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**Transforming CWC:**

**Acquisition of Columbus  
International Inc.**

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# Transforming CWC

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A strategic step-change, accelerating growth

### **Columbus:**

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# Why Columbus?

**Accelerated delivery of strategy, accelerated growth profile, technology modernisation and reduced operational risk**

## Key terms

**Headline enterprise value of \$3,025m<sup>1</sup>**

- Financed with \$1,323m equity (placing and new vendor shares<sup>2</sup>) and \$1,702m debt (rollover and new issuance)
- Combined opening leverage<sup>3</sup> of 3.0x (consolidated) and 3.9x (proportionate)

## Valuation

Embedded momentum and growth will reduce multiple materially at completion from 12.3x June 2014 LTM EBITDA<sup>4</sup> pre cost synergies

**Cost synergies alone will reduce the EBITDA multiple by > 2x**

## Synergies

**Creates substantial in-market synergies with NPV of \$700m<sup>5</sup>**

- Operating costs: approx. **\$85m** run-rate
- Capex: approx. **\$145m** over 3 years
- Revenue: **significant opportunity**

## Guidance

**Mid to high single digit revenue growth and significant EBITDA growth**

**EPS neutral** in first full year post completion and material accretion in subsequent years

**Rapid de-leveraging** to < 2.75x (consolidated) and < 3.25x (proportionate) within Year 1; 0.5x p.a. subsequently

**Dividend** of 4c per share **unchanged**

**Closing expected in Q1 2015**

<sup>1</sup> Excluding transaction costs

<sup>2</sup> Number of vendor shares issued based on 15 day VWAP of 46p

<sup>3</sup> Assuming CWC leverage at 30 September 2014 and Columbus leverage at 30 June 2014 (unaudited)

<sup>4</sup> Assuming LTM EBITDA at 30 June 2014 for Columbus, adjusted to include \$14m from Promitel (acquisition completed in May 2014), as estimated for 10 months of contribution not currently included

<sup>5</sup> Excluding revenue synergies

# The Transformation

- Acquisition of Columbus injects state of the art TV and broadband technology into CWC
  - **De-risks** 'Project Marlin', and **accelerates** new market entry for TV
- Creates leader in Fixed Mobile Convergence by having the premier mobile, fibre and submarine networks across the region
  - Creates **best-in-class** quad-play, with leading content on multi-device platforms
- Huge opportunity in B2B/B2G business from expanding LatAm presence
  - **Unique combination of terrestrial and submarine assets** support strong in-market business solutions
- Significant opex, capex and revenue synergies

# The Acquisition

- Discussions over long period as JVCo progressed
- Vendor's decision to sell resulted in a "process" involving other parties
- Cash-like structure with upside for three principal vendors won the deal
- The principal vendors are:
  - 53.1% ownership: John Risley: c.2/3 shares and c.1/3 cash
  - 23.2% ownership: John Malone: All shares
  - 8.5% ownership: Brendan Paddick: c. 2/3 shares and c. 1/3 cash
- The principal vendors have a short two week window following results announcement in May 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to put to CWC at issue price about a quarter of their holding in each year
- Governance protection:
  - Principal vendors are in a lock-up expiring in 2019 with voting restrictions in the interim
  - John Risley and John Malone (or his representative) have board seats while shareholding is greater than 10%; Brendan Paddick also on board as non-executive

# Balanced capital structure: combined market capitalisation of \$3.4bn and opening net debt of \$2.4bn

\$3,025m Headline Purchase Price

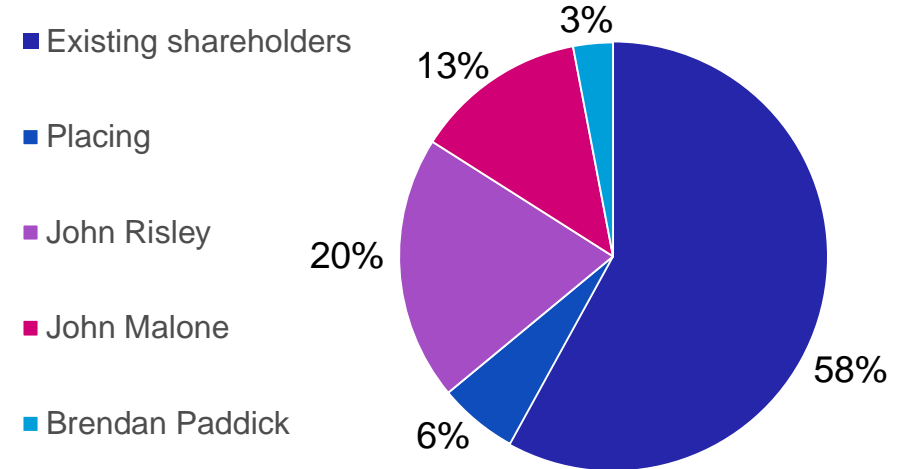
## Equity (44%)

- **New Equity:** \$1,145m CWC's equity, issued to key Columbus shareholders<sup>1</sup>
- **Placing of new shares:** \$178m intended to be raised at announcement
  - Up to 10% of outstanding shares placed in the market

## Debt (56%)

- **Rollover of Columbus' existing net debt:** \$1,173m<sup>2</sup>
- **New debt:** \$530m<sup>3</sup>
- Combined opening net debt of \$2.4bn<sup>4</sup> (existing consolidated net debt of CWC at 30 September 2014 of \$464m)

## Post-transaction



## Combined Opening Leverage<sup>4,5</sup>

3.0x consolidated  
3.9x proportionate

<sup>1</sup> Number of shares issued to key Columbus shareholders based on 15 day VWAP of 46p

<sup>2</sup> Excludes net debt adjustments for capitalised transaction costs and derivatives

<sup>3</sup> CWC intends to raise an additional \$230m for working capital purposes (including transaction fees)

<sup>4</sup> Assuming CWC net debt at 30 September 2014 and Columbus net debt at 30 June 2014 (unaudited)

<sup>5</sup> Assuming LTM EBITDA at 30 June 2014 for Columbus, adjusted to include \$14m from Promitel (acquisition completed in May 2014), as estimated for 10 months of contribution not currently included



# Transaction accelerates CWC strategy of best networks and best customer service and step-changes delivery of operational metrics...

## Mobile leadership

- Expanded customer base
- Mobility of TV content
- Leading backhaul connectivity

## Fixed Mobile Convergence

- More competitive bundles
- Premier network platform
- Expanded internet access

## Reinforce our TV offering

- Scale TV across CWC customer base
- Derive scale from content
- Experienced management team

## Grow B2B/ B2G business

- More complete managed services
- Strong LatAm network infrastructure
- Platform for market expansion

## Key operational metrics

- Relative NPS
- Reduced churn
- Mobile data **growth**

- Relative NPS
- Reduced cost per gigabit
- Products per customer **growth**

- Relative NPS
- Broadband churn
- TV subscriber **growth**

- Relative NPS
- MNC penetration
- **Growth** in connectivity sold with IT solutions

# ...whilst positioning CWC to respond to industry-led Fixed Mobile Convergence (FMC)

## Operators are acquiring and building FMC capabilities...

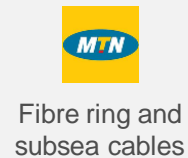
Fixed line players are developing mobile capabilities



Mobile players are acquiring fixed access capabilities...



