

## Annual General Meeting FY2022

# CEO & CFO Presentation Business performance and outlook

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## Our purpose and values

We are Australia's leading and pioneer cotton agribusiness providing growers an independent pathway to market



#### **Common purpose and values**



#### Safety

We place safety and health first



#### **Teamwork**

We build strong partnerships with our customers and each other



#### Integrity

We keep our promises



#### **Excellence**

We are efficient and effective and get the job done









# Business performance



## **Business highlights**

Positive EBITDA in FY2022 with increased volume and preparing for above average FY2023 volume

FY2022 vs FY2021 Highlights				
Ginned Bales <sup>(1)</sup>	NPAT <sup>(6)</sup>	EBITDA <sup>(4)</sup>	Core Debt <sup>(7)</sup>	LTIFR(8)
<b>0.49mb</b> ↑ 0.12mb	<b>\$(4.4)m ↑</b> \$(14.4)m	<b>\$1.6m ↑</b> \$(12.7)m	<b>\$45.1m </b>	<b>15</b> 💠 9

#### **Positive EBITDA**

#### Volume

- 0.49 million bales ginned<sup>(1)</sup>
  - 40% below average<sup>(2)</sup>

#### **Earnings**

- \$1.6m EBITDA<sup>(4)</sup>
- \$2.8m Gross EBITDA<sup>(5)</sup>

#### **Debt**

• \$4.7m reduction in core debt<sup>(7)</sup>

#### **Executing 4PP Strategy**

#### **Strategic initiatives**

- Strengthen ginning network
  - Increase productivity
  - New sources of revenue
- Innovative solutions for growers

#### **Northern Australia**

- Kimberley gin discussions
- North QLD gin opportunities

#### **Positive outlook for FY2023**

- Above average cotton production of 5.6 million bales 2022 season<sup>(3)</sup>
- Forecast ginning volume
  - 1.1-1.2m bales
  - Expect similar volume in 2023 given current water availability
- Gin-ready preparation in FY2022
  - \$8.5m additional expenditure
  - Staff to operate 24 hours/day

<sup>(1)</sup> Include 100% of bales at joint venture gin ('mb' is million bales)

<sup>(2)</sup> Average of 830,000 bales based on 10 year moving average of total ginning volume

<sup>(3)</sup> ABARES forecast for cotton production in QLD and NSW (June 2022)

<sup>(4)</sup> EBITDA is a non-IFRS and unaudited measure defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation including share of profit from joint ventures and associates excluding impairments and decrements

<sup>(5)</sup> Gross EBITDA is EBITDA plus add back share of NCA depreciation and interest (i.e. share of NCA EBITDA) less Jobkeeper payment

<sup>(6)</sup> Net Profit after Tax

<sup>(7)</sup> Core debt is total interest-bearing liabilities less cash and cash equivalents and less cottonseed inventory

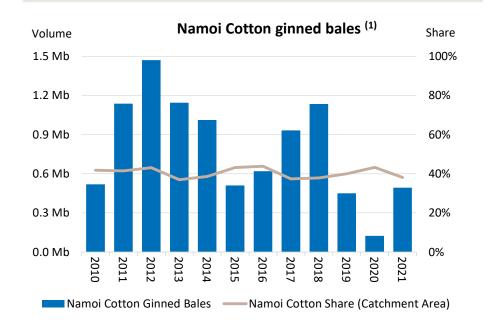
<sup>(8)</sup> Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate

## Volume drivers

Increased ginning volume in 2021 season (FY2022) with improved seasonal conditions but 40% below average

#### 2021 ginning season

- 493,000 bales ginned in 2021 season
  - ~40% share of Namoi Cotton's catchment areas
- 4 fold volume increase in 2021 volume vs 2020 season
  - However 40% less than average<sup>(5)</sup>



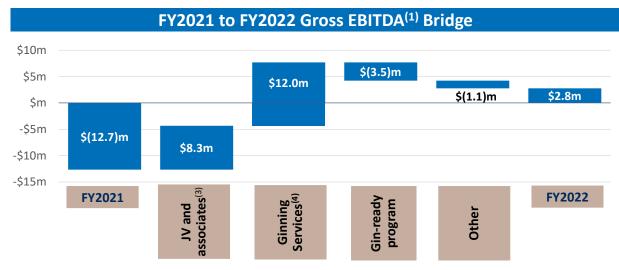
Volume metrics		FY2022	FY2021	
<b>Cotton production</b>		2021 season	2020 season	
Australia (2)		2.7m bales	0.5m bales	5.3x
Catchment area (2)		1.3m bales	0.3m bales	4.5x
	Cotton ginned	493,000 bales <sup>(4)</sup>	124,000 bales	4.0x
Namoi volume	Cottonseed sold	130,000 tonnes	34,000 tonnes	3.8x
Namoi	Warehouse shipped <sup>(3)</sup>	677,000 bales	131,000 bales	5.2x
	Grain & seed packing (3)	124,000 tonnes	100,000 tonnes	1.2x

