



19 May 2014

2014 Half-Year Results Investor Presentation

Attached is the investor presentation in connection with the financial results for the 6 month period ended 31 March 2014.

Elders CEO, Mark Allison, and CFO, Richard Davey, will deliver this presentation by teleconference at 10.30am (CST) today.

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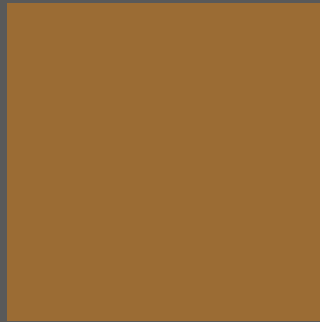
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Peter Hastings
Company Secretary



1H F14

Results for the Six Months to 31 March 2014

Monday 19th May 2014



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Agenda

- 1H Highlights
- Financial Performance
- Operational Results
- Strategy
- Market Conditions
- 2H Priorities

Key Points from 1H F14

1. Elders has turned around its underlying performance from loss-making to profit generating - an early milestone in the journey to becoming a value-generating business.
2. The business has responded to management focus on four key outcomes: safety, operational performance, leadership renewal and capital management with good progress being made in all four areas.
3. Exit from Forestry largely completed.
4. With board renewal and CEO appointment completed, Elders will implement its Eight Point Plan to become a business that generates sustainable value-creating EBIT that attracts and rewards investment.

Key Results – 1H F14

- Statutory net loss after tax of \$(10.2) million up from \$(303.2) million
- Non-underlying items of \$ (16.8) million
- Underlying net profit after tax of \$6.7 million up \$30.4 million from prior corresponding period
- Broad-based improvement with all business streams lifting earnings contribution
- Net debt reduced to \$236.6m; down from \$314.1 in March 2013
- Forestry - secured agreement from growers for settlement, completion of final major lease payments & redundancy payments
- CEO appointment, board renewal completed
- On track for full year improvement and capital management objectives.

F14 Priorities - Performance Dashboard

Safety Performance

- ✓ Lost time injuries reduced from 13 to 7

Still too high but tracking the right way.

Operational Performance

- ✓ All areas lifted earnings contribution
- ✓ EBIT margin lifted to 1.9% from - 2.4%
- ✓ ROC 4% up from -9%

Responding. Work underway and plans in progress to take business to satisfactory returns.

Leadership Renewal

- ✓ Board renewal: 2 new NEDs and new chair
- ✓ Every director with agribusiness experience
- ✓ CEO appointment finalised
- ✓ GM Trading appointed

FY14 first half targets met. Review of requirements and capabilities to be conducted.

Capital Management

- ✓ Working capital down 18% over period and 28% on pcp
- ✓ Term debt reduced 18% to \$118 million

Necessary progress met. Strategy to be continued over FY14.

Business Segmentation

	North	South	West	International	H1 14 Margin (\$m)	Working Capital
Retail	Fertiliser and Farm Supplies				43.4	157
Agency Services	Livestock, Wool, Real Estate and Grain				61.0	21
Financial Services	Banking, Insurance and Financial Planning				12.7	-
Feed & Processing Services	Killara Feedlot	Charlton Feedlot		Indonesia China	7.4	30
Live Export Services				Short Haul Long Haul	7.6	16
H1 14 Margin (\$m)	45.9	56.7	18.5	11.0		

