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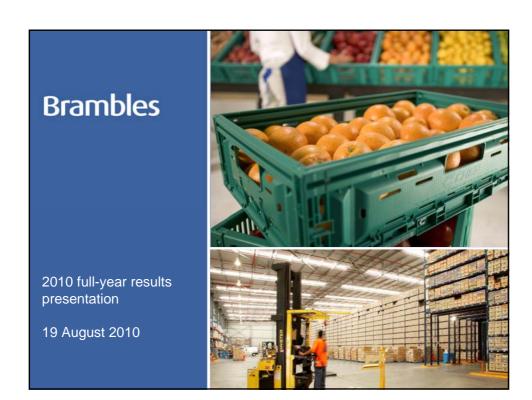
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Attached are copies of slides to be presented by Brambles' Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tom Gorman, and Chief Financial Officer, Mr Greg Hayes, at an analyst briefing to be held in Sydney later today.

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Yours faithfully Brambles Limited

Robert Gerrard
Group Company Secretary



# Business update Tom Gorman, CEO FY10 results analysis Greg Hayes, CFO Outlook Looking forward – growth opportunities Brambles

## Business update Tom Gorman, CEO

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## Key messages

- Delivering on commitments
  - Quality improvement
  - · Cost disciplines
  - Emerging market growth
- Stable, resilient business in volatile market conditions
  - Improvement in second-half performance
- Strong cash flow and balance sheet

## Financial highlights

US\$M	FY10	FY09	% change (actual FX rates)	% change (constant currency)*
Sales revenue	4,146.8	4,018.6	3%	_
Statutory operating profit	724.5	718.2	1%	(3%)
Statutory profit after tax	443.9	434.0	2%	(1%)
Earnings per share (US cents)	31.8	32.6	(2%)	(6%)

- Free cash flow after dividends US\$344M, up US\$202M
- Final dividend of 12.5 Australian cents per share
- \* Brambles calculates constant currency by translating results into US dollars at the exchange rates applicable during the prior corresponding period
- corresponding period.
  \*\* Earnings per share includes discontinued operations

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## Business unit highlights

- CHEP Americas
  - Achieving quality improvements
  - Positive sales momentum since Better Everyday
  - Improved operational controls



- Strong growth in developing regions
- Continuing to win business in established regions
- · Restructuring savings flowing through
- Ongoing focus on improving quality





## Business unit highlights (continued)

- CHEP Asia-Pacific
  - Australia resilient and growing
  - Strong growth in China and India
  - Ongoing efficiency focus



- Recall
  - Robust profit growth
  - Strong sales pipeline
  - Improving margins and return on capital



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## Better Everyday progress



- Quality
  - 100% of network issues at US Plus specification
  - Strong customer feedback
- Ease of doing business
  - 70% of customers using Portfolio+Plus
  - Roll out of simplified invoice in Q1 of FY11
- Sales and marketing
  - 20+ new hires made; new structure in place
  - US\$18M annualised net wins since introduction of program

US\$M	Component	FY10	FY11	FY12	Ongoing (per year
October '09 forecast	Pre-Better Everyday	37	=	-	
10100001	Better Everyday fast-track	30	50	30	
	Better Everyday ongoing	50	50	50	50
	Total	117	100	80	50
FY10 outcome/ revised forecast	Total	108.5	95	55	25
Reduction		8.5	5	25	25

Sales revenue value of business wins (US\$M)					
	Net new business*	FY10 annualised**			
CHEP Americas	(9)	2			
CHEP EMEA	30	39			
CHEP Asia-Pacific	15	11			
Recall	17	23			
Brambles	53	75			

## Results analysis Greg Hayes, CFO

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## Results overview

	Actual	Constant currency			
	FY10 US\$M	FY10 US\$M	FY09 US\$M	Growth %	
Sales revenue	4,146.8	4,015.4	4,018.6	-	
Underlying profit	733.4	703.4	900.6	(22)	
Statutory operating profit	724.5	694.0	718.2	(3)	
Profit before tax	614.9	585.9	597.3	(2)	
Profit after tax	443.9	427.6	434.0	(1)	
Statutory EPS* (cents)	31.8	30.6	32.6	(6)	
Cash flow from operations	882.3	856.2	722.4	19	
Brambles Value Added		215.4	297.4		

