**Lupus Capital plc** 

**Interim Results Presentation** 

Period Ended 30 June 2010

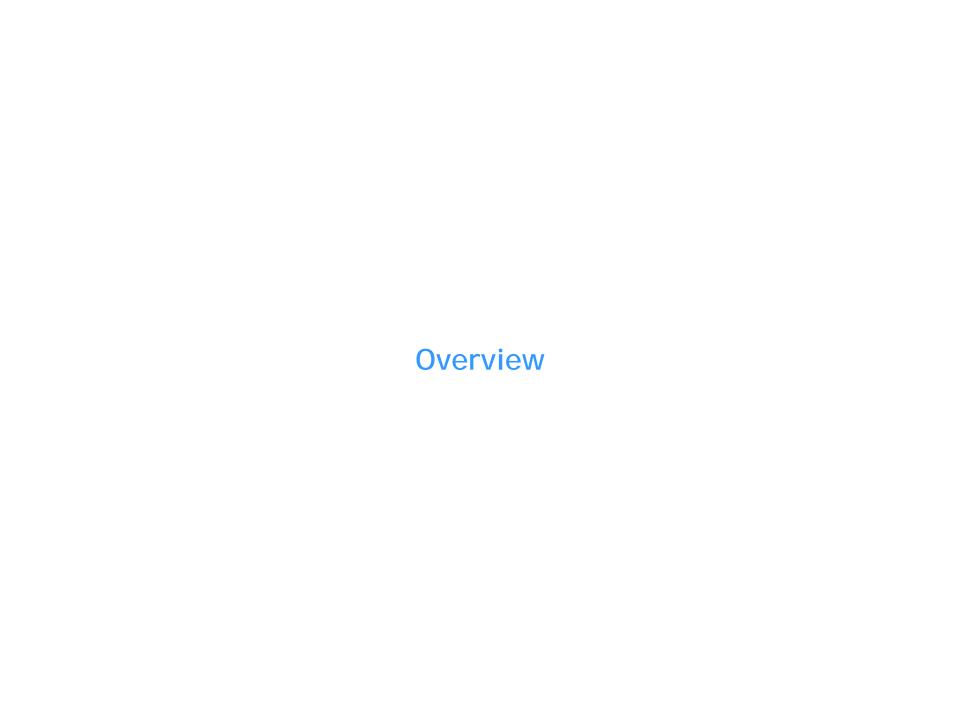
# Agenda

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H1 2010 Financial Review
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## **H1 Overview**

- Encouraging set of results demonstrating our strong market positions
- Markets more stable but still highly competitive
- Trading conditions in US and UK new build markets remained difficult; RMI showed more resilience
- Tight control over the cost base and working capital levels
- Improvements in gross and net margins
- Early debt repayments made in the period
- Performance driven by strong brands, niche products, close customer relationships & relative financial strength

H1 2010 Financial Review

# H1 2010 Financial Highlights

Sales - £133.2 million

H1 '10 vs H1 '09

14 per cent.

Underlying Operating Profit - £17.3 million



43 per cent.

Underlying Earnings Per Share - 6.79p



68 per cent.

