

27 March 2008

Australian Stock Exchange (Sydney) Limited Attention: **Companies Department**

BY ELECTRONIC LODGEMENT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a presentation to be made to analysts today regarding Brickworks' financial results for the half year ended 31 January 2008, for immediate release to the market.

Yours faithfully, BRICKWORKS LIMITED

IAIN THOMPSON COMPANY SECRETARY



RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2008









Robert Millner, Chairman Lindsay Partridge, Managing Director

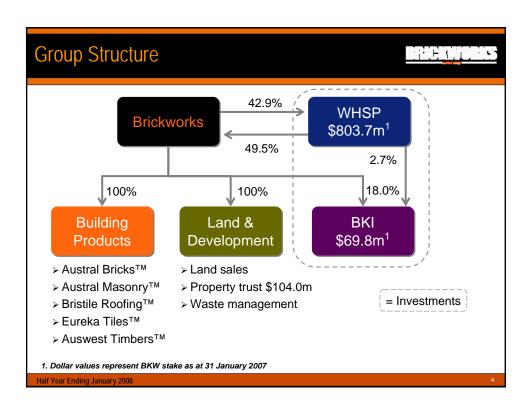
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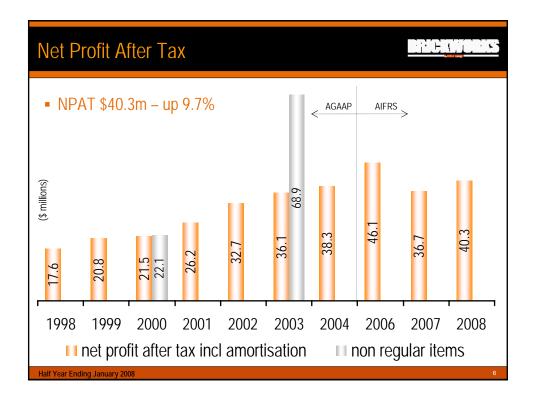


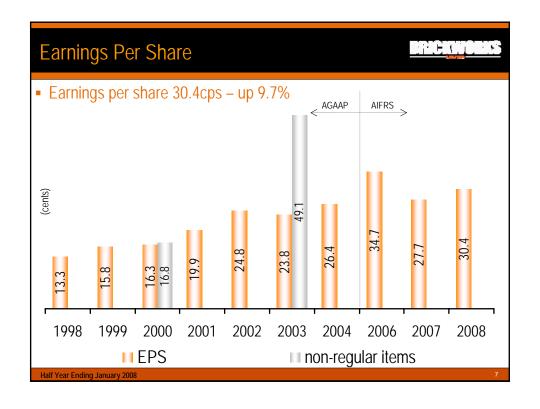
Chairman's Review Mr Robert Millner

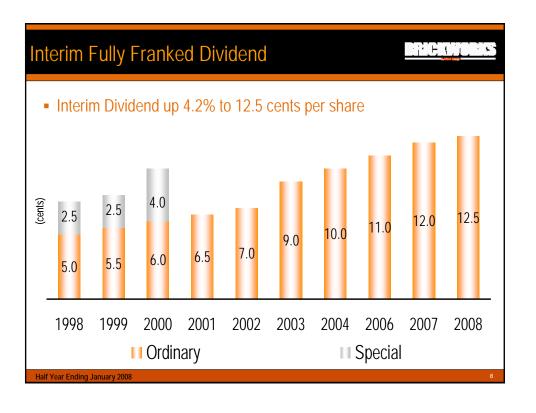












Building Products **BIT down 23.8% to \$25.3m Land & Development **BIT up 102.3% to a record \$26.3m Associates & Investments **BIT up 21.3% to \$17.1m

Brickworks Investment Company (BKI)



Performance

- BKW owns an 18.0% stake in Brickworks Investment Company Limited
- → Listed investments company with portfolio value of \$467.7m
- BRICKWORKS INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED
- → Market Value decreased 10.6% to \$69.8m
- → NTA decreased from \$1.65 to \$1.48 per share (pre tax)
- → Equity accounted contribution \$2.5m, up 92.3%
- → Fully franked Dividends of \$1.4m received