\* Includes discontinued operations

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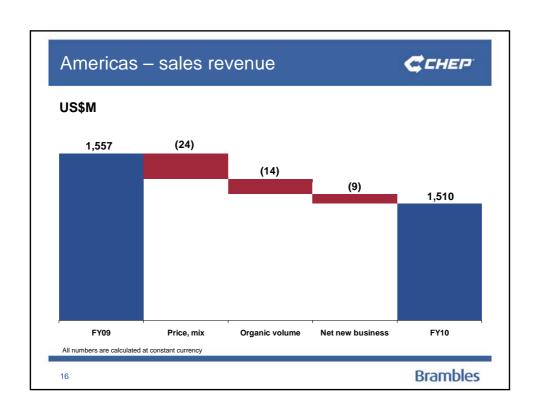
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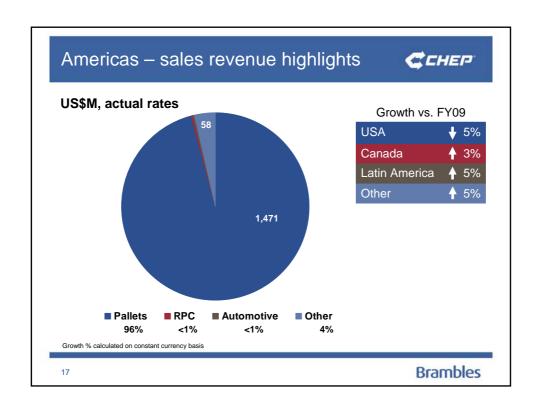
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Actual rates	US\$M	US\$M
Underlying profit	733.4	900.6
Items within ordinary activities, but unusual due to size and nature:		
CHEP USA pallet quality program	-	(77.4)
Walmart net transition impact	-	(29.0)
Items outside the ordinary course of business:		
Accelerated scrapping of surplus pallets	2.5	(99.0)
Facilities and operations rationalisation	(11.4)	(54.3)
Foreign exchange gain on capital repatriation	-	77.3
Subtotal	(8.9)	(182.4)
Statutory operating profit	724.5	718.2

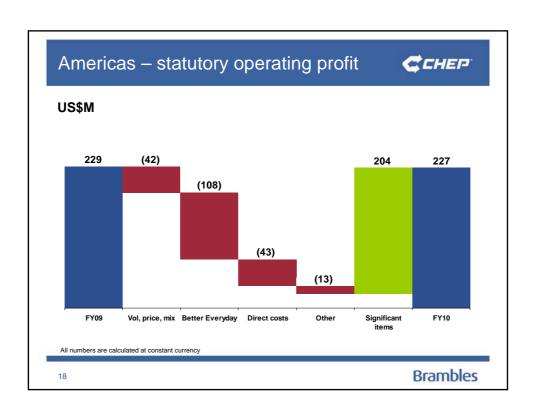
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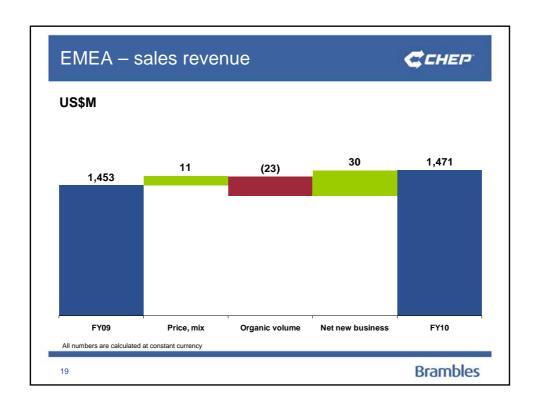
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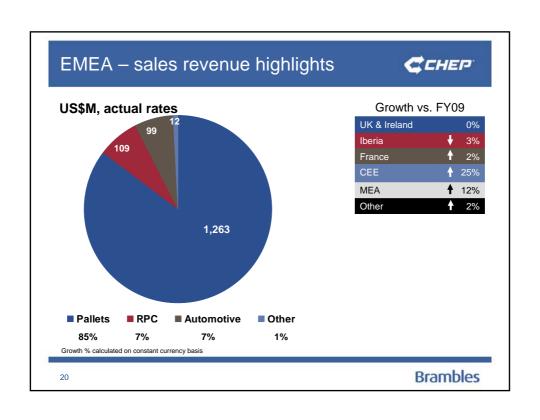
	Actual		Constant	
US\$M	FY10	FY10	FY09	Growth %
Americas	1,533.6	1,510.3	1,556.9	(3)
EMEA	1,482.6	1,470.8	1,452.6	1
Asia-Pacific	390.9	334.4	323.4	3
Sales revenue	3,407.1	3,315.5	3,332.9	(1)
Statutory operating profit	637.9	609.1	573.4	6
Profit margin (%)	19	18	17	