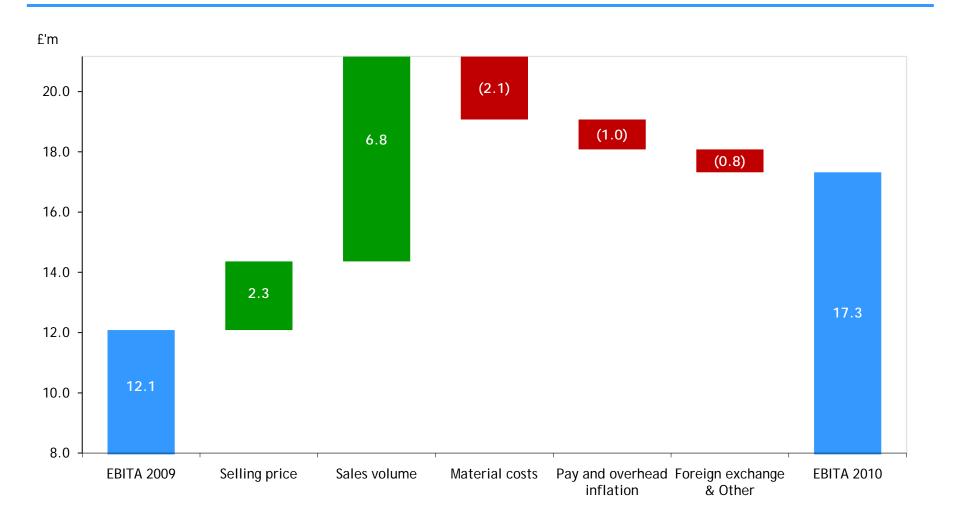
Net Debt - £113.4 million



6 per cent.

- Gross and net margin improvement
- Underlying Operating Profit drop-through of 32 per cent.
- £3.0 million early debt repayment

# H1 2009 to 2010 EBITA Bridge



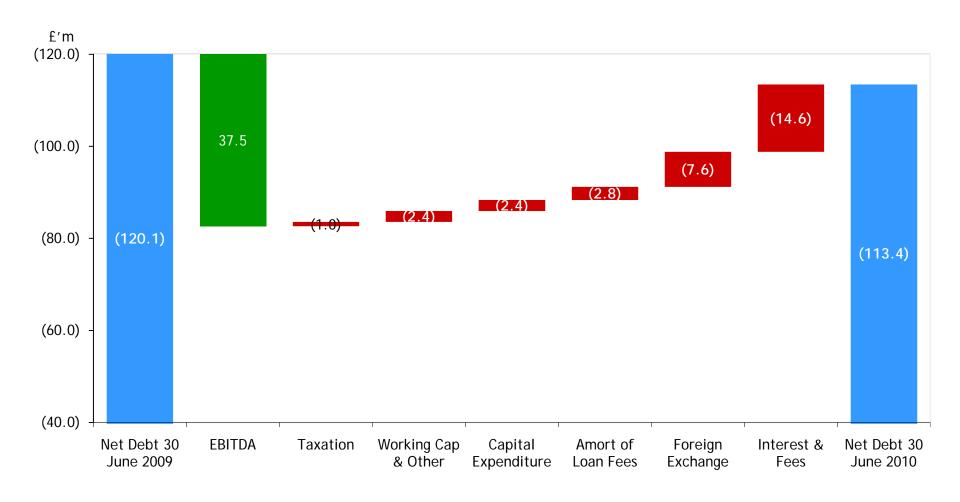
## **Debt Facilities**

|                   | H1 2010 | H1 2009 | FY 2009 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                   | £'m     | £'m     | £'m     |
|                   |         |         |         |
| Net Debt          | £113.4m | £120.1m | £111.0m |
|                   |         |         |         |
|                   |         |         |         |
| Net Debt: EBITDA* | 3.14 x  | 3.45 x  | 3.59 x  |
|                   |         |         |         |

- Key covenant ratio for the Group close to 3.0x at June 2010
- Headroom of between 46 and 77 % on banking covenants at June 2010
- Group's cost of funds fixed at between 1.85 and 2.0425 % until July 2012
- Further permanent debt repayments to be made in H2 2010

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated on the same basis as banking covenants.