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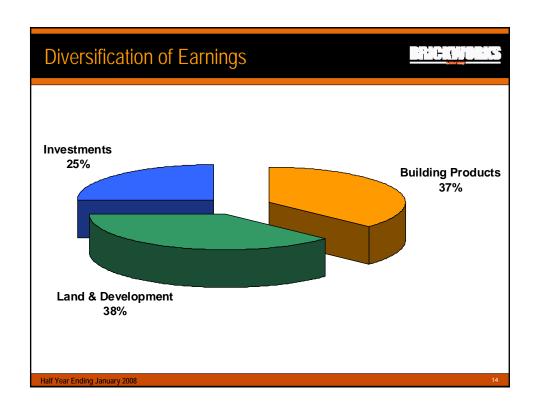
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Managing Director's Review
Mr Lindsay Partridge

Financial snapshot		<u> </u>	HC <u>W</u> OHS		
Half year ended 31 January	HY 2007	HY 2008	Change		
Total Revenue	\$263.9m	\$281.9m	6.8%		
Building products EBIT	\$33.2m	\$25.3m	(23.8%)		
• Land and Development EBIT	\$13.0m	\$26.3m	102.3%		
Investments EBIT	\$14.1m	\$17.1m	23.1%		
Other costs	(\$3.0m)	(\$4.3m)	43.3%		
Total EBIT	\$57.3m	\$64.4m	12.4%		
Borrowing cost	(\$12.9m)	(\$17.2m)	33.3%		
Income tax	(\$7.7m)	(\$6.9m)	(10.4%)		
Net Profit After Tax	\$36.7m	\$40.3m	9.7%		
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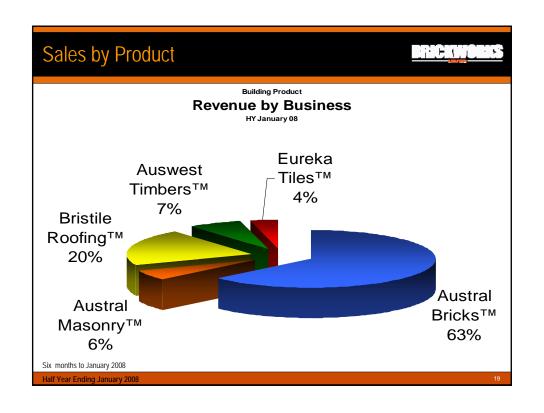
Continued capital investmen	t	Brickypolis
Half Year ended 31 January	HY 2007	HY 2008
S.I.B. Plant & Equipment	\$7.0m	\$7.9m
Major Capital Items	\$14.0m	\$6.5m
Land & Development	\$4.7m	\$1.5m
Total Capital Expenditure	\$25.7m	\$15.9m
Total Acquisitions	\$30.5m	\$6.0m
Depreciation & amortisation	\$12.8m	\$14.9m
Safety – LTIFR	5.9	6.0
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Key Financial Indicators				
	FYJuly07	HYJan08		
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	\$804m	\$786m		
Shareholder's equity	\$1,073m	\$1,056m		
Return on equity (normalised / annualised)	9.5%	10.0%		
Free cash flow (six months)	\$42.6m	\$51.8m		
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$520m	\$519m		
Net debt/Capital employed	32.0%	32.6%		
Total Gearing	48.5%	49.2%		
Total Gearing (including Property Trust)	48.5%	54.8%		
Interest cover (normalised earnings)	5.3x	3.5x		