...and backhaul and subsea networks



Telcos are also acquiring TV capabilities



## ...a trend that we see replicated in our markets

Our major Caribbean competitor has been acquiring fixed cable operators...



...investing in fibre networks...



Jamaica & Barbados

...acquiring international submarine assets...



...and securing content capabilities



Regulatory approvals required; transaction closing expected in Q1 2015



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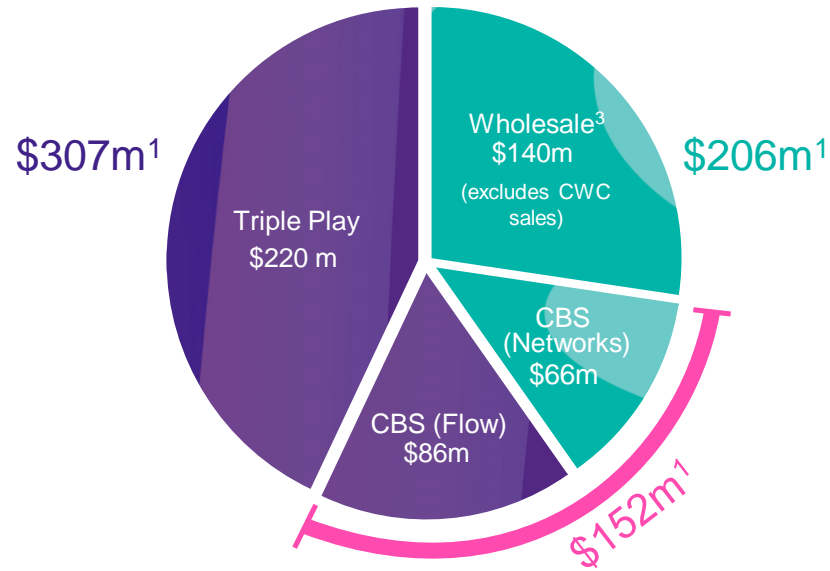
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# Columbus is a fast growing regional triple-play and B2B operator, supported by an extensive subsea and terrestrial network

## One of the region's leading cable triple-play providers

- Full triple-play:
  - Digital TV
  - IP telephony
  - Fibre-based broadband
- All digital & fully upgraded infrastructure at or above 870Mhz and DOCSIS 3.0
- ~700K service subscribers



## Independently ranked #1 subsea network provider in the Caribbean

- Broadband capacity and IP services for major telecoms and large corporates
- 64,300<sup>2</sup> km of fibre deployed
  - 42,000 km subsea
  - 22,300 km terrestrial
- 42 “on-net” countries
- CWC revenues booked in CWC



## Leverages terrestrial and sub-sea assets for B2B and B2G solutions

- Operates across Flow and Columbus Networks
- Connectivity; Managed Networking; IT Solutions; Cloud
- SME, enterprise, and government-focused
- 16 countries and ~17k corp. clients across region



<sup>1</sup> Revenue for year ended 31 December 2013 and pre inter-segment eliminations of \$8m

<sup>2</sup> Represents combined network of Columbus Networks & CWC Wholesale Solutions

<sup>3</sup> Represents 100% Columbus revenue

# Retail: **Flow** is a well-positioned triple-play operator across the region



GRENADA



TRINIDAD



JAMAICA



CURACAO



BARBADOS

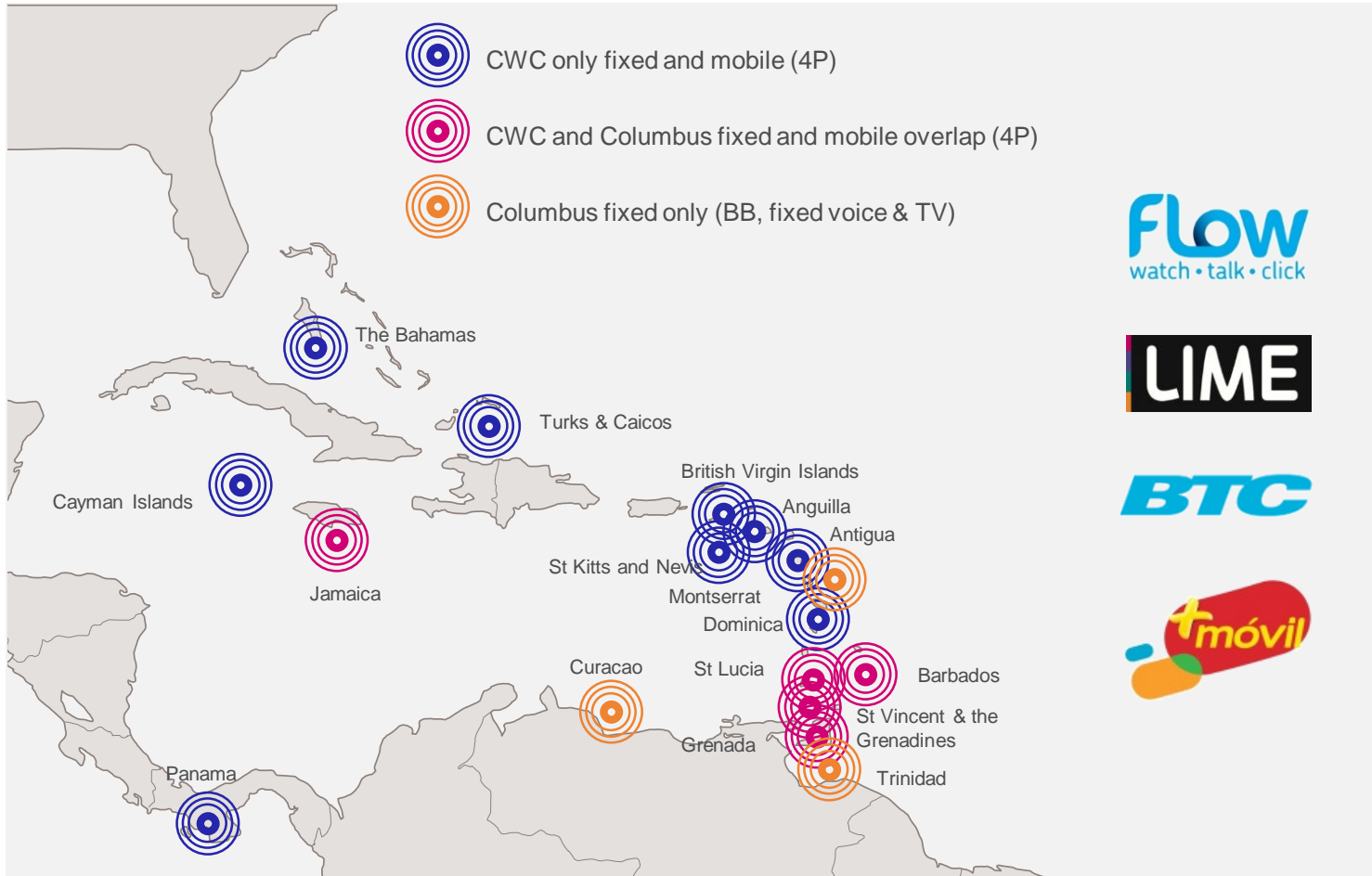
	GRENADA	TRINIDAD	JAMAICA	CURACAO	BARBADOS
<b>Market Positioning<sup>1</sup></b>	#1	#1	#1	#2	#2
<b>Plant design</b>	HFC	HFC	HFC	HFC	FTTH
<b>Plant KMs</b>	1,230	10,700	7,725	2,500	1,100
<b>RGUs</b>	28K	295K	228K	30K	49K
<b>Video penetration rate</b>	74%	50%	47%	28%	21%
<b>Homes Passed</b>	28K	304K	274K	53K	74K
<b>Total # of Homes</b>	35K	330K	725K	55K	100K
<b>Years in operation</b>	20+	8	7	4	1