Financial Performance

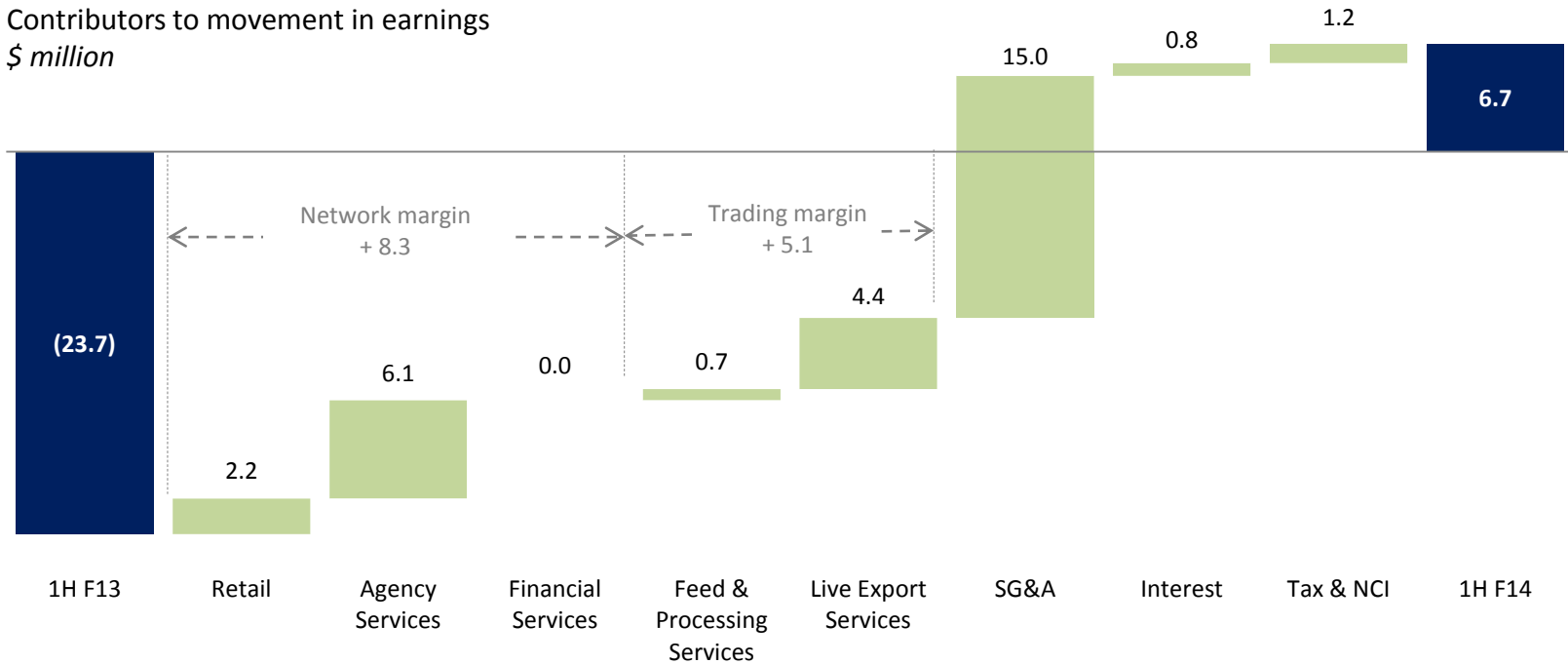
Financial Performance

\$ million	Half Year 2014		Half Year 2013	Change from 2013
Continuing sales revenue	650.4	↓	656.7	- 6.3
Statutory EBIT	(5.3)	↑	(249.3)	+ 244.0
Underlying EBIT	12.4	↑	(16.0)	+ 28.4
Statutory net financing costs	(8.7)	↓	(14.7)	+ 6.0
Net profit / (loss) after tax	(10.2)	↑	(303.2)	+ 293.0
Underlying profit / (loss) after tax	6.7	↑	(23.7)	+ 30.4
Net debt	236.6	↓	314.1	- 77.5
Term debt	118.3	↓	231.1	- 112.8
Operating cash flow	(11.5)	↑	(30.1)	+ 18.6