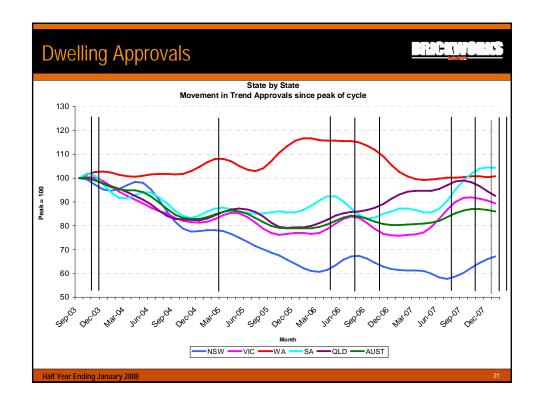
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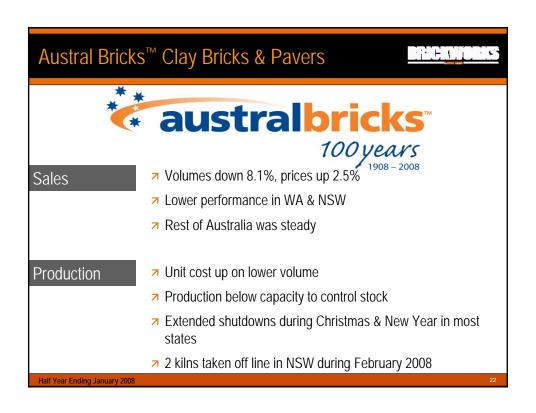
Building Products

Revenue for division		<u>encimous</u>					
Half year ended 31 January	HY 2007	HY 2008	Change				
Sales revenue	\$249.1m	\$251.5m	1.0%				
Building products EBITDA	\$46.0m	\$40.2m	(12.6%)				
Consisting of:							
Depreciation	\$12.8m	\$14.9m	16.4%				
• EBIT	\$33.2m	\$25.3m	(23.8%)				
Building products margin							
• EBITDA to sales	18.5%	16.0%					
• EBIT to sales	13.3%	10.1%					
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Austral Bricks™ Capital Expenditure

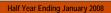


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- Practical completion achieved during January 2008
- → Trial capacity exceeded design capacity of 85 million standard brick equivalents
- Reduced environmental impact 39% less fuel usage than the Scoresby factory it has replaced
- → Plant is water self-sufficient
- → Labour reduced from 44 to 19

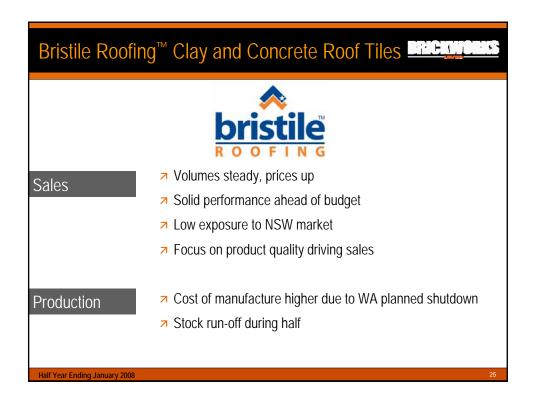


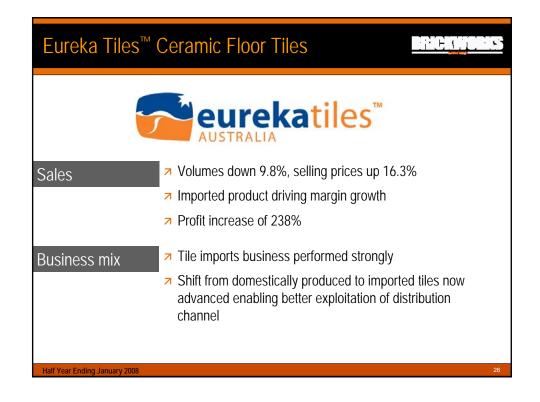
- → BOWRAL, NSW Unloading Plant commissioning
- ▼ LONGFORD, TAS— Unloading Plant commissioning



