

## Boral delivers a substantial profit improvement

BORAL (ASX: BLD) ~~up~~ 64% increase in net profit after tax (NPAT) before significant items <sup>1</sup> to \$171 million ~~up~~ from \$104 million in the 30 June 2014. After significant items, Boral reported a net profit after tax of \$173 million .

Affiliated with a strong level of cash generation in FY2014. We  
 more than halved Boral's net debt from \$1.45 billion to \$718 million  
 in 2014. The USG and USG Boral divisions  
 generated \$507 million and \$309 million

Mike Kane, CEO, Boral  
 EBITDA margin of 15%

"While we are continuing to work on portfolio improvements to better position Boral for the long-term, we are maintaining our short-term focus on cost reductions to offset inflationary headwinds – particularly as pricing remains challenging in some key markets. We are also focused on continuing to lift the performance of underperforming businesses through restructuring and other initiatives, including completing a review of our global Bricks position and commencing a review of our Australian Timber business.

"In FY2015, we expect growth in the US housing market and key markets in Asia but in Australia strength in the housing market and non-residential activity will be offset by a slowdown in roads and infrastructure activity. Overall, we expect improvements in the performance of each of Boral's four divisions," Mr Kane

FY2015 EBITDA

**Construction Materials & Cement** \$1.1 billion  
 EBITDA margin of 15%

**Building Products** \$800 million EBITDA in FY2014.

**Boral Gypsum** \$1.1 billion EBITDA margin of 15%

**Boral USA** \$1.1 billion EBITDA margin of 1.1-1.2%