**Flow also entering St Vincent, Antigua and St Lucia following recent acquisitions**

<sup>1</sup> Columbus management estimates



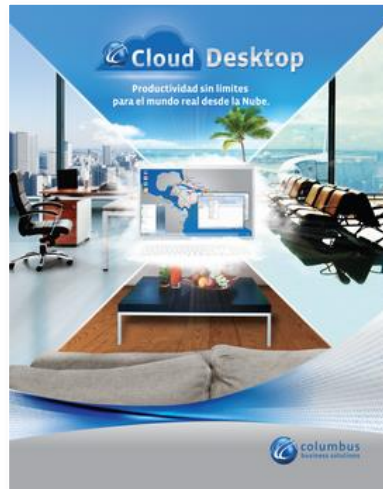
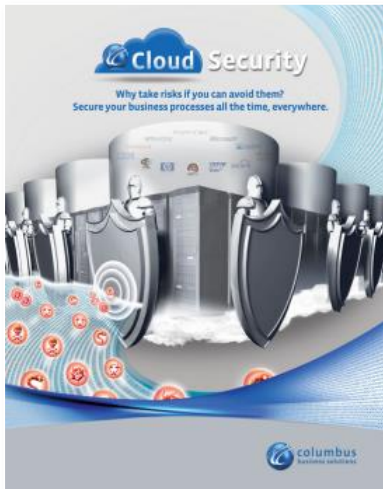
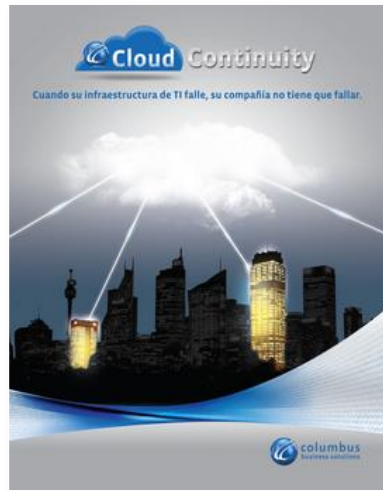
# Retail: CWC and Columbus' retail businesses provide significant quad-play growth potential



Post acquisition position				
Overlapping markets	Market position		TV?	
	Mobile	Fixed		
Jamaica	#2	#1	✓	
Barbados	#1	#1	✓	
S.E. Caribbean	#1	#1	✓	
Non-overlapping markets				
Trinidad & Tobago	#2	#1	✓	
N.E. Caribbean	#1	#1	✓	
Cayman	#1	#1	✓	
Bahamas	#1	#1	✓	
Panama	#1	#1	✓	
Curacao	Na	#1	✓	

**CWC's planned TV entry into 7 new markets accelerated by Columbus' TV expertise and comprehensive content**

# CBS sells B2B and B2G solutions that leverage on/off island networks



**Data Centres**  
Multiple Tier III data centres across the region

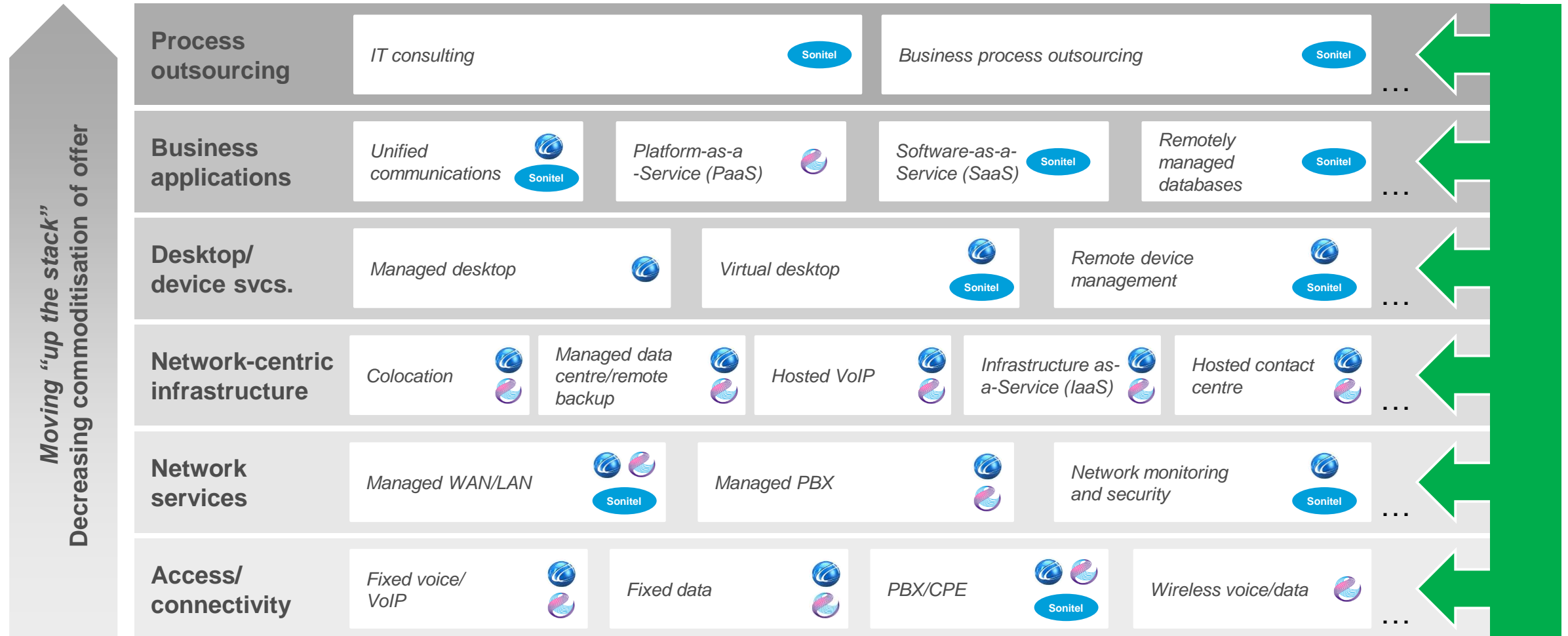
**Network Operations Centres**  
Local & regional with geographic redundancy and 24x7x365 operations

**Security Operations Centre**  
Network & IT Infrastructure monitoring with proactive management and 24x7x365 operations

