



# 2009 Results

## March 2010



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## Executive Summary

- Challenging UK economic environment in 2009
- Results in line with market expectations
- Strong performance in Packaging Distribution
- Difficult H1 in Manufacturing Operations – profitability restored in H2
- Net debt at similar levels to 2008
- Increase in pension fund deficit – further actions being taken
- Final dividend 1.0p per share payable June 2010 after AGM
- Series of updated strategic actions for 2010 and beyond



<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>2009</b>	2008	2007
<b>Sales</b>	<b>123.6</b>	131.4	119.7
<b>Sales Trend</b>	<b>(6%)</b>	10%	13%
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>(5%)</b>	12%	15%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>(11%)</b>	3%	6%
<b>Distribution GP</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	30.0%	30.3%
<b>Operating profit %</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	3.6%	2.6%
<b>Operating profit pre exceptional</b>	<b>4.4</b>	4.7	3.0
<b>Exceptional costs</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	0.0	0.0
<b>Interest</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	(1.0)	(0.5)
<b>Pre-tax profit</b>	<b>2.5</b>	3.7	2.5
<b>Tax charge (credit)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	(1.0)
<b>Discontinued operations</b>	<b>0.4</b>	(1.1)	(1.6)
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>7.3</b>	7.2	3.1



<b>CASH FLOW</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Working capital (net)</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Interest and Tax</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>
<b>Pensions scheme payment</b>	<b>(2.3)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>
<b>Disposal of subsidiary</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Acquisitions</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>(7.4)</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>
<b>Net capital expenditure</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>
<b>Dividends</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>(2.2)</b>	<b>(2.2)</b>
<b>Movement in debt</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>(4.1)</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Opening debt</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>	<b>(3.1)</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>
<b>Closing debt</b>	<b>(7.3)</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>	<b>(3.1)</b>



## 2009 – Distribution

- Distribution sales reduction 5% versus 2008
- New business gains were 53% ahead of 2008
- 2008 acquisition of Allpoint generated benefit of £0.3m
- Gross margin 31.3% versus 30.0% in 2008
- 2009 cost saving initiatives resulted in overhead reductions of 5%
- Telford RDC closed on expiry of lease – absorbed into Manchester and Coventry
- Underlying return in Distribution continues to improve from 2.8% to 4.0%





## 2009 – Distribution

- Eight RDCs in the range 7% to 12% Return on Sales
- Six RDCs in the range 0% to 4% Return on Sales
- Three RDCs making losses in 2009
- Lower return RDCs caused by high property costs and customer mix at lower margin
- Best practice programme driving operational benefit
- Acquisitions trading well:
  - Online now fully integrated into Macfarlane network
  - Allpoint will be integrated during 2010
  - Telford closure drives benefit in two lower performers



## 2009 – Manufacturing Operations

- Labels sales reduction 12% vs 2008 – sales mix changes
- Raw material cost increases in Q1 2009 of 30%
- Good growth in ReSeal-It – US customer demand
- Good wins in major own-brand customers eg. McBrides
- Profitable but significantly reduced levels of profitability
- Packaging Manufacturing – sales 11% below 2008
- Growth in partnership with Distribution – currently > 25% total sales
- Manufacturing/Industrial customers downspending
- Defence/Aerospace upspending in Q4 2009





## Pension Deficit

- Investment values now £40.6m versus £35.9m in 2008
- Liabilities now £61.0m versus £53.4m in 2008
- Deficit of £20.4m versus £17.5m in 2008
- Increase in deficit caused primarily by decrease in discount rate from 6.25% to 5.75% - more than offset strong 2009 equity performance
- Intention is to reduce the deficit over seven years
- Valuation 2008 – contributions £2m pa until 2012
- Future accrual of benefit limited since 2006/7
- Currently consulting to amend benefit levels
- Introducing pension increase exchange in H2 2010



## 2010 Trading Environment

- Cautious on overall demand - mixed outlook by sector
- 2010 likely to see a continuing period of weak demand
- Bank facilities of £12.5m renewed until February 2011
- Customers looking for security of supply
- Suppliers looking for certainty with their customer base
- Resilience shown in 2009 and strong platform for 2010



## 2010 Strategic Agenda – Distribution

- Concentrate on customer retention/product penetration
- Increase new business activity
- Focus on key sectors eg. 3PL – benefit from our UK coverage
- Accelerate development of presentational packaging
- Stronger web presence -[www.macfarlanepackaging.com](http://www.macfarlanepackaging.com)
- Continue best practice to ensure delivery of potential
- Deliver full year benefits of Telford closure
- Integrate Allpoint into the Macfarlane network
- Further improve cash management
- Evaluate acquisition opportunities – both for geographic presence and utilise current infrastructure



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## 2010 Strategic Agenda - Manufacturing

### Labels

- Sales leadership to focus on more beneficial sales mix
- Identify opportunities to rebuild margins
- Improve operational efficiencies
- Further develop ReSeal-It in US/other geographies

### Packaging Manufacturing

- Continually review and flex costs in line with demand
- Improve margins by effective recovery of cost changes
- Strengthen relationship with Distribution
- Productivity and service improvement initiatives



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