## SCALES CORPORATION LIMITED GROWING YOUR DIVERSIFIED AGRIBUSINESS

Half Year Results
For the six months ended 30 June 2018 28 August 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS

## Strong first half result whilst delivering on refreshed strategy

- Positive first half trading across the Group:
> An increase in Horticulture volumes and prices.
> Improved utilisation and volumes within Storage \& Logistics.
> Food Ingredients exposed to favourable trading dynamics.
- Sale and settlement of Liqueo business in August 2018:
> Consideration of $\$ 20.0 \mathrm{~m}$, multiple of $13.3 \times \mathrm{FY} 17$ normalised EBITDA.
- Conditional sale of Coldstore business in June 2018:
> Consideration of $\$ 151.4 \mathrm{~m}$, multiple of $15.6 \times \mathrm{FY} 17$ EBIT.
> Conditional only on Overseas Investment Office (OIO) approval.
- Proceeds from the sale of these businesses is intended to be applied to growth initiatives and acquisition opportunities that are being actively pursued.
- FY18 full year EBITDA guidance:
> Previously announced EBITDA guidance between $\$ 58 \mathrm{~m}$ and $\$ 65 \mathrm{~m}$ reaffirmed on a like-for-like basis.
> Expect to be at the top end of that range.




## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## A strong first half year of trading

- Growth in revenue:
$>\$ 255.2 \mathrm{~m}$ from All Operations, up $24 \%$ on 1 H 17 .
> $\$ 220.1 \mathrm{~m}$ from Continuing Operations, up $25 \%$ on 1 H 17 .
- All profit measures also running ahead of 1 H 17 .

| \$000 | Continuing Operations | 1H18 <br> Discontinued <br> Operations * | All Operations | Continuing Operations | 17 <br> All <br> Operations | Continuing Operations | chg. <br> All <br> Operations |
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| Total Revenue | 220,120 | 35,097 | 255,217 | 175,806 | 205,610 | 25\% | 24\% |
| Gross Profit \% of Revenue | $\begin{array}{r} 66,138 \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21,370 \\ 61 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 87,508 \\ 34 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 58,420 \\ 33 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 75,477 \\ 37 \% \end{array}$ | 13\% | 16\% |
| EBITDA <br> \% of Revenue | $\begin{array}{r} 46,742 \\ 21 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,400 \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 57,142 \\ 22 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 39,048 \\ 22 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47,575 \\ 23 \% \end{array}$ | 20\% | 20\% |
| EBIT <br> \% of Revenue | $\begin{array}{r} 42,143 \\ 19 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,544 \\ 21 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 49,687 \\ 19 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35,571 \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41,353 \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | 18\% | 20\% |
| NPAT <br> \% of Revenue | $\begin{array}{r} 29,331 \\ 13 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,436 \\ 15 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34,767 \\ 14 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24,426 \\ 14 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 28,434 \\ 14 \% \end{array}$ | 20\% | 22\% |

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## DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE

## Growth within all divisions

- Horticulture - return to more settled growing conditions, resulting in higher volumes, with market dynamics remaining firm.
- Storage \& Logistics - strong performance, building on prior year operations.
- Food Ingredients - reflects favourable trading conditions including global supply restrictions.
- Scales Corporation - impacted by costs associated with the sale of Coldstores and Liqueo.

EBITDA by Division (\$m)


| All Operations | Horticulture |  | Storage \& Logistics |  | Food Ingredients |  | Eliminations |  | Group |  |
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| \$000 | 1H18 | 1H17 | 1H18 | 1H17 | 1H18 | 1H17 | 1H18 | 1H17 | 1H18 | 1H17 |
| Total Segment Revenue | 143,842 | 120,334 | 81,511 | 67,551 | 45,521 | 33,978 | $(15,657)$ | $(16,253)$ | 255,217 | 205,610 |
| EBITDA | 40,301 | 34,227 | 14,279 | 11,616 | 6,213 | 4,013 | $(3,651)$ | $(2,281)$ | 57,142 | 47,577 |
| \% of Revenue | 28\% | 28\% | 18\% | 17\% | 14\% | 12\% | 23\% | 14\% | 22\% | 23\% |
| EBIT | 36,116 | 31,091 | 11,288 | 8,804 | 5,943 | 3,754 | $(3,660)$ | $(2,296)$ | 49,687 | 41,354 |
| \% of Revenue | 25\% | 26\% | 14\% | 13\% | 13\% | 11\% | 23\% | 14\% | 19\% | 20\% |