**CWC brings 4 data centres, more extensive MPLS network, a larger sales force and IT solutions capabilities**

# Combined CBS and CWC/Sonitel capabilities offer complete end-to-end IT solutions

## Connectivity and IT services stack





# Columbus Networks offers a high-quality, extensive subsea and terrestrial network

Most extensive network with route diversity



Inter-region backhaul has grown 10x in 5 years



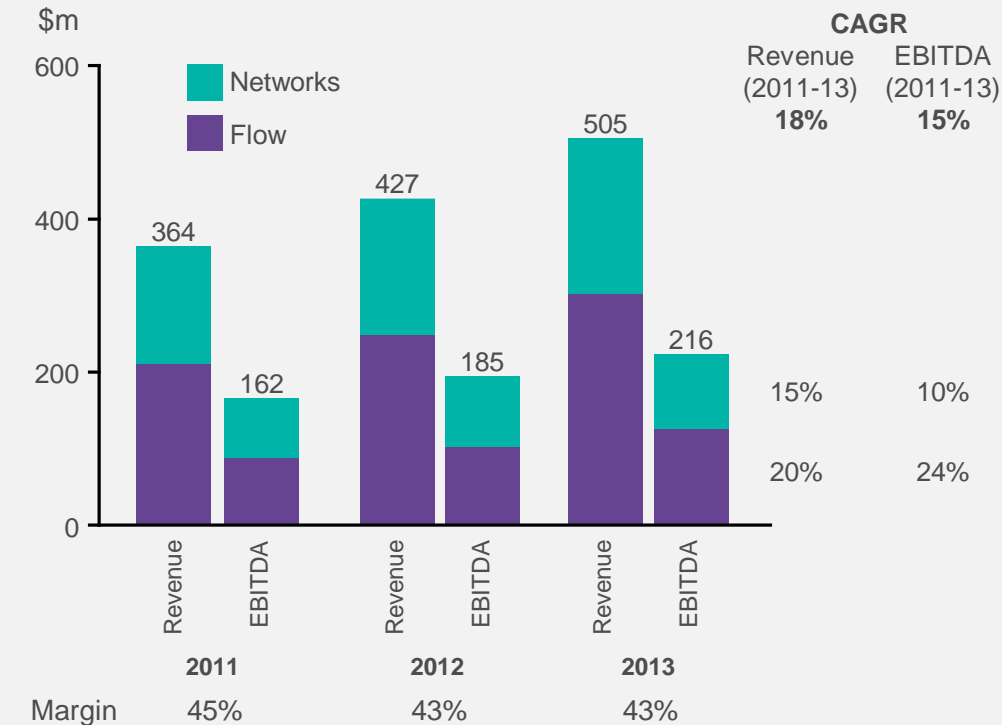
Leading wholesale carrier in the region with outstanding record of operational excellence

Core competencies in network engineering, optimisation and monitoring

# Columbus has delivered sustained growth and financial performance

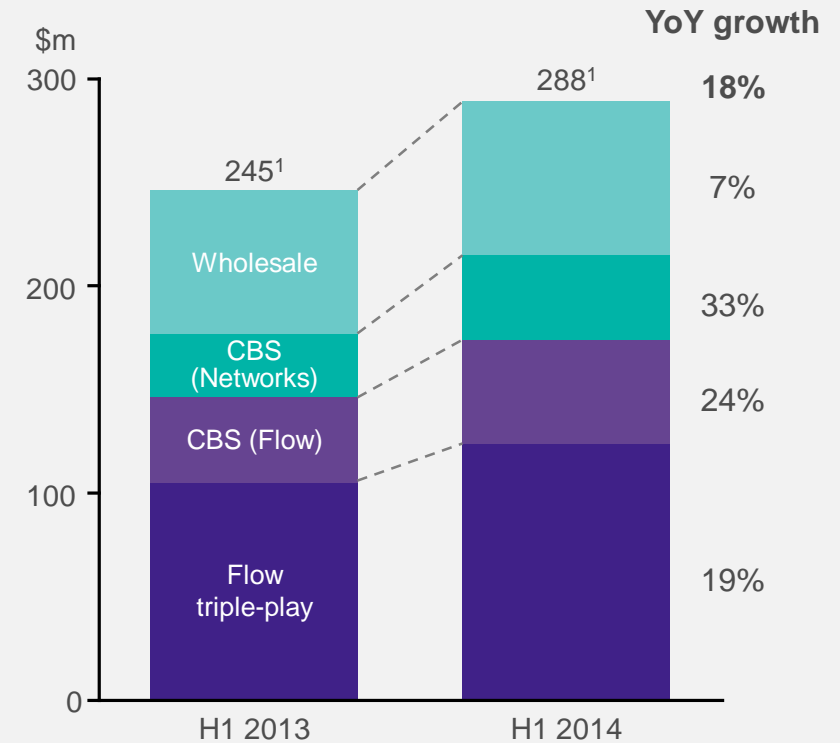
## Historical performance

Columbus International revenue and EBITDA (2011-2013)



## Revenue growth by BU (HoH)

Columbus International revenue by business unit



**Growth will continue from increased product penetration and network extensions in current geographies**

Note: Revenue and EBITDA figures for 2011, 2012 and 2013 net of inter-segment eliminations; Flow includes both Triple Play and Business Solutions  
 EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/expense and exceptional items  
<sup>1</sup> For H1 2013 and H1 2014, revenue pre inter-segment eliminations of \$2m and \$4m respectively  
 Source: Columbus Q2 2014 Financial Results





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In addition to the compelling strategic rationale, there are significant synergy opportunities of over \$700m<sup>1</sup> NPV

### Operating costs

*c. \$85m run-rate  
(c. 10% of combined)*

Consolidation of overlapping costs, optimisation of remaining operating expense and COGS

### Capex savings

*c. \$145m over 3 years  
(c. 10% of combined)*

Cancellation of overlapping investment plans across the network footprint

### Revenues

*Significant opportunity*

Improved product offering, cross-selling and reduced churn

**45% of EBITDA synergies by end of year 1, 85% year 2, and 100% year 3**

**35% of capex synergies in year 1, 40% year 2, and 25% year 3**

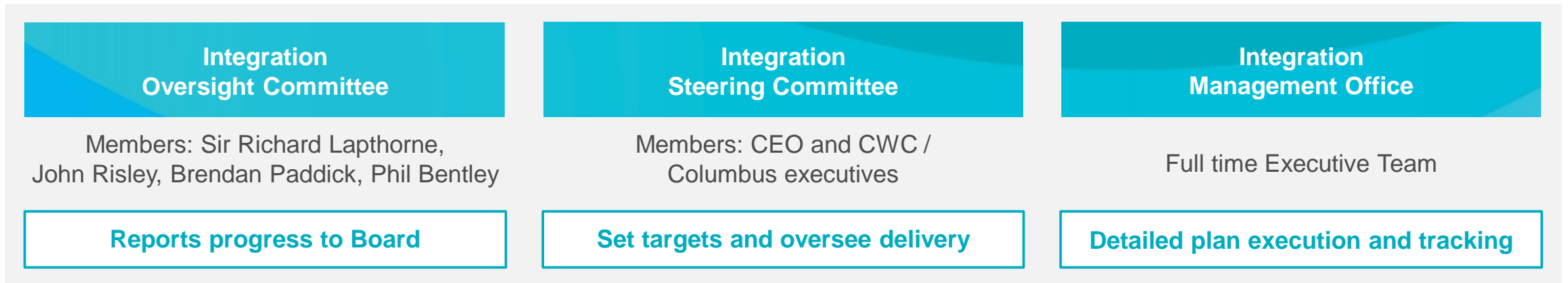
**Exceptional cash costs c. \$110m, 45% in year 1, 40% year 2, 15% year 3**