# Net Debt Bridge 2009 to 2010



# **Capital Expenditure**

|                     | H1 2010 | H1 2009 | FY 2009 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                     | £'m     | £'m     | £'m     |
|                     |         |         |         |
| Net Capex           | 1.3     | 1.3     | 2.1     |
|                     |         |         |         |
| Depreciation        | 3.4     | 3.5     | 6.7     |
|                     |         |         |         |
| Capex/ Depreciation | 0.39 x  | 0.35 x  | 0.32 x  |
|                     |         |         |         |

- Historically a low capex business
- Capex expected to increase in future years although unlikely to reach same levels as Depreciation

# **Cash Conversion**

|                             | LI1 2010 | LI1 2000 | 1 TM   | EV 2000 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
|                             | H1 2010  | H1 2009  | LTM    | FY 2009 |
|                             | £'000    | £'000    | £'000  | £'000   |
|                             |          |          |        |         |
| Cash inflow from operations | 8,700    | 11,022   | 34,129 | 36,451  |
|                             |          |          |        |         |
| Underlying Operating Profit | 17,322   | 12,091   | 30,829 | 25,598  |
|                             |          |          |        |         |
| Cash Conversion             | 50.2%    | 91.2%    | 110.7% | 142.4%  |
|                             |          |          |        |         |

- Operating cash conversion decreased, reflecting the investment in working capital in the first six months of the year
- LTM cash conversion remained strong at 110.7% of operating profit
- Balance sheet will unwind over the remainder of the year

# **Balance Sheet**

|                              | H1 2010 | H1 2009     | FY 2009 |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
|                              | Days    | Days        | Days    |
|                              |         |             |         |
| Inventory Days               | 73.2    | 75.7        | 73.7    |
|                              |         |             |         |
| Trade Debtor Days            | 47.8    | 47.5        | 42.5    |
|                              |         |             |         |
| Trade Creditor Days          | (57.6)  | (51.0)      | (54.4)  |
|                              |         |             |         |
| Working Capital Days         | 63.4    | <u>72.2</u> | 61.8    |
|                              |         |             |         |
|                              |         |             |         |
| Trade Working Capital        | £44.2 m | £42.8 m     | £32.9 m |
|                              |         |             |         |
| Trade Working Capital: Sales | 17.1%   | 17.4%       | 13.6%   |
|                              |         |             |         |

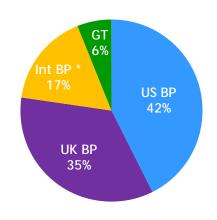
- Continued focus on working capital management peaks at the half year
- Investment in inventory only permitted where there is clear evidence of demand
- Management of receivables remains a high priority
- Credit insurers returning to the market but still limited availability

H1 2010 Operating Review

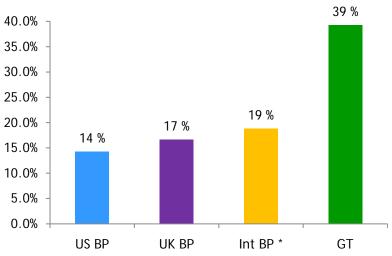
## H1 2010 Revenues

# H1 2010 Sales by Sector

## Total Sales £133.2 million (2009:£117.0m)



# % Change in H1 2010 Sales



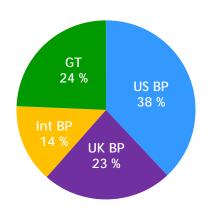
Note: %age change on a constant currency basis versus H1 2009
\* International BP is stated on a like for like basis - excluding Ningbo

- Building Products Revenues increased by 13% compared with H1 2009 16% on a constant currency basis excluding Ningbo
- Strong performance across all Building Products sectors
- Very strong performance from Gall Thomson in the period

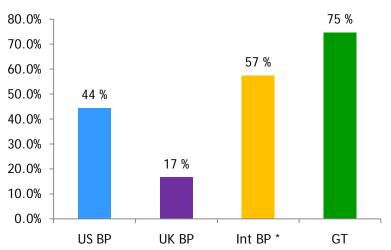
# H1 2010 Operating Profit

# H1 2010 Operating Profit by Sector

Total Operating Profit - £17.3 million (2009: £12.1 m)



