

FY13 Interim Results 20 November 2012









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Group Performance Summary

Group

- □ NPAT down 2% to \$14m
- □ Cash NPAT¹ flat at \$14.9m
- □ Revenue up 4% to \$100.5m
- □ Basic EPS of 9.57 cents; a decrease of 5%
- Operating cash grew to \$48.8m
- Gearing levels remain conservative at 14%
- Interim DPS 4.5 cents; a 13% increase

By Division

- Radio Rentals record installations and earnings
- Cashfirst Ioan book to \$20m and new growth strategy being implemented
- □ Thorn Equipment Finance strong book build to \$28m
- NCML earnings impacted but recovery beginning





Revenue and Cash NPAT¹ summary



¹ Cash NPAT is calculated as NPAT adjusted for the amortisation expense of NCML customer relationship intangible asset



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Cash NPAT¹ in-line with prior year Impacted by one-off GST expense and NCML performance

- Radio Rentals grew earnings contribution to a new record
- NCML earnings impacted by loss of the ATO contract and lower PDL revenue
- Cashfirst performance improved in line with the loan book growth
- TEF book growth yet to convert to earnings
- GST on financial products issue expensed
- Other corporate costs increased in line with business growth
- Financing costs decreased due to lower average debt levels







Impairment Losses Continue to run at historic rates

- Rental improved due to the sale of debt and lower rental asset losses
- Provisioning for finance leases continues at historic run rates
- Cashfirst write offs continue at prior year levels, with recoveries favourably impacting
- Thorn Equipment Finance in-line with expectations
- One-off debt sale \$900k
- Regular debt sale process initiated earning \$200k

In thousands of AUD	H112	H113
Rental		
 Provisioning 	3,002	3,013
 Asset losses 	698	945
– Net Debt	226	(36)
Cashfirst		
 Provisioning 	396	358
– Net Debt	588	814
TEF		
 – Net impairment losses 	163	747



*H112 Net bad debt and asset losses includes the favourable impact of \$600k debt sale *H113 Net bad debt and asset losses includes the favourable impact of \$1.1m debt sale



Cash Flows continued to grow Operating cash flows up 40% on PCP

- Receipts increased 11% driven by Radio Rentals, TEF and Cashfirst revenues
- Payments positively affected by timing differences
- Tax favourable as there was no final payment for FY12 due to the deferred tax gain arising from the NCML acquisition
- Increase in Rental Asset expenditure due to furniture demand and the introduction of Apple products
- Financing positively impacted by debt repayment in the PCP following the rights issue







Balance Sheet

Continued growth in key asset categories

- Consumer lease book growth generated by demand for large TVs
- Commercial lease book continued to gain momentum with the brand achieving good traction in the market
- Consumer loans continued to grow due to solid new business levels and increasing re-writes
- Rental assets driven by strong performance in furniture
- Limited PDL purchases
- Closing net debt to equity increased versus PCP – Commercial lease book growth as main factor.

	30 Sep 12	Mover \$m	ment %
Consumer Lease book [*]	94,637	5,305	6
Commercial Lease book*	36,203	20,660	133
Consumer Loans	20,281	2,689	15
Rental Assets	52,696	4,218	9
PDLs	5,737	594	12

* Consumer and Commercial lease book disclosed on a gross basis, inclusive of interest due



radio m rentals : Strong result in a tough market

- EBITDA \$24.6m, 9% up on prior year
- □ Total installation revenue grew 3%
- □ AUR (average price per unit) increased 1% to \$48.19
- Customer count steady with the base remaining at 100,000
- Customer retention improved from 44% to 46%
- Disconnections dues grew 19% in-line with base growth & life curves





Closing Dues (\$'000s)



Significant furniture growth achieved

□ Furniture up 46%* - increased demand for lounge and dining products

- Whitegoods down 3%* continued demand for larger appliances
- □ Other categories up 6% driven by audio products





* Installation revenue movement

Large screens and new products improving performance

- Flat panels down 7%, but boosted by the performance of larger screens
- □ Thorn branded panels 38% of segment installation revenues
- PCs down 10% in line with shifting technology spend
- □ To offset decline, 3 core Apple products added to range from September







Account Delinquencies: Run-rate maintained

Focus remains on providing products that suit a customer's needs and budget
 Strict guidelines for customer approvals and payment limits are audited monthly
 Hardship extension contract now in place and assisting good customers in need



% Accounts in Arrears

- Further extension of furniture range
- Launch of new products & brands
- □ Increased penetration of Thorn product, currently 9% of installation revenues
- Development of broader range of propositions to meet diverse customer needs
- Continued expansion and refinement of store network structure:
 - Transition from single Full Service Branch (FSB) to multi outlet footprint
 - 'One Person Branches' in regional areas
 - 'Kiosks' and 'showrooms' in metropolitan areas
 - Up to 5 additional outlets in the second half dependent on quality of available locations



Cashfirst[™] : Loan book now \$20m

Performance

- EBITDA \$576k; significantly up versus prior year
- Originations \$5.5m; slightly down on prior year
- Refinancing increased to \$2.7m; up 104%
- Average loan value steady at \$2,400
- Approval rates maintained at 15-20%
- Annualised write-off rate below 10%

- Specialist GM Financial Products appointed
- Increase in unsecured loan value and term
- Introduction of secured loans







: Continued strong trading performance

Performance

- EBITDA \$406k; slightly ahead of prior year
- Originations \$18.7m versus \$4m in prior period
- Average deal size \$25k
- Diversified range of products financed
- TAB relationship maintained and expanding

- Expand geographic footprint WA under review
- Increase vendor and introducer relationships
- Revised financing structure







Performance

- EBITDA generated \$1.6m considerably down on prior year
- Revenue of \$9m down on prior year due to the loss of the ATO contract
- PDL performance impacted by pricing
- PDL collections on existing portfolios continue to outperform - revaluation gains
- Consumer collections were well maintained
- Commercial collections impacted by tough conditions for clients and resourcing issues
- Short term impacts of restructure

- PDL investment continue to target \$8m to \$10m in FY13
- New business
- Business restructure and streamlining of operations
- Development of 'credit lifecycle' model



Proposed Legislative Changes: No issues

Closing of NCCP licensing loophole – 'indefinite length leases'

- Some rental businesses avoid regulation with contracts of 'indefinite length'
- Exempts such businesses from licensing and hence Responsible Lending requirements
- Negative consumer impacts
- Government acting but very slow
- Positive Credit Reporting
- Proposed commencement in Sep 2013
- Sound consumer benefits expected
- Enhancements to NCCP
- Consideration re further disclosures in consumer leases
- Discussions ongoing between Treasury and industry
- Significant issues need to be understood/considered by legislators



Company Strengths and Outlook

Group

- Strong core business with substantial recurring revenue streams generating significant operating cash
- □ Solid capital base to enable expansion & healthy ROCE

By Division

- Resilient rental business with further opportunities to grow
- Continue to evolve and expand Cashfirst offerings
- Emergence of Thorn Equipment Finance critical mass is key to contribution
- Solid growth of NCML through new initiatives in business development
- Rent Drive Buy! launched October

Outlook:

- Market factors may slow growth rate
- Continued investment in strategic initiatives will impact short term but generate longer term rewards



Overview of Thorn Group