<sup>1</sup> Excluding revenue synergies

## One-time cost: We estimate that achieving synergies will require exceptional costs of c. \$110m

	Synergy (run-rate)	Time to full capture	Cost to realise
Headcount	~\$24m	2-3 years	~\$30m
Facilities (including utilities)	~\$3m	1-2 years	~\$2m
Marketing & advertising	~\$4m	1 year	n/a
Other non-staff (e.g., professional services)	~\$18m	1-2 years	n/a
Network costs (non-headcount)	~\$31m	2-3 years	~\$60m
Network COGS	~\$5m	0.5-1 year	~\$5m
Other one-time costs (e.g., branding, communications)	n/a	n/a	~\$14m
<b>Total</b>	<b>~\$85m</b>	<b>0.5-3 years</b>	<b>~\$110m</b>

# Integration planning to capture synergies



**Operations to be largely integrated within six months following close – retention packages for key employees**



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# Transforming CWC – A strategic step-change in growth and returns

## Revenue

**Enhanced Revenue Growth** – annual mid to high single digit % top line growth

## EBITDA

**Significant Growth** – through material synergy realisation, operating efficiencies and consolidation of best practices

## EPS

**EPS Accretion** – neutral in Year 1 post completion; material accretion thereafter

## ROIC

**> 10%** return on invested capital in Year 3

## Leverage

**Deleveraging Profile** – FCF generation results in proportionate leverage of c.2.0x by Year 3

## Dividend

**No change to dividend policy**

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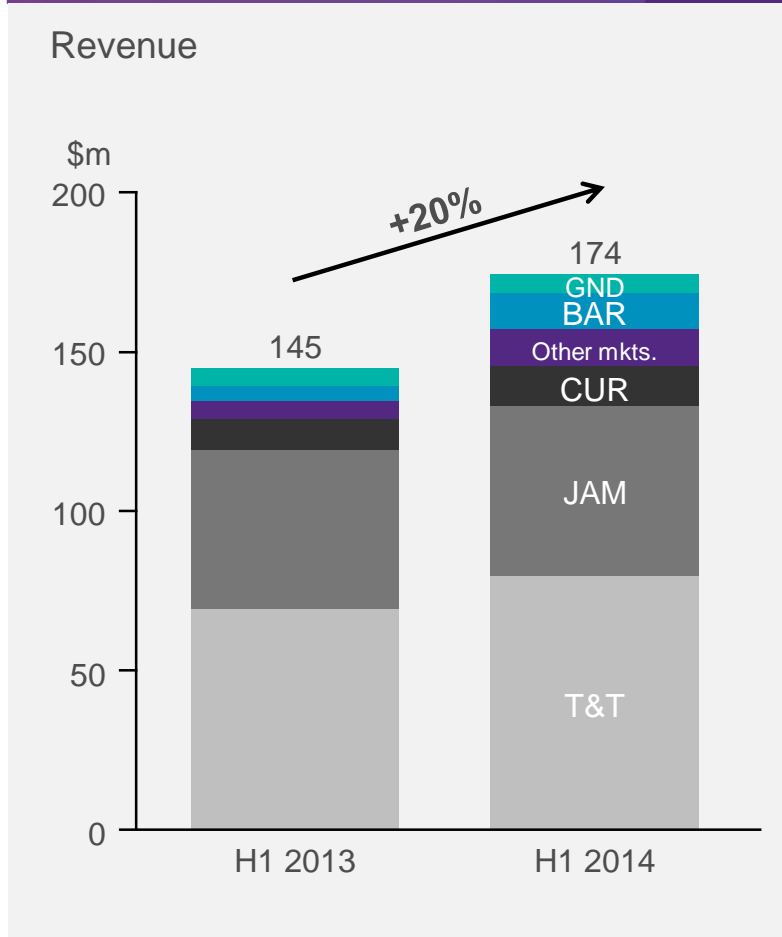
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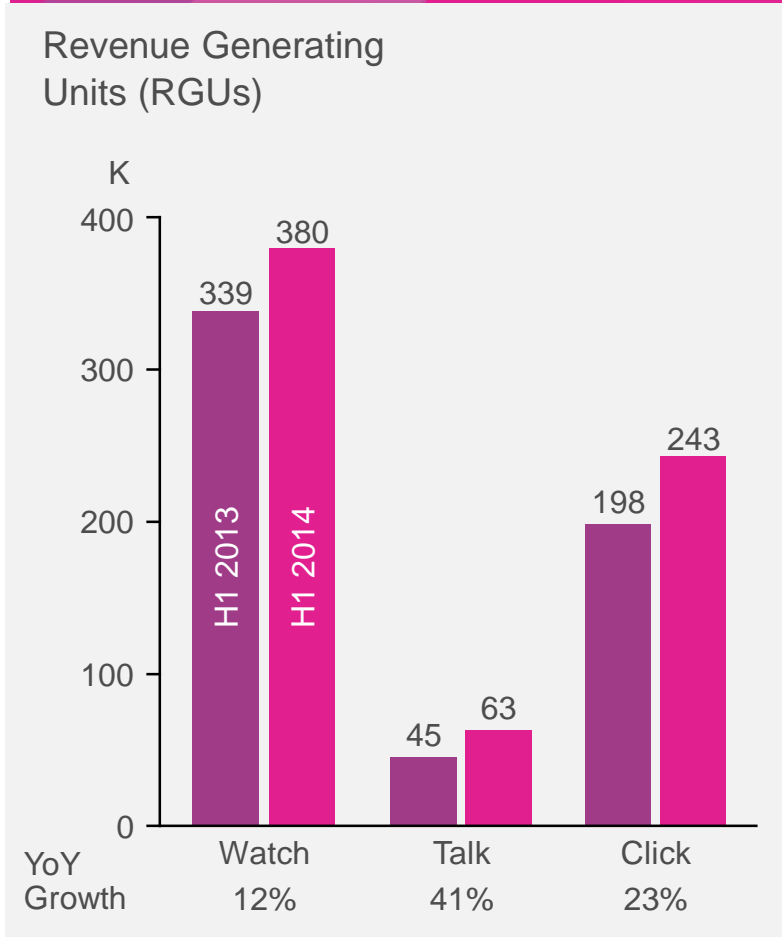