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Austral Masonry **austral masonry Acquired Bundaberg Clean Sands on 10 November 2007 Acquisitions Acquired Bundaberg Clean Sands on 10 November 2007 Long term, high quality sand supply Acquired NQ Blox in Silkwood on 11 January 2008 Increased exposure to FNQ and Cairns market New displays to be opened in Cairns & Townsville Existing operations Existing business continue to perform ahead of expectations Volume increase 79%, profit up 41%





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Sales

- → Volumes up, prices up
- → Increased focus on value added product increasing ASP's
- Export sales remain steady despite strong \$AUD

Operations

- → Industry continuing shift toward high value added products
- Markets still being established for some of these products
- Issues with log size and quality continue to hold back production efficiencies
- → Strong performance ACT mill, despite NSW market

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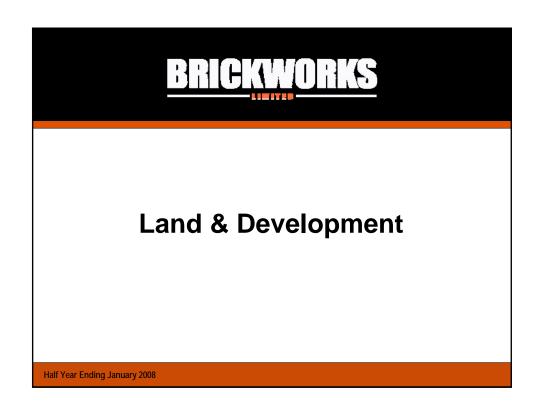
Outlook – Building Products

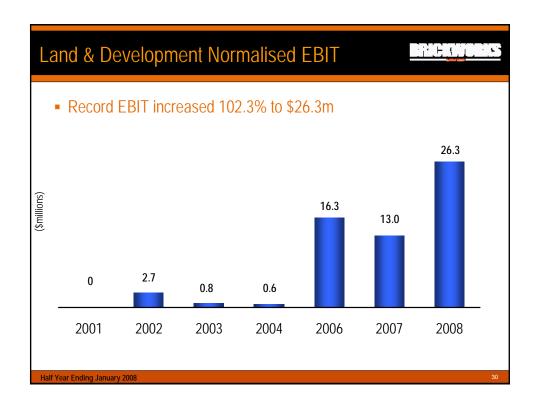
Brickers

- → Increasing interest rates continue to impact housing market
- → SA, Victoria and Queensland expected to remain solid
- → NSW stabilised, WA expected to soften
- Building Products business will lift prices to recover cost increases
- → Stock levels will be maintained or reduced.
- Unit cost of production improvement expected
 - → Transfer of product sales to Wollert to be completed
 - → Remaining NSW plants running at capacity
 - Capital spent at Golden Grove, Rochedale, Bowral and Tasmania beginning to deliver improved results

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Land Sales – Residential Zoned Land

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PROJECT	GROSS AREA (ha)	DEVELOPABLE AREA (ha)	STAGE AND TIMING	SALE VALUE
<u>Under Contract:</u> Eastwood, NSW	15ha	13ha 256 dwellings	Contract for sale of entire site signed with AV Jennings in September 2007. Completion in three stages. Stage 1 sale completed. Stage 2 & 3 subject to fill works and due for completion in Sept 2008 and Feb 2009.	\$70m (incl GST)
Scoresby, VIC	56ha	40ha 800 dwellings +	Contract for sale signed with Mirvac in February 2008. Completion in three stages subject to demolition and fill works. Forecasted timing: Stage 1 – May 08, Stage 2 – July 08, Stage 3 – Dec 08	\$102.55m (excl GST)
Future sales: Cardup, WA	90ha (urban)	40ha (700 lots)	Investigations underway. Rezoning to commence in late 2008.	
	210ha (rural)		Operational for next 5 years.	
Oxley, QLD	15.5ha	6ha (subject to fill)	Rehabilitation underway and due for completion in late 2008. Rezoning commenced.	