Note: Segment Revenue includes intercompany charges, most specifically within the Storage \& Logistics division, where Scales Logistics charges Mr Apple and Meateor for shipping.
In addition, costs relating to the disposal of Polarcold and Liqueo, amounting to $\$ 687 \mathrm{k}$ for 1 H 18 , have been included in the Corporate division in this analysis.

## BALANCE SHEET

## Robust financial position

- Average Net Debt (average of 30 June 2018 and 31 December 2017) \$60.0m:
> Increase of $\$ 8.2 \mathrm{~m}$ on 1 H 17 ( $\$ 51.8 \mathrm{~m}$ ), primarily due to increases in working capital and the exclusion of Polarcold and Liqueo cash balances.
> Net Debt to equity 33\% (29\% at 30 June 2017).
- Net Cash at 31 December 2018 expected to be ~\$130m:
> Subject to completion of the sale of Polarcold during the current financial year.
> Includes $\$ 20 \mathrm{~m}$ from the sale of Liqueo, which settled on 13 August.

| \$000 | Group - Unaudited |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1H18 | 1H17 <br> (Restated) | 31 Dec 17 <br> (Restated) |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |
| Cash and Bank Balances | 1,841 | 15,124 | 5,690 |
| Trade \& Other Receivables | 73,361 | 66,232 | 23,437 |
| Agricultural Produce | 61,558 | 64,750 | 20,189 |
| Inventories | 27,750 | 22,398 | 22,212 |
| Other Current Assets | 5,726 | 10,833 | 9,838 |
|  | 170,236 | 179,337 | 81,366 |
| Assets Held for Resale | 111,995 | - | - |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |
| Trade \& Other Payables | $(57,401)$ | $(63,178)$ | $(22,215)$ |
| Dividend Declared | $(12,538)$ | $(14,006)$ | $(12,586)$ |
| Short-Term Borrowings | $(41,000)$ | $(44,000)$ | $(6,500)$ |
| Current Tax Liabilities | $(14,822)$ | $(16,076)$ | $(2,739)$ |
| Other Financial Liabilities | $(7,088)$ | $(1,715)$ | $(4,331)$ |
|  | $(132,849)$ | $(138,975)$ | $(48,371)$ |
| Liabilities Associated With |  |  |  |
| Assets Held for Resale | $(18,303)$ | - | - |
| Net Working Capital | 131,079 | 40,362 | 32,995 |
| Non-Current Assets |  |  |  |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 133,445 | 225,862 | 228,881 |
| Other Non-Current Assets | 27,243 | 36,636 | 32,259 |
|  | 160,688 | 262,498 | 261,140 |
| Non-Current Liabilities |  |  |  |
| Term Borrowings | $(40,000)$ | $(40,000)$ | $(40,000)$ |
| Deferred Tax | $(8,666)$ | $(24,821)$ | $(28,175)$ |
| Other Financial Liabilities | $(5,568)$ | $(3,379)$ | $(4,043)$ |
|  | $(54,234)$ | $(68,200)$ | $(72,218)$ |
| Net Assets | 237,533 | 234,660 | 221,917 |
| Net Debt | $(79,159)$ | $(68,876)$ | $(40,810)$ |
| Average Net Debt | $(59,985)$ | $(51,761)$ | $(54,843)$ |
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## HORTICULTURE

## Increase in both volumes produced and prices achieved

- Mr Apple total own grown export volumes up 9\% compared to last year:
> More normal growing conditions experienced.
$>$ Export packout of $76 \%$ in line with long-term averages.
- A 17\% increase in Premium Variety volumes, including large increases in NZ Queen, Pink Lady, and High Colour fruit.
- A slight increase in Traditional Variety volumes, 2\% ahead of FY17.
- Pricing remained firm, with solid demand from key markets.