# Flow's growth has historically been strong, with ample room for continued expansion

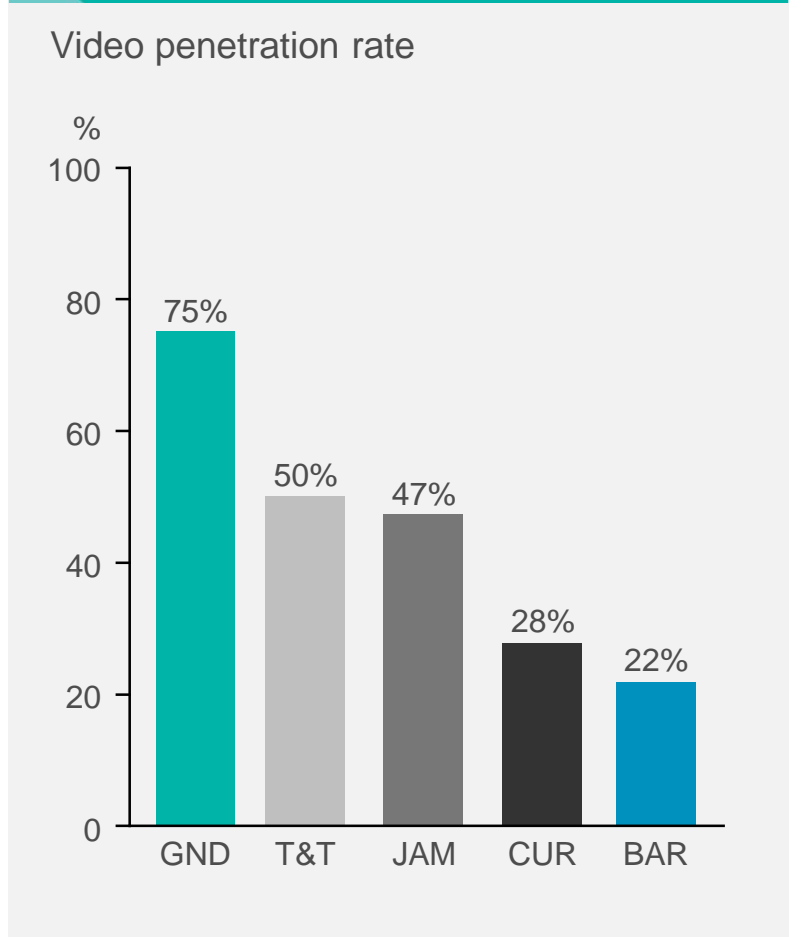
## Revenue by country



## RGUs by product line



## Video penetration

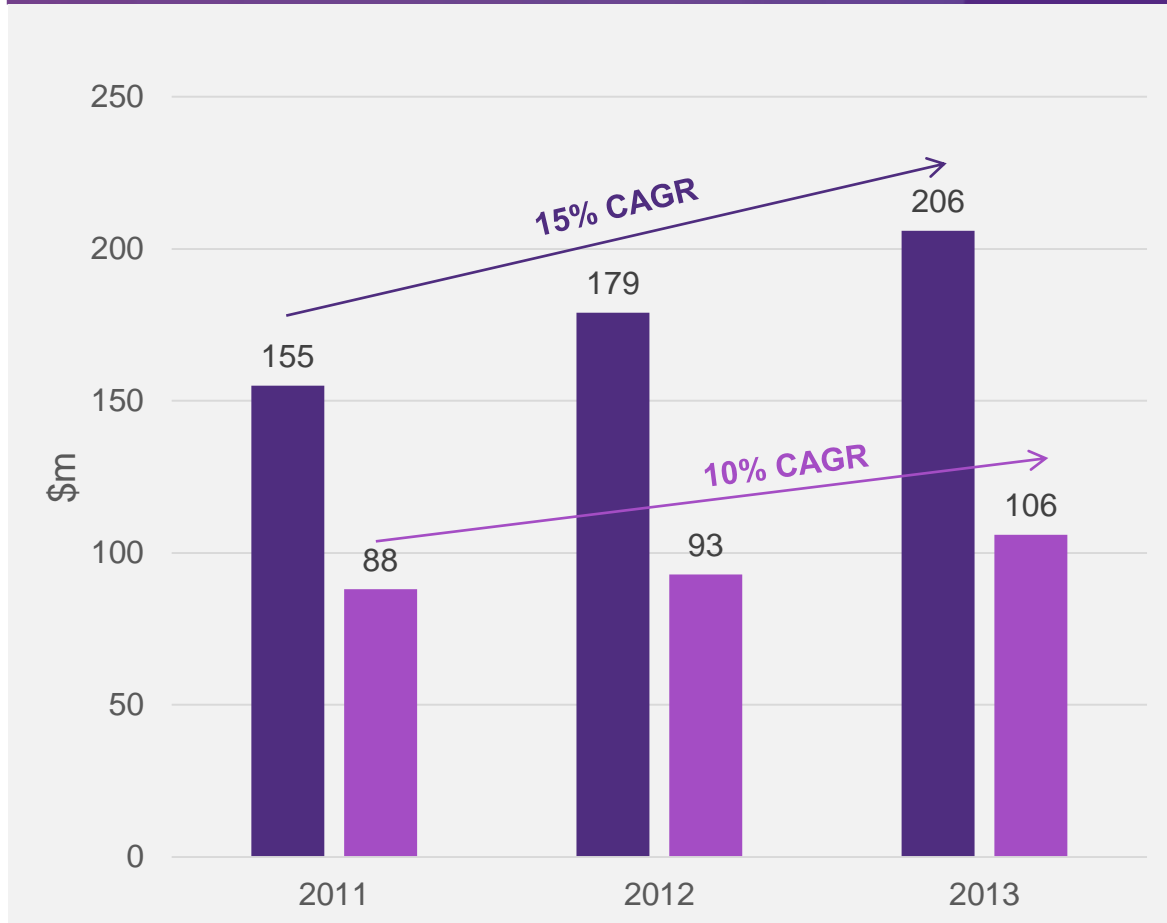


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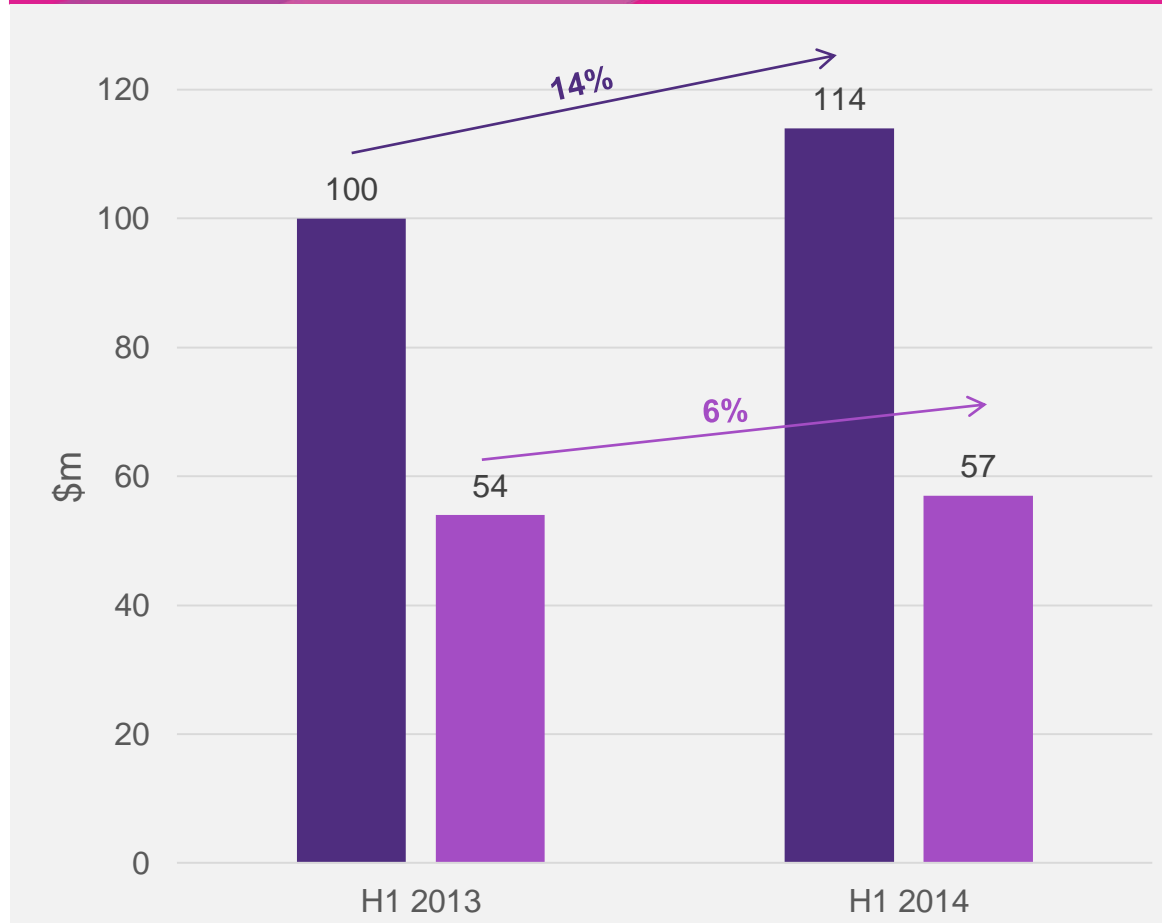
# Columbus Networks has delivered sustained double-digit revenue and EBITDA growth