Movement in Underlying Profit by Product

Earnings growth generated by all products

Contributors to movement in earnings
\$ million

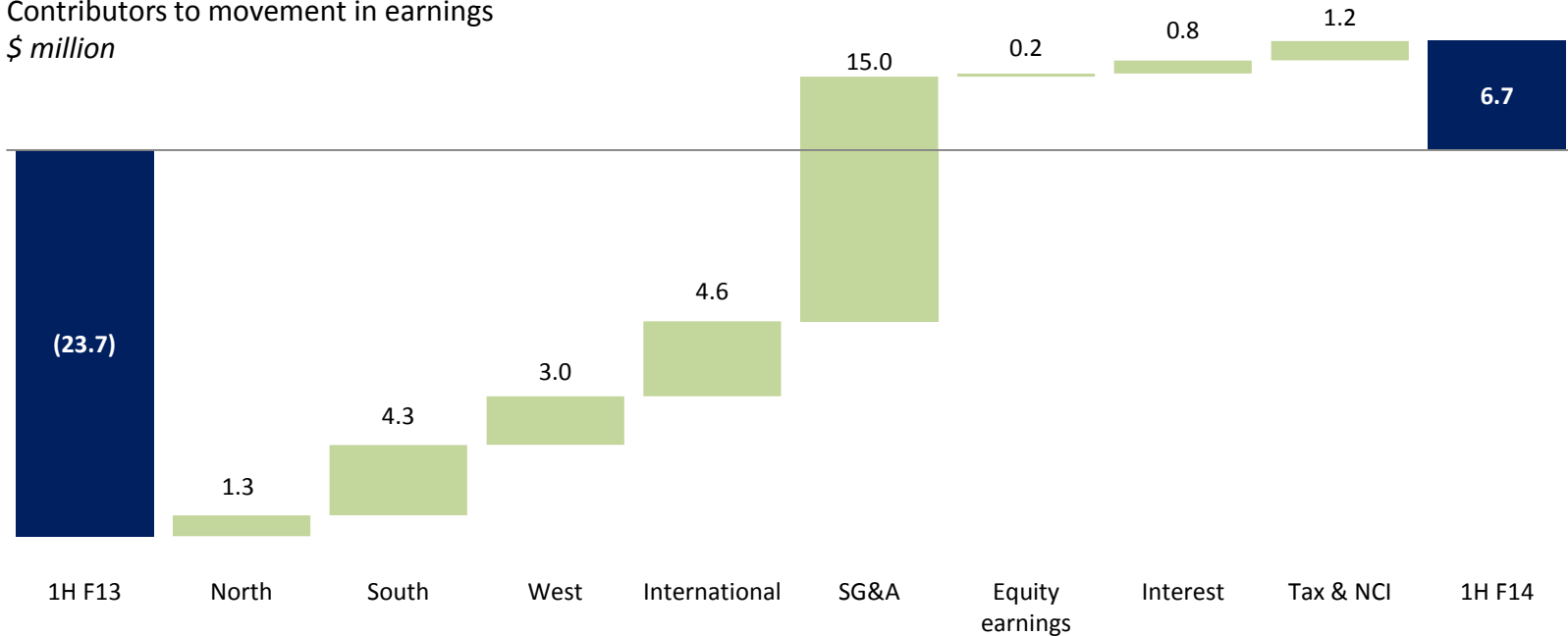


- Traditional Agency businesses in Livestock and Real Estate greatest source of margin growth
- Solid performance in Live Export after disrupted F13 – competing well, with good demand
- Successful cost savings achieved through the restructure in F13

