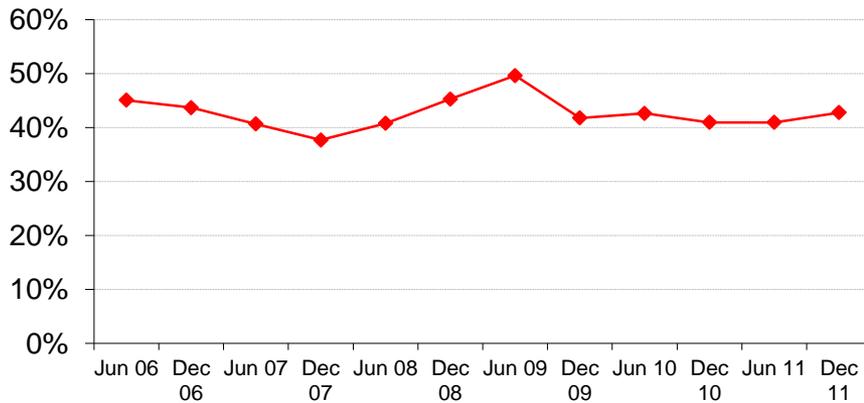
- ◆ Financing:
 - ◆ Compliance with covenants during H1
 - ◆ Debt facilities and covenant thresholds amended after 31 December to align more closely with current conditions

- ◆ Vendor acquisition model:
 - ◆ Earn out payments of \$6.4 million paid during the six months
 - ◆ Balance of \$4.2 million on track to be extinguished by 2014
 - ◆ In difficult conditions future earn-outs reducing, demonstrating flexibility of model

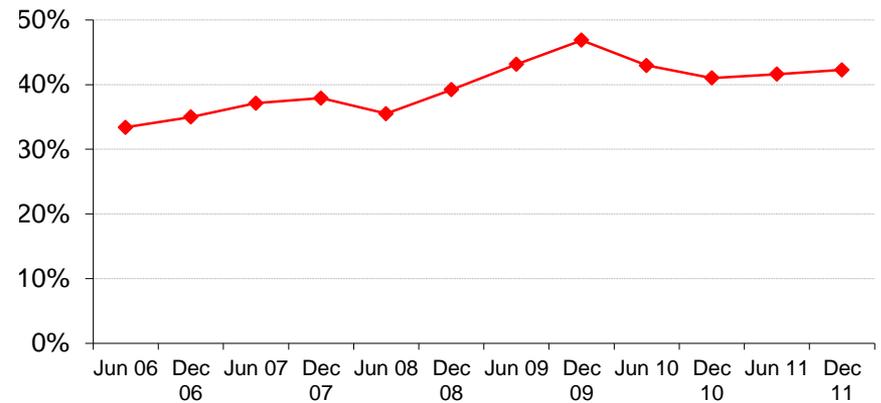
Key operating indicators

- ◆ Indicators easing in tough conditions although better alignment of cost base ensures not returning to GFC levels

Consultant costs to NDR: Target below 40%



Other costs to NDR



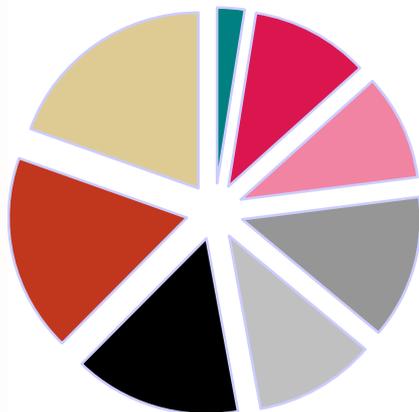
EBITDA to NDR: Target above 23%



Business profile (NDR)

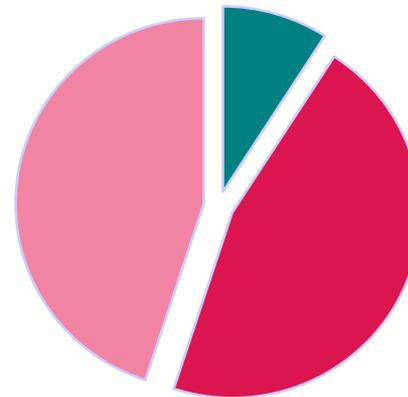
- ◆ Diversity: Continue to exploit growth across two speed economy
- ◆ Service mix in 1H12: Temporary stable, Permanent declined, Other growing

Industry



- Legal: 2.5 %
- Sales and Marketing: 10.7 %
- Blue Collar: 9.7 %
- Business Support: 13.2 %
- Resources: 11 %
- Financial (including accounting):
- IT: 18.2 %
- Government (incl health): 19.5 %