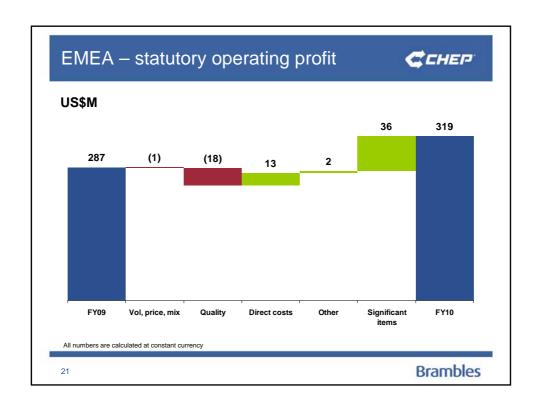


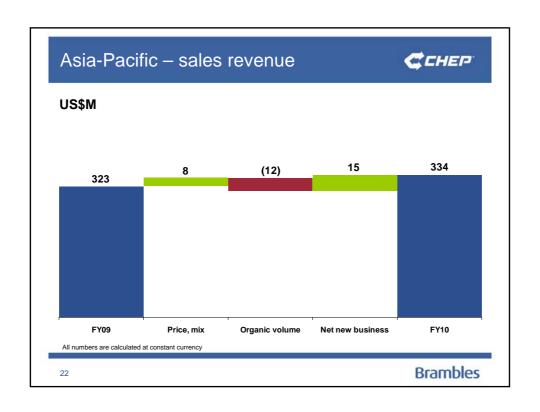


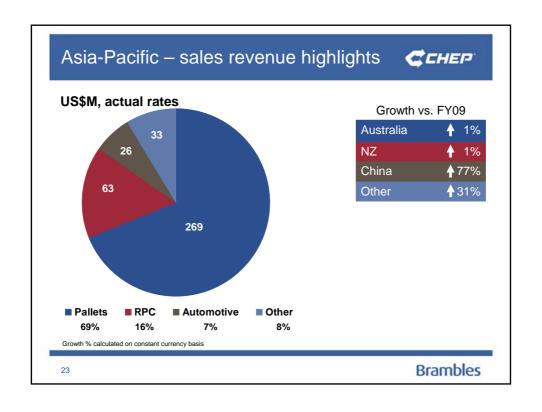


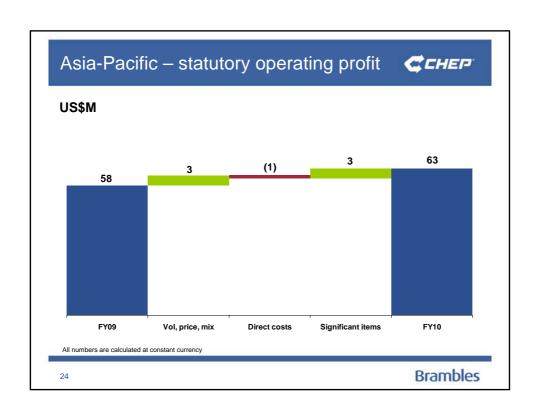






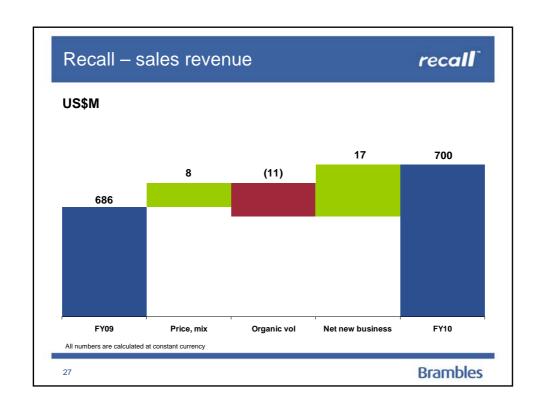


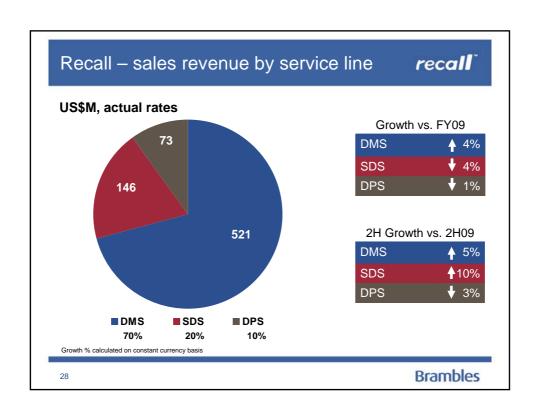


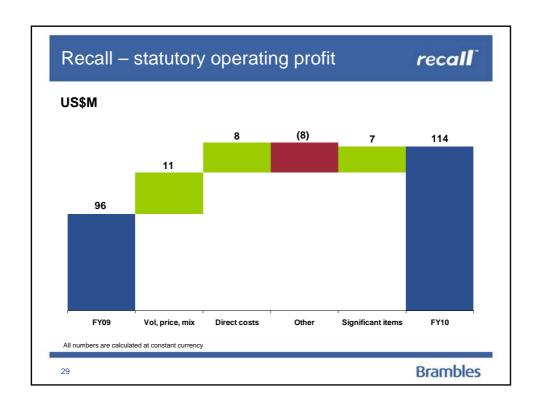


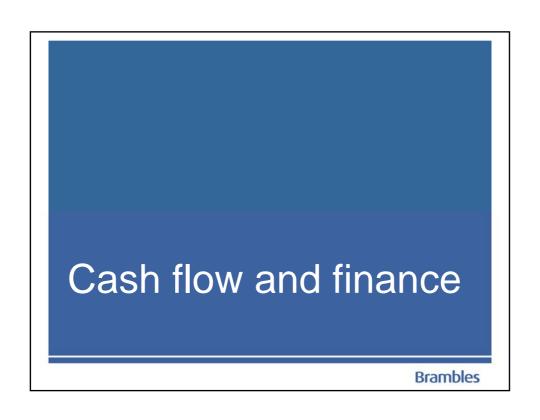


	Actual		Constant	
US\$M	FY10	FY10	FY09	Growth %
Americas	335.3	326.1	313.3	4
Europe	188.7	187.4	188.9	(1)
RoW	215.7	186.4	183.5	2
Sales revenue	739.7	699.9	685.7	2
Statutory operating profit	123.1	114.0	95.9	19
Profit margin (%)	17	16	14	