Movement in Underlying Profit by Geography

Growth from all regions, dry conditions evident in North

Contributors to movement in earnings
\$ million

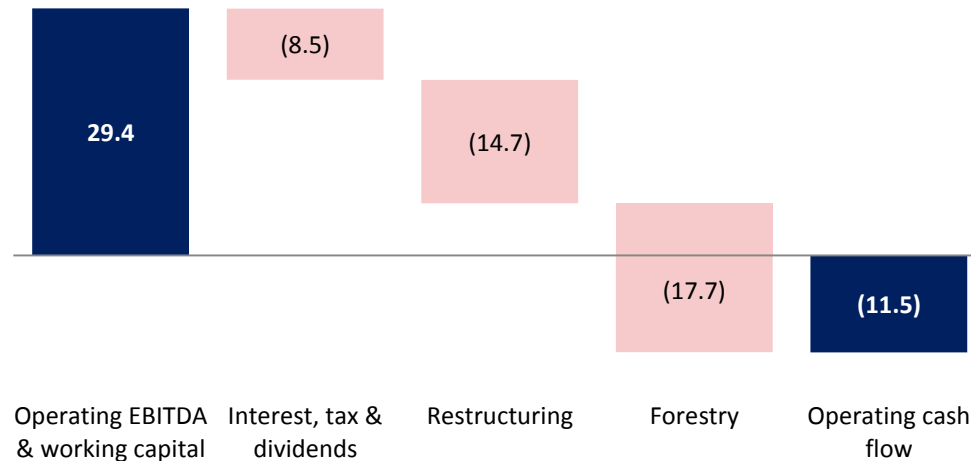


- All zones benefited from strong Livestock and Real Estate agency and decentralisation of Farm Supplies management
- Increased demand for agriculture chemicals in South Zone in Q2

Cash Flow Analysis

Positive and increased operating cash flow from Elders operations

Contributors to Cash flow from operating activities
\$ million

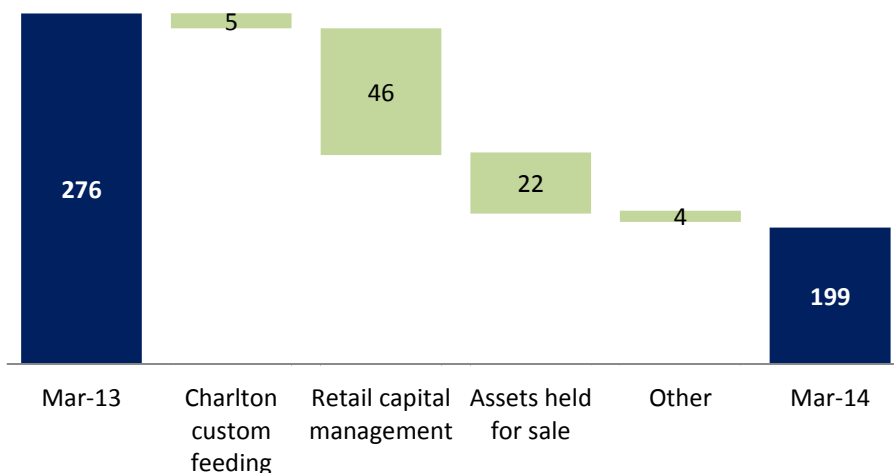


- Increased operating cash flow prior to interest and dividends from Elders operations
 - margin improvement
 - working capital management
- 'Non-recurring' outflows resulted in total outflow from operating activities
 - outflows arising from FY13 restructuring and residual Auto divestment payments
 - Forestry
- Forestry exit now largely complete; residual lease obligations approximately \$1.6m per annum

Working Capital Analysis

Working capital requirements reduced

Working capital movement
\$ million



	Mar-13	Sept-13	Mar-14
Inventory	138.6	116.3	105.7
Livestock	49.1	36.7	31.4
Trade and other receivables	352.0	344.1	305.0
Trade and other payables	(263.7)	(254.5)	(243.0)
Total working capital	276.0	242.6	199.1

- Year on year working capital reduction from:
 - shift to custom-fed cattle processing at Charlton feedlot
 - disciplined inventory management for farm supplies business: retail working capital down 22%
 - reclassification of balances to held for sale

