

STRONG FIRST HALF RESULT FOR EBOS

EBOS has continued the trend of successive record results, achieved from improvements within its core businesses.

Net profit after tax for the six months to 31 December 2009 was \$11.7 million, up 38.2% on the six months to 31 December 2008.

EBITDA was \$21.4 million, an 18.2% increase on the prior year.

Earnings per share for the half year increased by 5.9 cents to 23.7 cents. Operating cash flow was a positive \$12.7 million for the half.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Both the Healthcare and Scientific business segments recorded increased profitability.
- Australia again recorded strong profit growth.
- Debt reduction, resulting in lowered funding costs, and efficiency drives to be highly cost competitive both contributed to the improved result.
- The result was achieved in a still difficult economic environment where capital expenditure on equipment remained modest.
- Our continued investment in automation and technology has improved operating efficiency.

OUTLOOK

The Health and Science sectors in which we operate will continue to be the focus of government attention in both of our key geographies due to the national importance and the cost to tax payers. We believe that our group is ideally placed to work with governments to assist with system changes through our logistics and I.T. expertise.

Our desire to grow, both generically and by acquisition, continues unabated.

DIVIDEND/BONUS SHARE DISTRIBUTION

The directors have approved a bonus share distribution of 13.5 cents per share for the half year (up from 10.5 cents per share for the corresponding period last year), to be issued on 13 April 2010. The record date for the bonus share distribution is 12 March 2010. Shareholders have the option to have these shares purchased back by the company for cash.

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