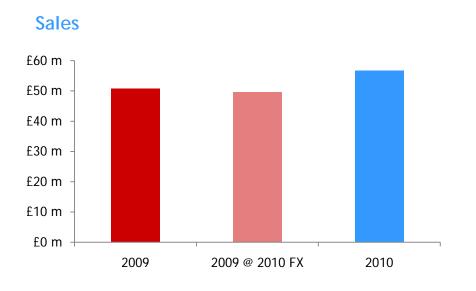
## % Change in H1 2010 Operating Profit



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- Improvements in operating profit across all sectors
- US Building Products had an exceptionally strong first half
- Solid growth in the UK despite a flat market underpinned by new sales strategy
- Gall Thomson margin improved significantly due to increased volumes of MBC sales

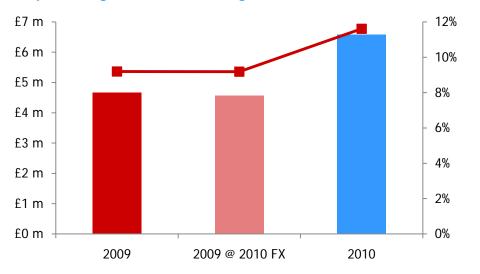
# US Building Products - H1 2010 Performance





- H1 sales grew by 14% in constant currency terms to £56.7m
- Net margins were substantially improved, increasing by 2.4 points to 11.6%
- Operating profit increased by 44% to £6.6m in constant currency terms

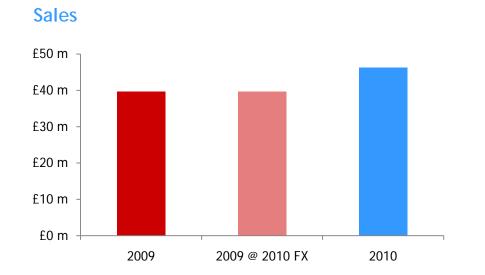
## **Operating Profit and Margins**



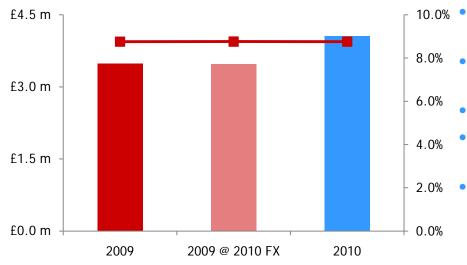
## H1 Highlights

- Continued ramp up of manufacturing at the Group's Mexican facility - now producing c. 45,000 balances per day
- Expansion of the National Accounts Program, to leverage our product offering within the North American customer base
- Restructured approach to Amesbury marketing

# UK Building Products - H1 2010 Performance



## **Operating Profit and Margin**



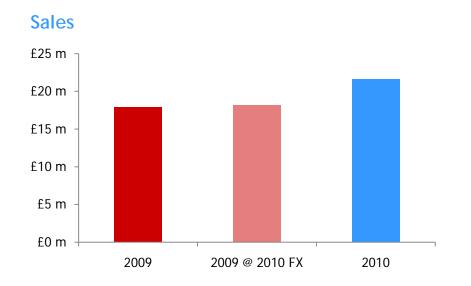
# grouphomesafe^

- UK Building Products sales grew by 17% in H1 to £46.3m.
- Net margins were flat at 8.8% despite significant increases in input costs
- Operating profit increased by 17% to £4.1m in H1 reflecting close focus on cost control

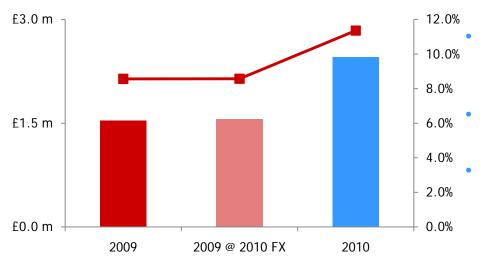
## H1 Highlights

- Grouphomesafe established as the umbrella brand for the UK business
- UK salesforce sell full grouphomesafe product range
- Benefits of unified approach already visible ahead of schedule
- Ventrolla Ireland launched
- Composite Doors Division fully integrated within grouphomesafe and restructured
- Reviewing portfolio to ensure Part L Building Regulations compliance