Columbus Networks historical revenue<sup>1</sup> and EBITDA (2011-13)



Columbus Networks historical revenue and EBITDA (HoH)



■ Revenue ■ EBITDA

<sup>1</sup> Excludes CWC revenue from JV assets. Pre inter-segment eliminations of \$2m in 2011, \$2m in 2012 and \$8m in 2013

Note: EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/expense and exceptional items

Source: Columbus Q2 2014 Financial Results



# Reconciliation of Columbus Historic EBITDA

	Year ended 31 December			Six month period ended 30 June	
	2011 \$m	2012 \$m	2013 \$m	2013 \$m	2014 \$m
<b>Total operating profit</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Add back</b>					
- depreciation and amortisation	74	82	96	46	52
- share of loss of associates	-	1	2	1	-
- other operating expenses	13	10	12	5	17
- exceptional items	1	7	2	1	1
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>118</b>

Note: EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/expense and exceptional items. The table above shows the reconciliation of EBITDA to Columbus's reported total operating profit for the periods indicated

# Reconciliation of Columbus Segmental Historic EBITDA

	Year ended 31 December 2011				Year ended 31 December 2012				Year ended 31 December 2013			
	Networks \$m	Flow \$m	Eliminations & Adjustments \$m	Total	Networks \$m	Flow \$m	Eliminations & Adjustments \$m	Total	Networks \$m	Flow \$m	Eliminations & Adjustments \$m	Total
<b>Profit/(loss) after tax</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>(95)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>(111)</b>	<b>(9)</b>
Add back												
- tax	5	3	2	<b>10</b>	7	9	2	<b>18</b>	6	8	3	<b>17</b>
- net finance expense	-	-	73	<b>73</b>	-	-	81	<b>81</b>	-	-	96	<b>96</b>
- depreciation and amortisation	36	38	-	<b>74</b>	38	44	-	<b>82</b>	41	55	-	<b>96</b>
- share of loss of associate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	<b>1</b>	-	-	2	<b>2</b>
- other operating expense	3	4	6	<b>13</b>	-	2	8	<b>10</b>	-	2	10	<b>12</b>
- exceptional operating costs	-	1	-	<b>1</b>	1	-	6	<b>7</b>	1	1	-	<b>2</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216</b>

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# Reconciliation of Columbus Segmental Half Year EBITDA

	Six month period ended 30 June 2013				Six month period ended 30 June 2014			
	Networks \$m	Flow \$m	Eliminations & Adjustments \$m	Total	Networks \$m	Flow \$m	Eliminations & Adjustments \$m	Total
<b>Profit/(loss) after tax</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(52)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>(136)</b>	<b>(81)</b>
<b>Add back</b>								
- tax	2	3	1	6	2	7	-	9
- net finance expense	-	-	47	47	-	-	120	120
- depreciation and amortisation	20	26	-	46	23	29	-	52
- share of loss of associate	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
- other operating expense	-	1	4	5	4	3	10	17
- exceptional operating costs	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>118</b>

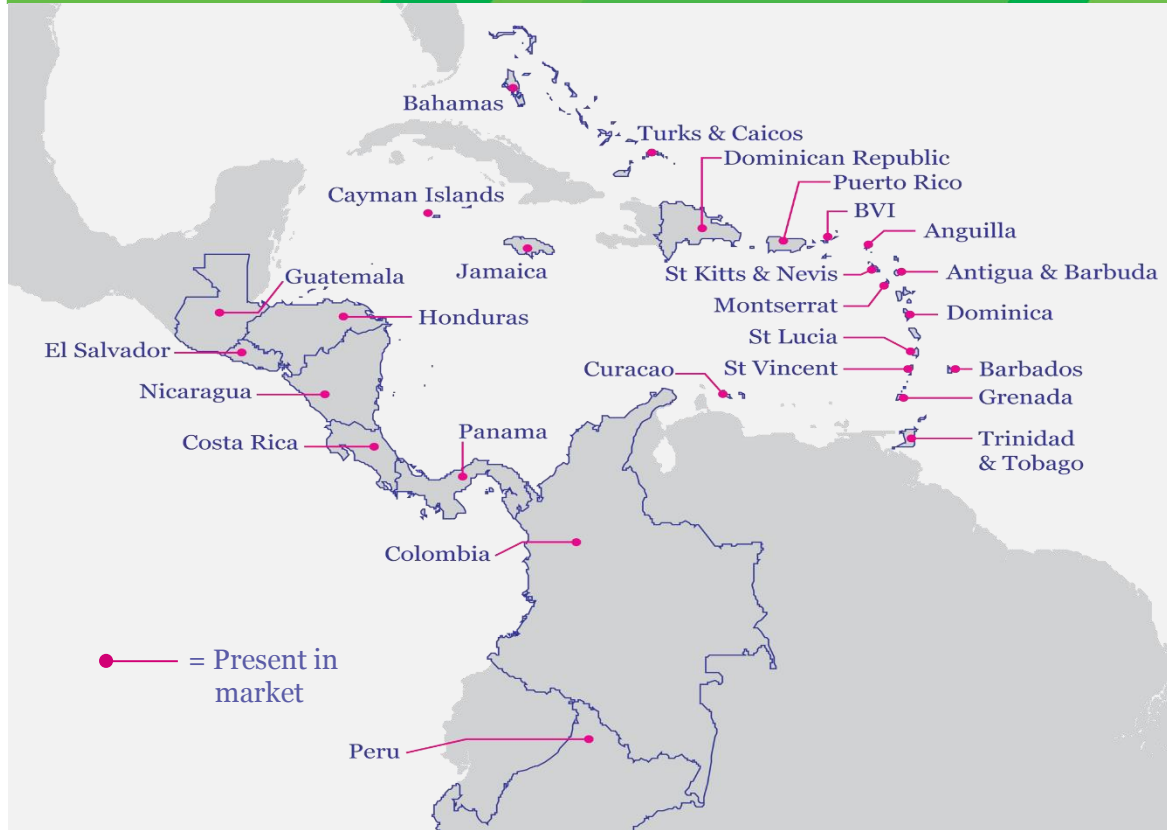
Note: EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/expense and exceptional items. The table above shows the reconciliation of EBITDA by segment and in total to Columbus's reported profit/(loss) after tax for the periods indicated