Mr Apple Grown Export Volumes (TCE 000s) Growth in Premium Volumes (TCE 000s)


## HORTICULTURE

## Continued penetration of key overseas markets

- Ongoing strategy to become a leading apple brand in China:
$>$ Investment continuing to redevelop our planted land into the premium varieties sought after by Asia and Middle East markets.
- Historical redevelopment of premium varieties coming into production.
- Intention to continue to redevelop orchards in new premium varieties such as Dazzle ${ }^{\circledR}$.
> Sustained in-market targeted advertising and promotions together with continued further development in proprietary varieties.
> Ongoing support from our key strategic shareholder, China Resources Ng Fung.
- Strong demand from key European customers this season.

*Actual sales by region will not be known until all fruit is sold.
Sales to Asia and Middle East are predominantly in USD, North American sales are in CAD and USD, UK and Europe sales predominantly in their respective currencies.


## STORAGE \& LOGISTICS

## Pleasing performance from the Storage \& Logistics division

- Divisional contribution growth reflects:
> More ordinary cropping season, giving rise to higher volumes and improved utilisation for Polarcold in particular.
> Improved trading from the Auckland coldstore.
> Increased trade in edible oil storage for Liqueo.
> Increased freight volumes for Scales Logistics (due in part to higher apple volumes).
> Full six months of trading from OceanAir.
- Divestment of Polarcold and Liqueo in line with refreshed Group strategy:
> Conditional Polarcold sale effective 1 June 2018, subject to OIO approval.
> Liqueo sale completed and settled 13 August 2018.
Storage \& Logistics EBITDA (\$m)



## FOOD INGREDIENTS

## Volume increases due to market shortage

- Meateor:

Meateor - Volumes Sold (MT 000s)
> Continuing increases in volume sold.
> Margins favourably impacted by market conditions and overall product mix.
> Business strategy continues to focus on adding value to, and expanding supply of, protein sources.



- Profruit:
$>$ Increased volumes due to a larger apple crop and lower export packout.



## SUSTAINABILITY

## Continuing our sustainability journey

- People:
> Group-wide staff engagement survey conducted throughout August.
> Three new Health and Safety positions created throughout the Group.
> Safety culture workshops undertaken at Mr Apple.
- Environment:
> Waste audits being undertaken across selected sites.
> Discussions held with suppliers regarding packaging changes.

> Increased recycling options being explored.
> CEMARs* carbon footprint certification underway for Mr Apple.
- Governance and Risk Management:
> Appointment of Teresa Steele-Rika as our next Future Director in August 2018.
> Business continuity plans reviewed for all Group companies.

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## STRATEGY

## Greater focus on pure agribusiness

- As previously advised, we have revised our group investment and growth strategy:
> A greater focus on pure agribusinesses.
> Seeking opportunities that play to our strengths:
- Fully-vertically integrated.
- Export-led.
- Add value from our China relationships.
- Initial steps successfully executed through the divestment of Liqueo and Polarcold.
- Currently reviewing a number of acquisition opportunities in our previously disclosed investment universe.
- Reviewing strong opportunities within our existing business units.




## FY18 FULL YEAR OUTLOOK

## Like-for-like EBITDA guidance of \$58m to \$65m reaffirmed, likely to be at top end of range

- Horticulture:
> Improved orchard outcomes, with Mr Apple exported volume up 9\% on prior year to a record 3.86m TCEs.
> Ongoing investment in the Mr Apple brand and premium apple varieties for the Asia and Middle East markets continues to deliver sales growth. Solid demand from European markets.
> However, softer demand has been anticipated for the conclusion of the season.
> Although advantage has been taken of recent weakness in the NZD to increase hedging levels for future years, this has no material impact on current year trading.
- Food Ingredients / Logistics:
> Meateor volumes expected to be lower in 2 H 18 .
> Full year results anticipated to be in line with expectations.
- Scales Corporation:
> Increased costs associated with acquisition opportunities and divestment activity, including expected final costs associated with the sale of Polarcold and Liqueo of approximately $\$ 1 \mathrm{~m}$.
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