### International BP - H1 2010 Performance



## **Operating Profit and Margin**



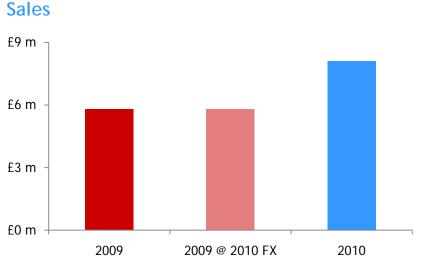
*Schlegel* ®

- International sales grew by 19% in H1 to £21.6m
- Net margins increased from 8.6% to 11.4%
- Operating profit increased by 57% to £2.5m

## H1 Highlights

- Closure of Chinese manufacturing gives us greater flexibility in sourcing high quality low cost product
- Focus on cross selling opportunities through International business - Australasia continues to lead the way
- Bolstered our presence in South America with expansion of Brazilian sales office
- Eastern Europe continues to perform strongly; Southern European markets remain depressed

## Oil and Gas Services - H1 2010 Performance



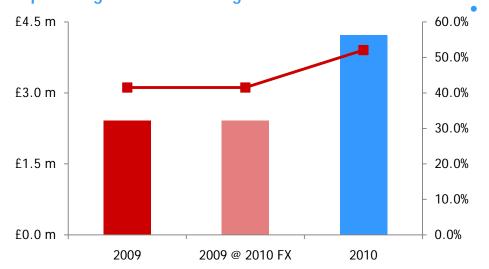


- Sales increased by 39% to £8.1 million
- Continued strong operating profit margins

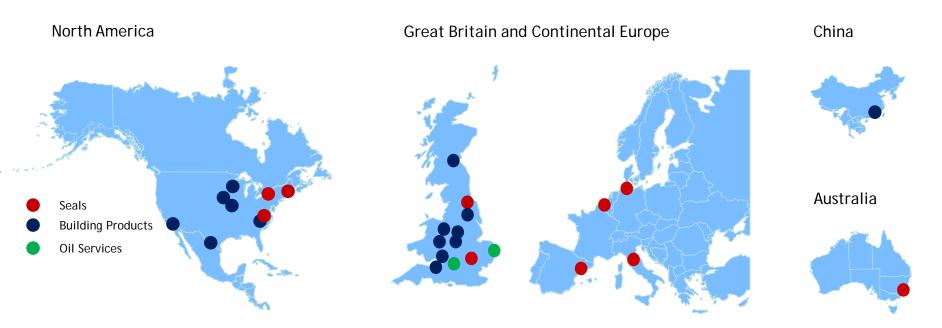
## H1 Highlights

- Increased sales of our most profitable product -Marine Breakaway Couplings - drove net margins higher in the period
- Order book and enquiry levels remain healthy
  - Timing of sales dependent on rigs and platforms coming on stream

## **Operating Profit and Margins**



### Lupus Capital plc Geographical Footprint



- Site Rationalisation Programme
  - Conversion of Chinese manufacturing to a sourcing operation
  - Mexican plant now operating at increased production levels
  - Tipton site now exited
- Management and Board Visits
  - CEO has visited all manufacturing sites worldwide
  - Remaining significant Distribution and Sourcing sites will be visited in H2 2010

## **H1 2010 Executive Priorities**

- Rebranding and refocusing of UK Operations grouphomesafe
- ✓ Investment in technology CRM system, business intelligence system
- ✓ Website Redesign
- ✓ Higher priority given to Group marketing
- ✓ Composite Doors Restructured ahead of expected downturn in Social Housing
- ✓ Headcount increases where merited by business activity levels
- ✓ Cost recoveries
- Renewed emphasis on New Product Development
- Restructured approach to Group sourcing Closure of Chinese Manufacturing