## Cash flow strength

US\$M actual rates	FY10	FY09	Change
EBITDA	1,177.4	1,212.6	(35.2)
Capital expenditure	(496.5)	(683.8)	187.3
Proceeds from disposals	88.0	104.6	(16.6)
Working capital movement	14.7	25.8	(11.1)
Irrecoverable pooling equipment provision	111.2	97.8	13.4
Provisions / other	(12.5)	(34.6)	22.1
Cash flow from operations	882.3	722.4	159.9
Significant items outside ordinary activities	(52.1)	(49.9)	(2.2)
Cash flow from operations (incl. Significant items)	830.2	672.5	157.7
Financing costs and tax	(281.6)	(253.0)	(28.6)
Free cash flow	548.6	419.5	129.1
Dividends paid	(204.5)	(277.6)	73.1
Free cash flow after dividends	344.1	141.9	202.2

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## Financial position

Actual rates	Jun 10	Jun 09
Net debt (US\$M)	1,759.3	2,143.4
Gearing* (%)	51.9	60.0

Actual rates	FY10	FY09	Covenants
EBITDA**/ net finance costs (x)	10.7	10.0	3.5 (min)
Net debt/ EBITDA (x)	1.5	1.8	3.5 (max)

- Undrawn committed credit facilities of US\$1,946.6M
- Inaugural US 144A bond issue of US\$750M
- \* Net debt to net debt plus equity

  \*\* EBITDA defined as operating profit from continuing operations after adding back depreciation and amortisation and Significant items outside ordinary activities

## Outlook

## Outlook

- FY11 guidance, subject to unforeseen circumstances and ongoing economic uncertainty
  - Sales growth in all business units
  - Continued quality investment, storage cost
  - Statutory operating profit: US\$740M to US\$780M\*
  - Interest cost approximately US\$115M
  - Lower ongoing tax rate of approximately 28%

<sup>\*</sup> Guidance provided at 30 June 2010 exchange rates. Applying this rate throughout FY10 would give a comparable statutory operating profit of

## Looking forward – growth opportunities Tom Gorman, CEO

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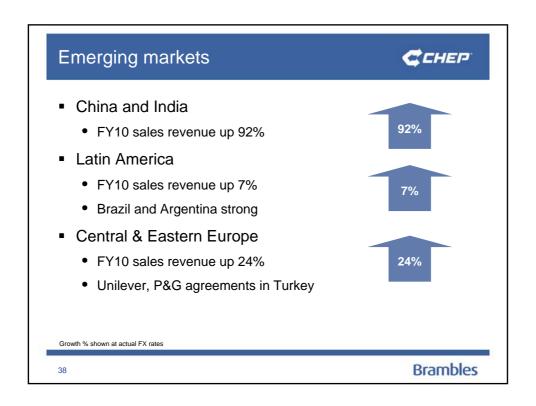
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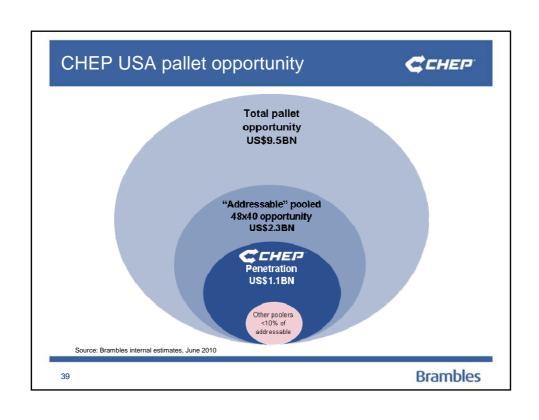


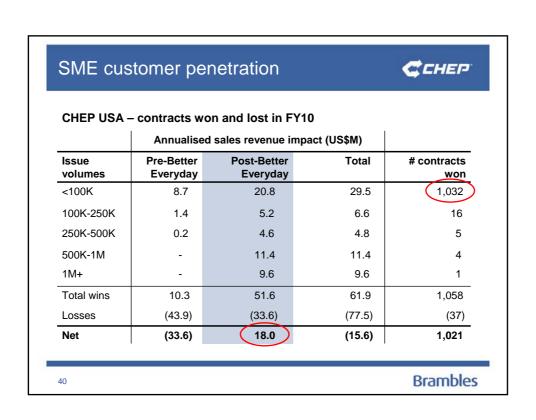
- Global footprint
- Local networks
- Intellectual property
- Customer franchises
- Financial position