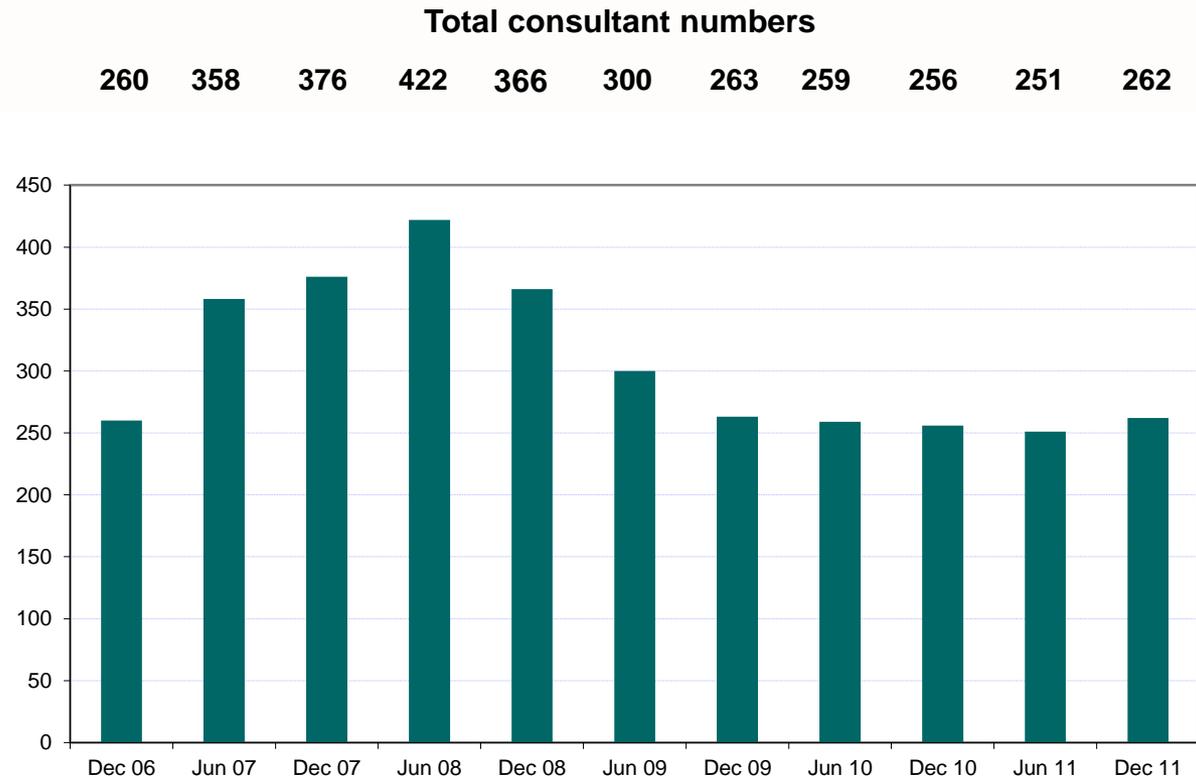
Service



- Other (including human capital solutions): 9.1 %
- Temporary: 45.9 %
- Permanent: 45 %

Consultants

- ◆ Numbers stable – appropriate base for current conditions
- ◆ Added consultants in selected growth markets
- ◆ Reduced where conditions challenging



Underlying profitability



| 6 months ended 31 December | 2011 \$M | 2010 \$M | Change % |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Revenue | 149.6 | 145.9 | 2.5% |
| NDR (Gross margin) | 30.6 | 32.7 | -6.4% |
| EBITDA | 4.6 | 5.9 | -22.0% |
| Depreciation | -0.3 | -0.5 | |
| EBIT | 4.3 | 5.4 | -20.4% |
| Finance costs – amortisation | -0.4 | -1.0 | |
| Finance costs – interest/charges | -3.3 | -4.1 | |
| Profit Before Tax | 0.6 | 0.3 | 100.0% |
| Tax | -0.2 | -0.1 | |
| Cash interest on vendor liabilities | -0.2 | -0.4 | |
| NPAT | 0.2 | -0.2 | >100% |
| NPAT attributable to equity holders | 0.0 | -0.3 | |
| EPS (cents) | 0.0 | -0.3 | |