Property Trust	in Detail
Performance	 Current Value \$104.0m - \$28.2m unreported profit Total profit for the six months of \$13.5m \$0.6m rental distribution for 6 month period (Toll and 1 month of CDC)
Major Activities	 Completion of Coles Cold Store in December 2007 – resulting in development profit and commencement of rental payment Revaluation of Coles Cold Store and Toll facility Commencement of construction of ITT Flygt on M7 Hub Pre-commitments from Linfox and Ubecco for Interlink Distribution
	Completion of Kimberly Clark and Woolworths

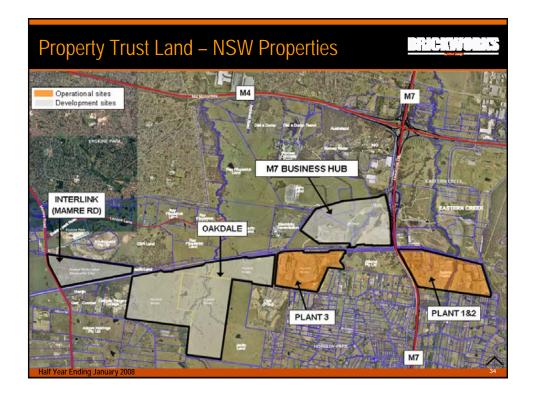
→ Commence construction of Linfox and Ubecco

opportunities

Commence construction of Southridge Estate on M7 Hub
 Investigations of Wacol and Rochedale in QLD for development

Next six months

Site	Tenant	Size (m2)	Lease Term (years)	M	50% arket II (\$M)	E	SKW quity (\$M)	F	recast Profit (\$M)	Dist	recast ributior \$M)
Completed Project	s										
M7 Business Hub	Coles Cold Store	40,889	15	\$	77.6	\$	27.7	\$	3.1	\$	1.2
M7 Business Hub	Toll Holdings	16,400	10	\$	20.0	\$	10.3	\$	1.1	\$	0.6
SUB-TOTAL		57,289		\$	97.6	\$	38.0	\$	4.2	\$	1.9
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	Heritage Capricure	,	_	-	13.0	\$	41	\$	0.7	\$	0.3
M7 Business Hub	Capricure	16,650	5	\$	13.0 35.2	\$ \$	4.1 17.1	\$ \$	0.7 2.0	\$ \$	
M7 Business Hub Interlink Distribution	Capricure Woolworths	,	_	\$		*		-		*	0.9
M7 Business Hub	Capricure Woolworths Kimberly Clark	16,650 52,930	5 15	\$	35.2	\$	17.1	\$	2.0	\$	0.8
M7 Business Hub Interlink Distribution Interlink Distribution	Capricure Woolworths Kimberly Clark Linfox	16,650 52,930 45,210	5 15 15	\$ \$ \$	35.2 31.2	\$ \$	17.1 15.2	\$	2.0	\$ \$	0.3 0.9 0.8 0.5 0.2



Oakdale → Total site area - 333ha Site Details and → Net developable (saleable) – 180ha Development Strategy → Heads of Agreement signed for site to be developed in three stages and progressively sold into JV Property Trust Part 3a Application (State Significant Development) lodged with Major Activities Department of Planning for first stage. This will secure rezoning to industrial, DA approval for two facilities and site sub-division Heads of Agreement for Lease signed for one facility with DHL for a "campus" style development 7 Further interest expected as large sections of land become more difficult to secure

Outlook – Property and Investments Solid contribution to profit expected in second half I and & generating record full year result for this division Development Settlement on Scoresby and Eastwood sites provide strong positive cash flow Continued growth of Property Trust → Growth of annuity (rental) income stream Expect future contributions to continue at current levels → All property transactions subject to approvals and weather Continue to provide diversity to earnings Investments → SOL & BKI currently significantly undervalued by SOTP valuations

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Summary

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- → Increased diversification of earnings to maintain growth
- → Dividend increased for tenth consecutive year
- → Building Products well positioned for market recovery
- → Land and Developments pipeline in place to deliver record full year results for this division
- → Investments continue to provide diversity to earnings

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