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## Current initiatives Cepter Geographic expansion Emerging markets CHEP USA continuous improvement Small and mid-sized company opportunity Product scope expansion Global growth platforms Automotive LeanLogistics Brambles



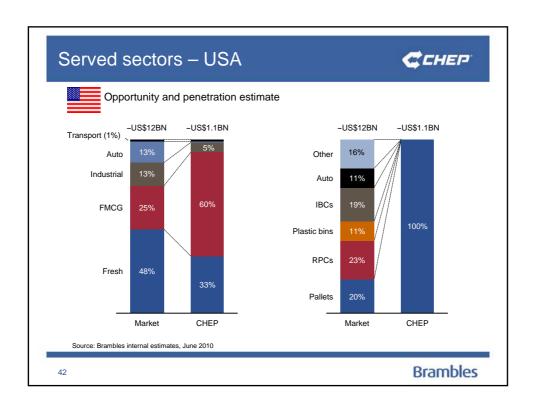


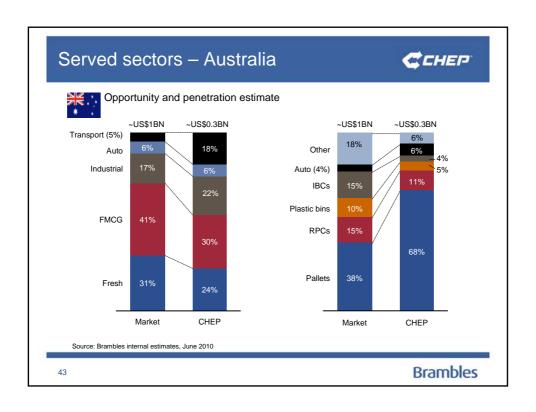


## Expanding product scope



- Outside of full-size pallets, CHEP is under-penetrated in other pooled platforms in all regions
  - Alternative pallet sizes
  - Reusable plastic containers
  - Intermediate bulk containers
  - Automotive
  - Other services
- The opportunity for expansion is potentially worth US\$12BN in CHEP USA alone
- Global project established to pursue new business opportunities in all regions and platforms



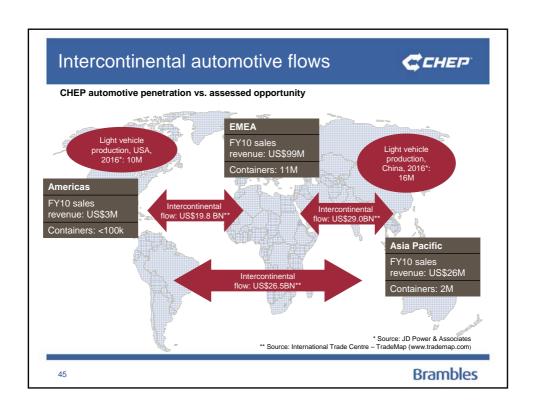


## Automotive opportunity



- Industry restructuring driving outsourcing
  - CHEP's core value proposition: help customers lower total supply chain costs through the use of returnable packaging
- Unique intellectual property in design of packaging and systems
- Opportunities
  - Penetrate major producing countries: especially USA, China
  - Tap into growth in emerging regions
  - Increase leverage to international flows

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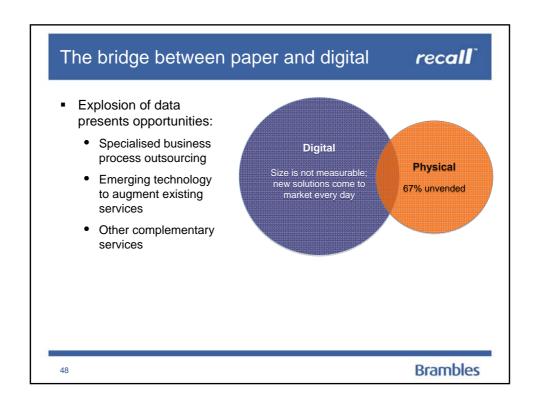