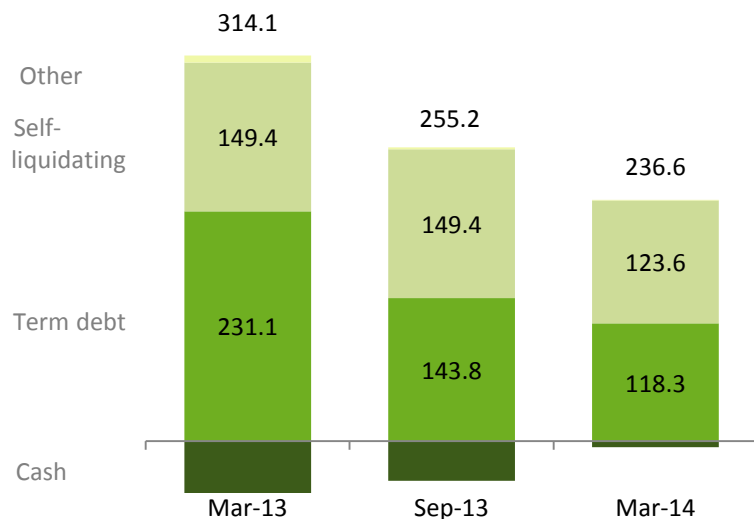
- Seasonal-driven increase expected in 6 months to September

- Medium term strategy to reduce capital intensity with performance focus on return on capital

Net Debt and Financing Cost Analysis

Finance costs down 41% as term debt reduced

Elements of net debt
\$ million



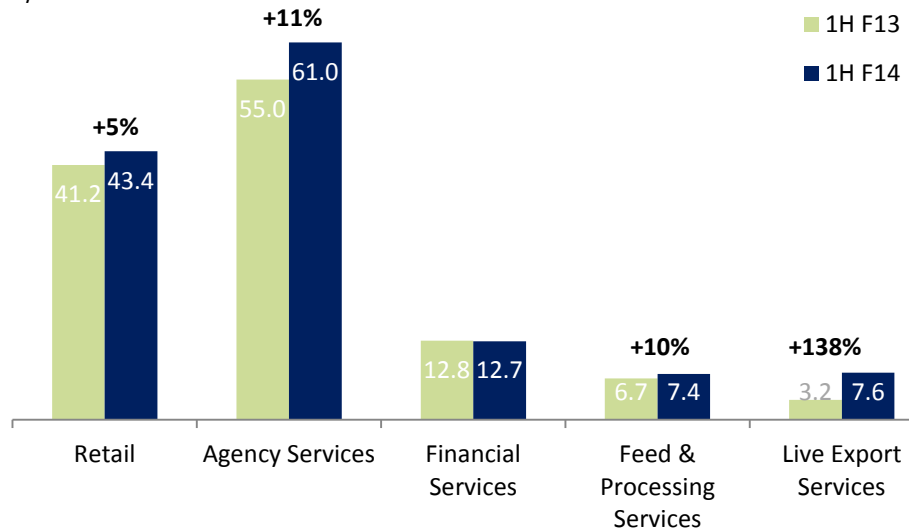
Finance costs \$ m	1H F13	1H F14	change
Finance cost on term debt	(9.3)	(6.2)	+33%
Finance cost on self-liquidating facilities	(5.7)	(4.0)	+30%
Overdue debtor interest	4.0	3.2	-20%
Other finance costs (net)	(3.7)	(1.7)	+54%
Total net finance costs	(14.7)	(8.7)	+41%

- Term debt halved year-on-year; reduced 18% over period
- Finance costs reduction in line with lower debt balances
- Capital management strategy to shift towards more flexible and appropriate finance structure