## Next steps / timetable to completion

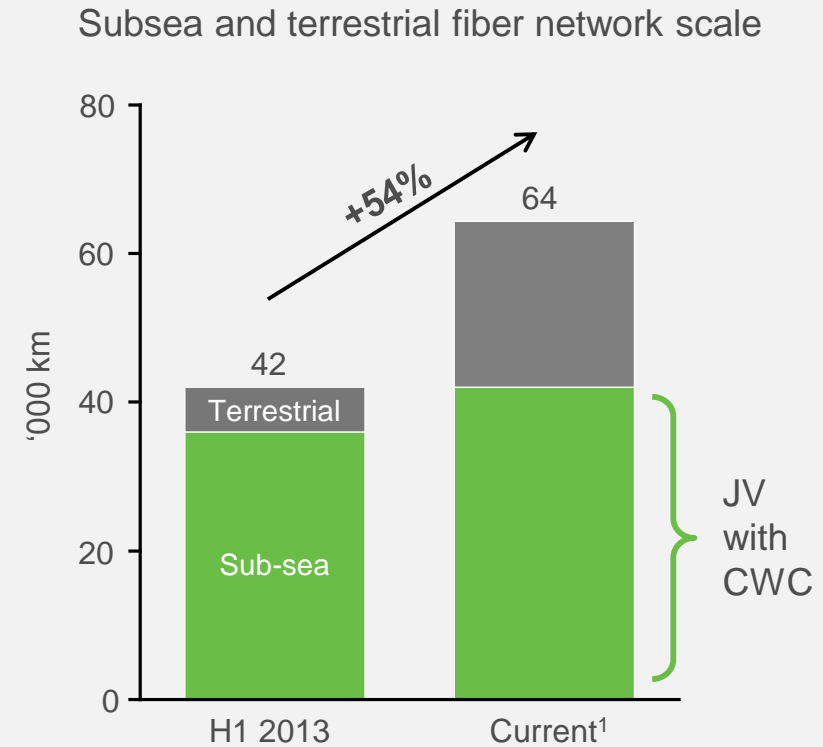
Date	Action
November 2014	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Transaction announcement</li><li>2 Placing of new shares</li><li>3 Bondholders consent</li><li>4 Posting of circular</li></ol>
December 2014	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5 Shareholder vote (General Meeting)</li></ol>
Q1 2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6 Closing following consents in:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barbados</li><li>• Jamaica</li><li>• Trinidad</li><li>• US (HSR)</li></ul></li></ol>

# Both CWC and Columbus operate in under-penetrated markets offering attractive growth

## Combined group has focused geographical presence



## Growing subsea and terrestrial capacity



<sup>1</sup> Current includes Flow terrestrial fibre

Combined retail and B2B business well placed to capture future data growth

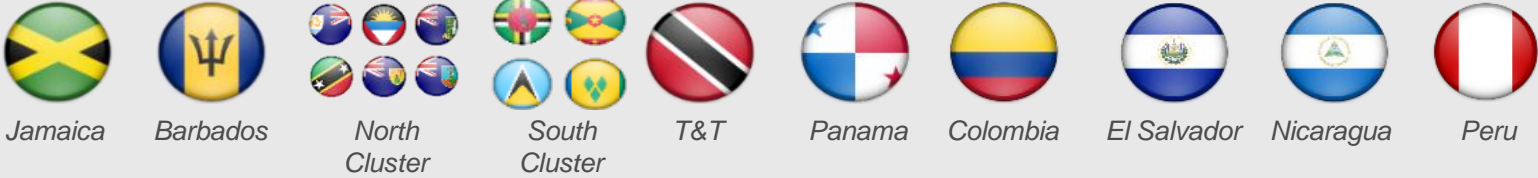

Subsea network positioned to capitalise on increased backhaul demand



## Cost: Circa \$85m run-rate cost synergies by year three

Costs synergy driver	Description	Estimated synergies (Annual)
<b>Overlapping market operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rationalise local admin, back-office, and facilities</li> <li>Consolidate brands and marketing spend</li> <li>Renegotiate vendor rates</li> <li>Harmonise IT systems/roles</li> <li>Improve customer care support costs</li> </ul>	~\$35m EBITDA
<b>Network operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition to Columbus' fixed networks                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accelerate legacy networks de-commissioning</li> <li>- Reduce truck rolls</li> <li>- Eliminate duplicate maintenance</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renegotiate maintenance fees</li> <li>Consolidate network and service operating centres</li> </ul>	~\$30m EBITDA
<b>Other operating costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage central support of non-overlapping markets</li> <li>Eliminate incremental overhead</li> </ul>	~\$15m EBITDA
<b>TV content COGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage Columbus' rates and increased scale</li> </ul>	~\$5m EBITDA

# Capex: Circa \$145m in synergies – 10% of combined spend

Capex synergy driver	Description	Estimated synergies (3-yr totals)
<b>Network (Fixed &amp; TV)</b>	Leverage Columbus' fibre network to avoid duplicative spend Integrate TV infrastructure Achieve rate reductions due to greater scale Combine transmission layers Accelerate copper network de-commissioning and property rationalisation	~\$145m
<b>Overlapping markets (Retail and B2B)</b>	 <p>                         Jamaica   Barbados   North Cluster   South Cluster   T&amp;T   Panama   Colombia   El Salvador   Nicaragua   Peru                     </p>	
<b>Non-overlapping markets (Retail and B2B)</b>	 <p>                         Cayman (CWC)   Bahamas (CWC)   Curacao (Columbus)                     </p>	

Note: Estimated synergies would result from avoiding unnecessary duplication

# Revenue: Retail and B2B/B2G commercial upside provides additional value to the business

Business	Opportunity	Description
Retail	Gain share of wallet with existing customers by cross / upselling	Cross-sell product portfolio Create improved value proposition Utilise multi-product offering to improve customer satisfaction and reduce churn
	Improve value of CWC TV offering for current subscribers	Leverage Columbus' fixed network to improve current CWC TV offering Improved speed to market
	Reduce quality-related churn	Improve mobile and fixed network quality by leveraging existing fixed network infrastructure, resulting in reduced churn rates for existing customers
B2B/B2G	Optimise Business Solution offering	Provide more complete end-to-end solutions, reducing churn at lower cost-to-serve
	Accelerated speed to market	Enter new markets that leverage existing fibre networks and MNC customer relationships (Ecuador/Peru) Access Colombia, Costa Rica and Guatemala via fibre backhaul and metro-nets

# Vendor equity is structured to incentivise retention, but allows short liquidity windows

- Annual put option can be exercised in two weeks following preliminary results each year
  - If not exercised, shares can be sold in market during following two months (subject to orderly marketing provisions)
- Fixed put strike price of \$0.7349<sup>1</sup> at signing
- Tax implications for vendors of put exercise
- Shares to be voted in-line with CWC Board recommendation<sup>2</sup>
- Lock-up expires following 2019 sale period
  - If shares are sold outside permitted period after 2017, all future puts are cancelled
- Governance
  - One Board representative for each of John Risley, Brendan Paddick and John Malone
  - Vendor Board seat entitlement removed following expiry of puts if holding < 10%<sup>3</sup>

Put window (2 weeks after prelims)	Put amount <sup>1</sup> \$m	% of vendor equity	% of total CWC equity <sup>4</sup>
May 2016	279	24.4	8.8
May 2017	279	24.4	8.8
May 2018	347	30.3	10.9
May 2019	240	21.0	7.5

<sup>1</sup> Based on 15 day VWAP of 46p and GBP / USD exchange rate of 1.5979

<sup>2</sup> Exception if resolution is to implement a scheme of arrangement in respect of a takeover offer that has been recommended by the CWC Board

<sup>3</sup> Other than Brendan Paddick

<sup>4</sup> Adjusted for the placing of new shares



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