# Website Redesign



Group

- Website upgrade programme launched in 2010
- New plc website designed to be a window on the Group
- Gall Thomson website created
- Grouphomesafe website created to tie in with new branding and approach to market
- By year end all Group websites will have been updated



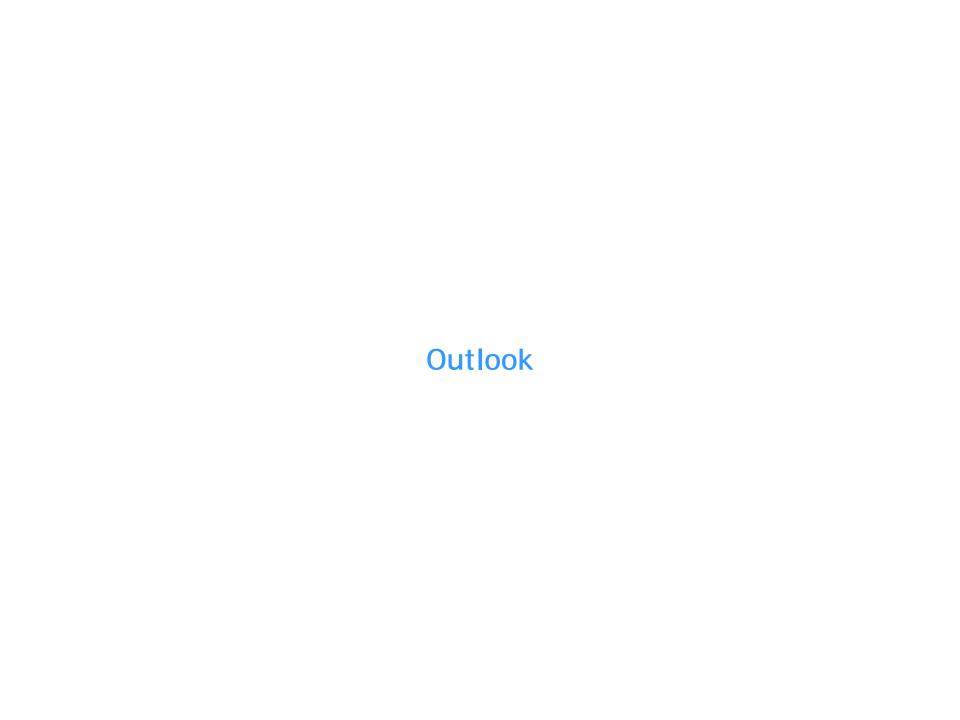




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**ERA Products** 



### 2010 Outlook

## Building Products

- Markets much more stable in H1 2010 than in 2009 but still highly competitive
- H2 2010 further progress expected but will not see a repeat of the marked period on period increases

#### Oil Services

- Steady inflow of orders at Gall Thomson in H1 2010
- MBC orders depend on the timing of platforms and rigs coming on-stream

## Input costs

- General upward pressure on input costs expected to continue
- Will seek to recover cost increases where possible without sacrificing market position

## Management focus in H2 2010

- Continue to gain market share where possible
- Protect margins
- Tight control over costs
- Continued cash generation to reduce net indebtedness
- Cautiously optimistic about prospects for the full year
- Expect to report results for the year ahead of current expectations

# Longer Term Outlook

- End-markets not expected to provide significant underlying growth for the foreseeable future
- Focus will remain on self help measures
  - Build on strong financial position and brands in current markets
  - Cross selling opportunities to existing customer base
  - Targeting increased share of customer spend
  - Margin enhancement
  - Continued investment in new product development, technology and marketing
  - Exploit competitor weakness
- Significant opportunities in the US
  - Higher margin businesses
  - Compelling US demographics over the medium to long term
  - Fragmented markets
- UK business much better positioned following successful implementation of grouphomesafe initiative
- New Geographies (Far East, South America and Eastern Europe) offer possible longer term potential
- Well positioned to take advantage of any long term increases in activity levels