- (1) Namoi ginned bale volume by season (excluding closed Ashley gin volume)
- (2) Australian production ABARES Mar 2022 (NSW & QLD). Namoi catchment area Cotton Compass Mar 2022
- (3) Managed by NCA 51% owned by Namoi Cotton
- (4) Include 100% of bales at joint venture gin
- 5) Average of 830,000 bales based on 10 year moving average of total ginning volume

## **Earnings**

\$15.4m turnaround in Gross EBITDA with increased volume and increased contribution from joint ventures

Income Statement (\$m)	FY2022	FY2021	Movement
Profit after tax	(4.4)	(14.4)	10.0
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	1.6	(12.7)	14.3
Gross EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	2.8	(12.7)	15.4



Note: See Namoi Cotton FY22 Full Year Report for definitions and explanations of terms and numbers:

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- (2) Gross EBITDA is EBITDA plus add back share of NCA depreciation and interest (i.e. share of NCA EBITDA) less JobKeeper payment
- 3) NCA (Namoi Cotton Alliance 51% interest), NCPS (NC Packing Services Pty Ltd 51% interest) and NCMA (Namoi Cotton Marketing Alliance 15% interest)
- (4) Ginning Services include earnings from ginning and sale of co-products (cottonseed and mote) but excluded expenses for Gin-ready program
- ) FY2020 used as a comparison year given similar volume (FY2020 ginning volume for 2019 season is 450k bales). Total staff cost less unallocated staff cost divided by ginned bales for FY2022 vs FY2020

#### **Positive EBITDA**

- NPAT of \$(4.4)m
- EBITDA of \$1.6m<sup>(1)</sup>
- Gross EBITDA of \$2.8m<sup>(2)</sup>

#### JVs and associates

\$8.3m increase with NCA restructure<sup>(3)</sup>

#### **Ginning services contribution**

- \$12.0m increase with volume
- Strong demand for cottonseed
- Disciplined cost management
  - 9% lower labour cost / ginned bale compared to FY2020<sup>(5)</sup>

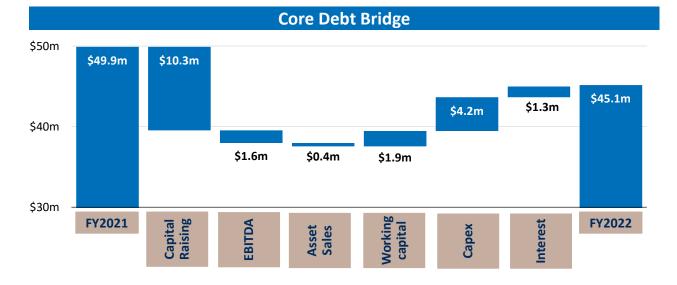
#### **Gin-ready program**

 \$3.5m additional expense to prepare for above average 2022 season

## Balance sheet

Strong asset backing from a strengthened balance sheet with reduced debt and lower gearing

Balance Sheet (\$m)	FY2022	FY2021	Movement
Net Assets	115.6	106.8	8.8
Net tangible asset / share	\$0.67	\$0.76	\$(0.09)
Net Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	48.6	50.8	(2.2)
Core Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	45.1	49.9	(4.7)
Gearing Ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	29.6%	32.2%	(2.6)%



#### Strong asset backing

- Net assets of \$115.6m
- NTA of \$0.67 per share

#### **Reduced debt**

- Improved gearing (3) of 30%
- Net debt (1) of \$48.6m
- Core debt (2) of \$45.1m
  - Reduced by \$4.7m

Note: See Namoi Cotton FY2022 Full Year Report for definitions and explanations of terms and numbers

- Net Debt Current plus non-current interest-bearing liabilities plus lease liabilities and equipment loans less cash and cash equivalents
- (2) Core debt Net Debt less cottonseed inventory (Note: More relevant debt metric for agribusinesses given the marketable and liquid characteristics of traded cottonseed)
- (3) Gearing Ratio Net Debt / (Net Debt plus Equity)

## **Cashflow**

\$10.3m capital raising funded the Gin-ready program for 2022 season and applied to debt reduction

Cashflow (\$m)	FY2022	FY2021	Movement
Net cash inflow (outflow) <sup>(1)</sup>	(7.5)	(3.4)	(4.1)
Capital raising	10.3	0	
Applied to debt & cash <sup>(2)</sup>	(2.9)	3.4	