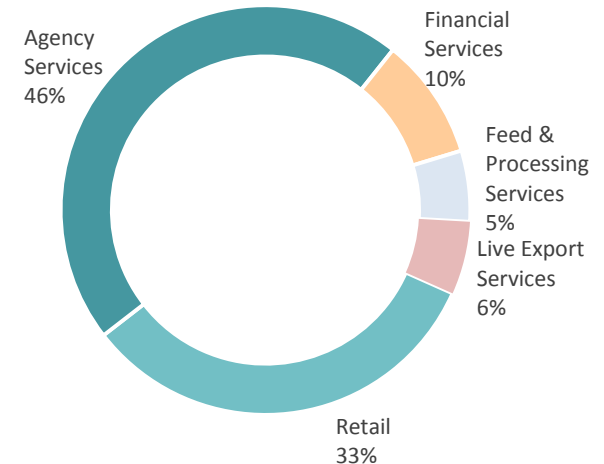
Operational Performance

Product Segmentation

Margin growth by product
\$ million



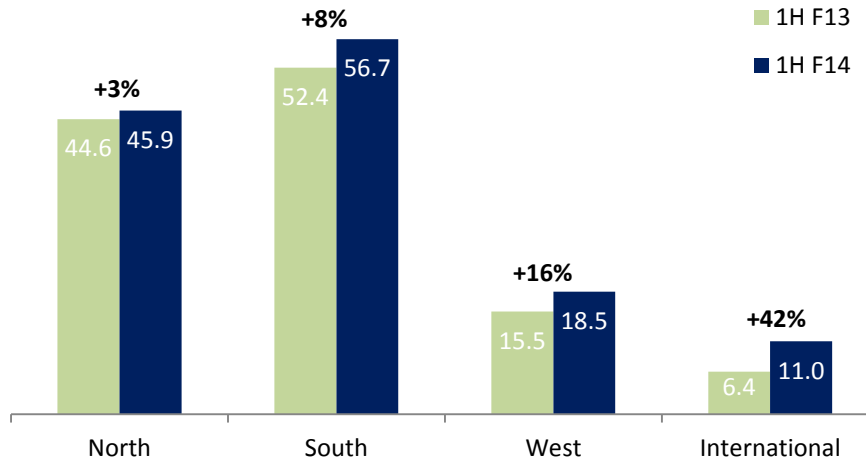
Margin generated by product



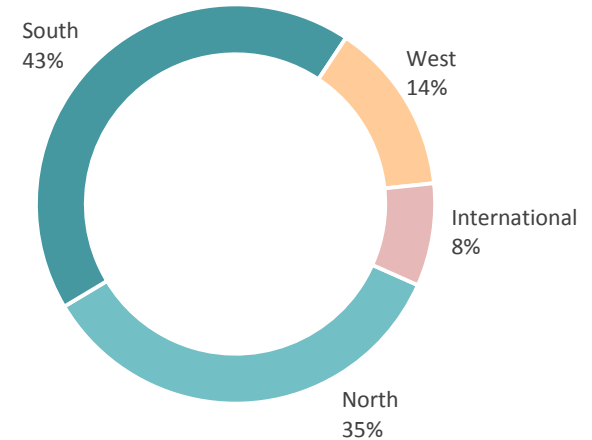
- **Retail:** Savings from decentralisation of farm supplies management and higher rebates
- **Agency:** volume growth, strong sheep prices
- **Financial Services:** Steady loan book
- **Feed and Processing:** Increased feedlot margins and demand due to dry conditions
- **Live Export:** Good demand in both long haul and short haul markets

Geographical Segmentation

Margin growth by geography
\$ million



Margin generated by geography



- **North:** Increased margin despite dry conditions through strong Livestock and Real Estate
- **South:** Benefited from retail for cropping and strong agency sales
- **West:** Strong agency sales, especially in Livestock from restocking and clearing sales
- **International:** Strong demand from East Asia

Strategy

F16 Business Model

E B I T	High		Retail	Agency Services Financial Services
	Medium		Feed & Processing Live Export	
	Low			
		Low	Medium	High
(Indicative)	RETURN ON CAPITAL			

Outlook

Current Market Conditions

- **Retail:** Good winter crop seasonal break
- **Agency:**
 - Cattle prices recovering
 - Sheep prices currently strong
 - Positive real estate activity
 - Wool receivals soft
- **Financial Services:** Positive growth in new lending, stable insurance earnings
- **Feed and Processing:** Feedlot demand currently firm
- **Live Export:** Volume demand from Asia strong in both short and long haul markets

F14 Priorities – 2H

Safety Performance

- Injury-free workplace
- Completion of company wide survey

Operational Performance

- ROC focus maintained
- \$25 million cost savings over full year
- Development of 3 year plan

Leadership Renewal

- Align organisational capabilities and roles with strategy
- Branch Manager leadership program

Capital Management

- Working capital optimised given seasonal and Live Export demand
- Further term debt reduction

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