Financial position

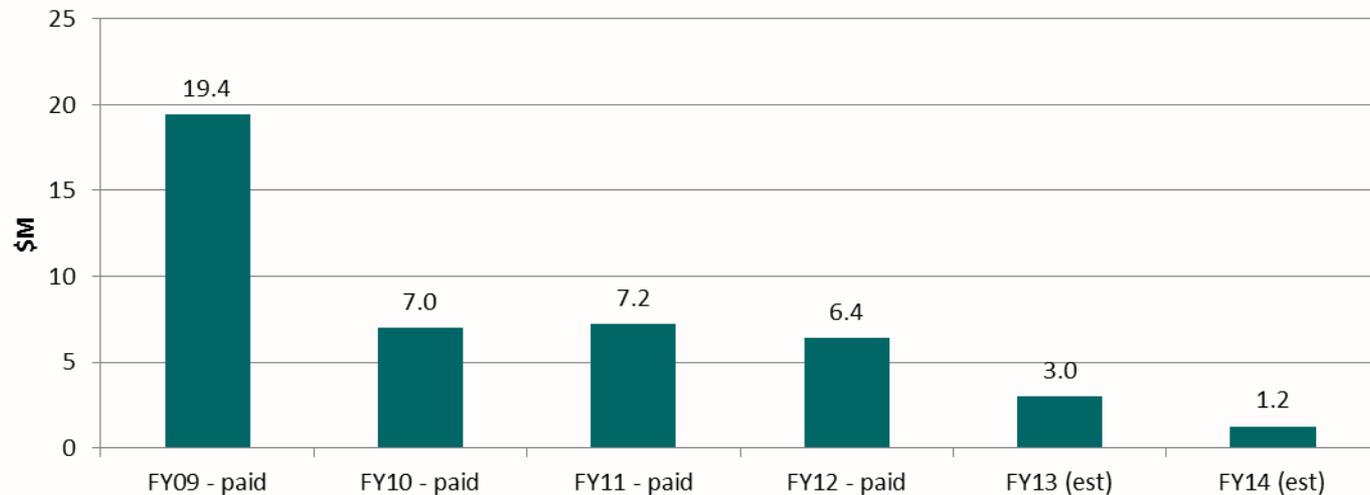


| | 31/12/11 \$M | 30/06/11 \$M | Change % |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Cash | 4.0 | 2.0 | 100% |
| Receivables | 32.7 | 37.2 | -12% |
| Goodwill | 49.0 | 70.3 | -30% |
| Identifiable intangibles | 2.7 | 3.4 | -21% |
| Other assets | 10.7 | 11.1 | -4% |
| Total Assets | 99.1 | 124.0 | -20% |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade payables | 20.0 | 23.2 | -14% |
| Deferred vendor consideration | 2.7 | 6.3 | -57% |
| Borrowings | 89.9 | 83.5 | 8% |
| Other liabilities | 2.0 | 1.8 | 11% |
| Non Current Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred vendor consideration | 0.6 | 4.6 | -87% |
| Borrowings – acquisitions debt | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0% |
| Other liabilities | 0.9 | 1.1 | -18% |
| Total Liabilities | 118.5 | 122.9 | -4% |
| Net Assets | -19.4 | 1.1 | |
| Net Asset backing (cents) | -17.7 | 1.0 | |

Vendor payment profile

- ◆ Vendor payments on track to be extinguished in 2014

Vendor Earn Out Payments¹



¹ Estimated vendor earn out payments for FY 13 and FY 14 at future value of \$4.2m.
Balance sheet (Deferred vendor consideration) at present value of \$3.3m.

Outlook

Short term

- ◆ External conditions remain challenging
- ◆ Strategic alignment:
 - ◆ Align costs to revenue where recruitment constrained
 - ◆ Capitalise on growth sectors
- ◆ Investment:
 - ◆ Workforce training and technology to strengthen performance
 - ◆ Projects identified to drive efficiencies e.g. Cloud outsourcing commenced with savings anticipated from FY13
- ◆ Capital discipline and debt reduction

Long term

- ◆ Rubicon model sound with specialisation and scalability
- ◆ Skills shortages, wages growth, mobility of labour present good opportunities for recruiters when macro conditions improve

Appendices

Statutory profitability



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|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 149.6 | 145.9 | 2.5% |
| NDR (Gross margin) | 30.6 | 32.7 | -6.4% |
| EBITDA | 4.6 | 5.9 | -22.0% |
| Depreciation | -0.3 | -0.5 | |
| Amortisation | -0.8 | -1.6 | |
| EBIT | 3.5 | 3.8 | -7.9% |
| Notional interest on vendor liabilities | -0.4 | -0.7 | |
| Finance costs – amortisation | -0.4 | -1.0 | |
| Finance costs – interest/charges | -3.3 | -4.1 | |
| Impairment charge | -19.5 | 0.0 | |
| Loss Before Tax | -20.1 | -2.0 | |
| Tax | 0.1 | 0.1 | |
| NPAT | -20.0 | -1.9 | |
| NPAT attributable to equity holders | -20.2 | -2.1 | |
| EPS (cents) | -18.4 | -1.9 | |

Reconciliation: statutory to underlying



Underlying NPAT adjusts for significant items, AIFRS-required amortisation, notional interest on vendor liabilities and asset impairment

| 6 months ended 31 December | 2011 \$M | 2010 \$M |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| Statutory NPAT – Equity holders | -20.2 | -2.1 |
| Significant non cash items | | |
| Add back: Amortisation of identifiable intangible assets | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Notional interest on vendor liabilities | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Impairment charge | 19.5 | 0.0 |
| Deduct: Cash interest on vendor liabilities | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Tax effect | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Underlying NPAT – Equity holders | 0.0 | -0.3 |