Gin-ready program (\$m)	FY2022	FY2021	Additional
Maintenance	(3.3)	(1.3)	(2.0)
Capital expenditure	(4.2)	(0.2)	(4.0)
Operating supplies	(7.5)	(6.5)	(1.0)
Staff capability <sup>(4)</sup>	(4.1)	(2.7)	(1.4)
Additional expenditure			(8.5)

#### Cash deployed to be gin-ready

- \$10.3m capital raising deployed to be gin ready and reduce debt
  - \$7.5m net cash outflow<sup>(1)</sup>
     from operating and investing activities
  - \$2.9m net cash applied to reduce debt and cash<sup>(2)</sup>
- \$8.5m additional expenditure in FY2022 (vs FY2021) to prepare for and manage 2022 season:

- Capex: \$4m

- Maintenance: \$2m

- Operating supplies: \$1m

- Capability: \$1.4m for additional support staff<sup>(5)</sup>

Note: See Namoi Cotton FY2022 Full Year Report for definitions and explanations of terms and numbers

- (1) Net cash inflow/(outflow) Net cash from operating activities plus net cash from investing activities
- (2) Applied to debt & cash Capital raising less Net Cash inflow/(outflow)
- (3) Includes \$2.8m proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment
- (4) Unallocated employee benefit expense
- (5) Majority of additional support staff appointed on term contracts. (Include \$0.5 million accrual for short term incentive)

Strategy update



## We are more than a ginner

QLD

Namoi Cotton's business spans fibre, feed, supply chain and marketing with ginning being at its core

## **Cotton Ginning**

## **Cottonseed Marketing**

Port of

Melbourne

## **Lint Marketing**

#### **Supply chain**





#### **Ginning & Feed**

#### **Cotton Ginning**

serving >200 growers

Average 830,000 bales(1)

#### **Co-products**

Network of 9 sheds marketing cottonseed to 30+ feed buyers

Marketing cotton waste

Network of gins at 9 sites

Capacity 1.5m bales





### Cottonseed shed NCA Warehouse & IMEX Terminal

NCA grain storage Australian Classing Services &

**Engineering Services** 

#### **Supply Chain & Marketing**

#### **Supply Chain**

3 warehouses and 2 grain storages with 3 terminals

Packing export containers (managed by NCA<sup>(2)</sup>)

#### **Cotton Marketing**

Cotton classing Lint origination and trading

Exporting to 8+ countries (managed by NCMA<sup>(3)</sup>)

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 10 year moving average of total ginning volume

NCA JV with Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) -Namoi has 51% interest

<sup>(3)</sup> NCMA JV with LDC - Namoi has 15% interest

## **4PP Strategy**

Strengthen and differentiate our core business to defend volume and increase margin

	4 Strategic Pillars	Deliverables
	1. Leading service and cost position	Increase ginning productivity
8040	Partner growers with a superior network  → deliver a premium ginning service	<ul><li>Optimise quality outcomes</li><li>Automation and variabilise cost structure</li></ul>
-(4,25,-	2. Innovative and sustainable solutions	New value-add products
	Empower growers with differentiated products   unlock the value of cotton	<ul><li>Digital platform and marketing tools</li><li>Re-shape and optimise supply chain</li></ul>
	3. Broaden revenue base	Increased earnings from co-products
	Geographically diversify network and grow the core  → manage variability	<ul><li>Value-add feed solutions</li><li>Scale and diversify ginning network</li></ul>
	4. Great place to work	Safe and engaged workforce
	Attract and retain talented staff  → safe and engaging environment	<ul><li> Ginning and casual talent pipeline</li><li> Transformation readiness</li></ul>

## Northern Australia

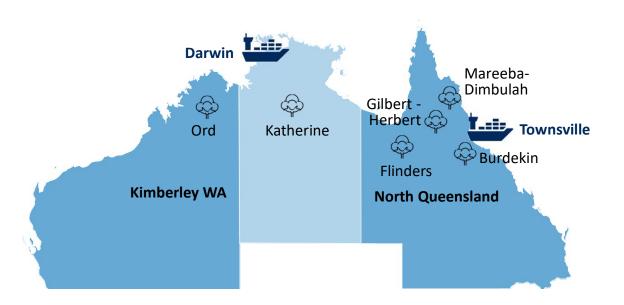
Exploring opportunities in northern Australia to grow and diversify our ginning footprint and earnings

#### **Kimberley WA**

- Entered MoU with Kimberley Cotton Company
  - Equity investment with local growers
  - Supply ancillary gin equipment and installation
  - Operate gin under a long-term agreement

#### **North Queensland**

- Exploring joint venture gin
- Assessing optimal location
  - Working with local growers
  - Working with local councils and QLD Government