## Global LeanLogistics opportunity



- Growth
  - 32% increase in sales revenue since 2008 acquisition by Brambles
- Key strategies
  - USA expansion
  - New geography development: Brazil, Canada, Australia, Europe
  - · Conversion of CHEP global logistics network
  - Integrated CHEP/LeanLogistics service offerings
- Value proposition
  - Reduced costs and improved service levels for manufacturers, retailers and food service providers



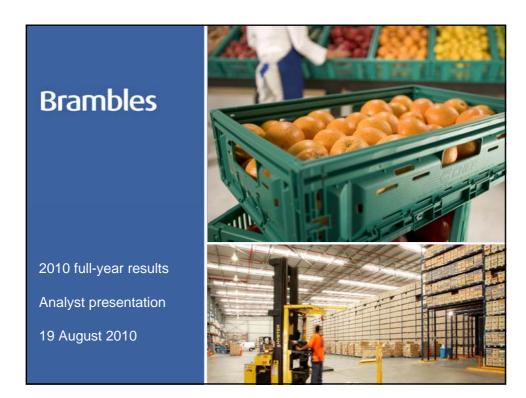


## Summary

- Solid result, strong financial position
- CHEP opportunities
  - Global footprint
  - CHEP USA growth momentum
  - Product and platform expansion
  - Global automotive
  - LeanLogistics
- Recall opportunities
  - Strong growth in underlying business
  - Bridging paper and digital

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## **Appendices**

## Glossary of terms and measures

Except where noted, common terms and measures used in this document are based upon the following definitions:

Actual rates

In the statutory financial statements, foreign currency results are translated into US dollars at the applicable actual monthly exchange rates ruling in each period

Brambles Value Added (BVA)

Brambles Value Added (BVA) represents the value generated over and above the cost of the capital used to generate that value.

It is calculated using fixed June 2009 exchange rates as:

Underlying profit: plus

• Significant items that are part of the ordinary activities of the business; less

 Average Capital Invested, adjusted for accumulated pre-tax Significant items that are part of the ordinary activities of the business, multiplied by 12%.

Capital expenditure (capex)

Unless otherwise stated, capital expenditure is presented on an accruals basis and excludes intangible assets, investments in associates and equity acquisitions. It is shown gross of any fixed asset disposals proceeds.

Cash flow from operations

Constant

currency

Cash flow generated after net capital expenditure but excluding Significant items that are outside the ordinary course of business.

Constant currency results are presented by translating both current and comparable period foreign currency results into US dollars at the actual monthly exchange rates applicable in the comparable period, so as to show relative performance between the two periods before the translation impact of currency fluctuations.

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Continuing operations

Continuing operations refers to CHEP, Recall and Brambles HQ.

Profit after tax, minority interests and Significant items, divided by shares in

Free cash flow

Cash flow generated after net capital expenditure, finance costs and tax, but excluding the net cost of acquisitions and proceeds from business disposals.

Sales revenue

Excludes revenues of associates and non trading revenue.

Shares in issue

Based on weighted average shares in issue of 1,411.3M in FY10; 1,388.3M in

Significant items

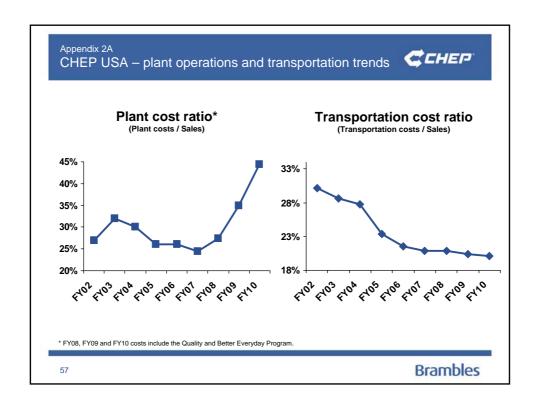
Significant items are items of income or expense which are, either individually or in aggregate, material to Brambles or to the relevant business segment and:

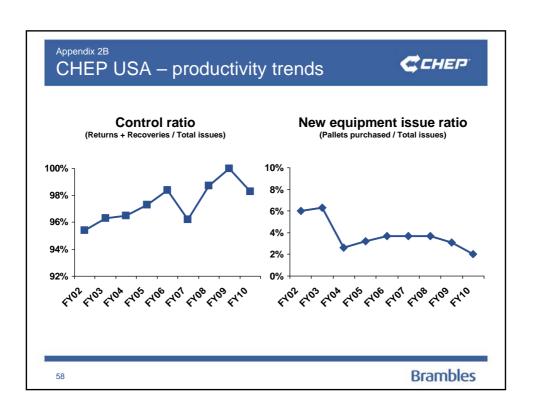
· outside the ordinary course of business (e.g. gains or losses on the sale or termination of operations, the cost of significant reorganisations or

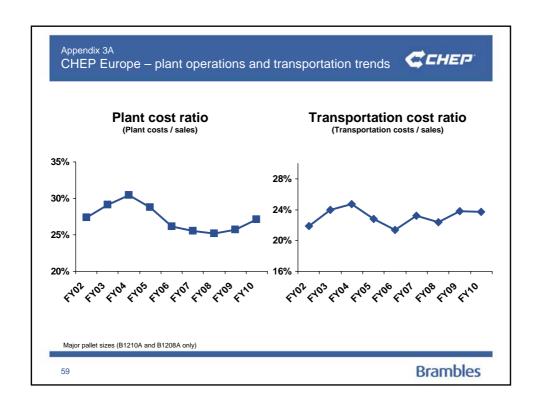
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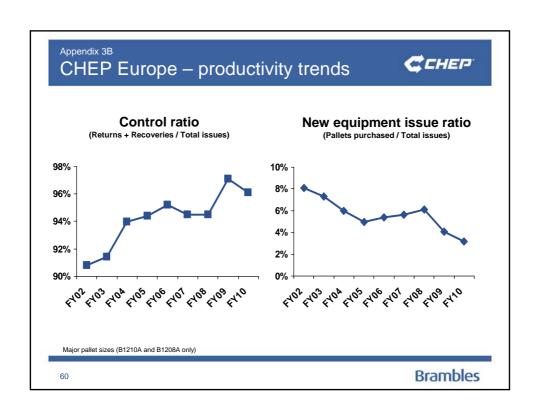
Underlying profit

Underlying profit is profit from continuing operations before finance costs, tax and Significant items.









		FY	/10 Currenc	y mix at Ac	tual FX ra	tes
US\$M	Total	USD	EUR	GBP	AUD	Other
Sales revenue	4,146.8	1,366.2	1,058.1	395.4	501.6	825.5
Statutory operating profit	724.5	127.0	198.1	86.7	97.3	215.4
Net debt <sup>1</sup>	1,759.3	1,581.2	266.8	(130.0)	34.3	7.0

Actual rates	FY10 US\$M		FY09 US\$M	
	Statutory	Underlying	Statutory	Underlying
Profit before tax	614.9	623.8	597.3	779.7
Tax expense	171.0	173.6	163.3	245.4
Tax rate	27.8%	27.8%	27.3%	31.5%

US\$BN				
Maturity	Туре	Committed facilities	Debt drawn	Headroom
< 12 months	Bank	0.3	0.2	0.1
1 – 2 years	Bank/144A <sup>1</sup> /USPP <sup>2</sup>	0.8	0.3	0.5
2 – 3 years	Bank	0.7	0.1	0.6
3 – 4 years	Bank	0.9	0.2	0.7
4 – 5 years	144A¹/USPP²	0.4	0.4	-
> 5 years	144A <sup>1</sup> /USPP <sup>2</sup>	0.7	0.7	-
Total		3.8	1.9	1.9