#### Potential future cotton production

- 6 major cotton growing areas
- Could support up to 4 cotton gins
- Expected cotton production
  - Current: 160,000 bales<sup>(1)</sup>
  - 5 years: >400,000 bales<sup>(2)</sup>
  - 10 years: >600,000 bales<sup>(2)</sup>
- (1) Cotton Compass forecast for 2022 season (March 2022)
- (2) Forecasts from industry reports

## **4PP Strategy - Target**

Target to increase through the cycle EBITDA by \$5m(1) by leveraging our existing network and capability

#### **4 Year Targets**

## **Grow earnings**Increase EBITDA \$5m<sup>(1)</sup> in average year

#### Premium service Improve quality and reduce ginning time

#### **Competitive cost**

Reduce variable operating cost by 10%

#### **Leading team**

Engagement >65% LTIFR <10

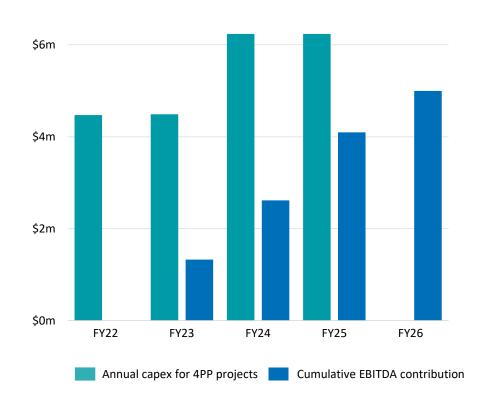
#### **Capital expenditure**

- Estimated \$21m capex for 4PP projects<sup>(1)(2)</sup>
- Projects to enhance existing infrastructure
- Target return >20% EBITDA ROA<sup>(3)</sup>

#### **Funding**

- Intend to fund 4PP projects from operating cashflow
- Reduce term debt by \$9.5m<sup>(4)</sup> from cashflow

#### **4PP Strategy through the cycle target**<sup>(1)</sup>



<sup>(1)</sup> Exclude potential northern Australia opportunities

<sup>(2)</sup> Growth capex in addition to stay in business capex (4) Meet obligatio

<sup>(3)</sup> EBITDA ROA is through the cycle Target EBITDA / Total estimated capex

<sup>(4)</sup> Meet obligation with Commonwealth Bank to amortise \$42 million term debt to \$32.5 million by 2024

## **4PP Strategy - Execution**

Execution of 4PP Strategy projects will deliver cost savings and new revenue in FY2023

#### 4PP Strategy projects delivered for 2022 season



1. Leading service & cost position

- Merah North Gin upgrade (\$2.1m)
  - Increased productivity and quality
- Wathagar Gin upgrade with partner
  - Dual feeder to optimise quality



2. Innovative solutions

- Track received and outturn cotton quality
  - Trialing new sensors and system
- New grower products launched
  - Module Cash Advance for growers
  - Bale pad tender for growers



3. Broaden revenue base

- Boggabri cottonseed shed (\$2.5m)
  - New markets and lower freight costs
- Updated systems including CRM



4. Great place to work

- Safety management system (DoneSafe)
- Developed international talent pipeline
- Staff engagement action plans





(1) Under construction

# Business outlook



## 2022 season update

Ginning forecast 1.1-1.2 million bales and delivering a premium service in challenging industry conditions

#### **Season progress**

- YTD ~585,000 bales ginned
- Gins operating 24 hours a day<sup>(1)</sup>
- 4 weeks behind past seasons<sup>(2)</sup> due to wet weather

# Cumulative bales ginned (2) 80% 60% 40% 20% Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep 2022 Season YTD — 2018 Season — 2017 Season

- (1) All gins except North Bourke
- (2) Compared to 2017 and 2018 seasons with a similar ginned bale volumes

#### **Industry conditions**

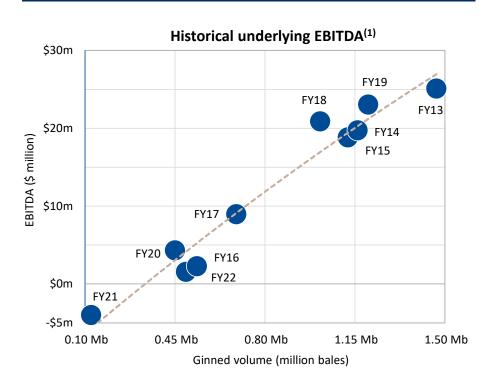
Maintaining premium service to growers

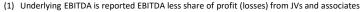
- Optimising ginned quality
- Balancing service and cost
- A Wet weather
  - Extended ginning season
  - Lower productivity with high moisture cotton
- B Input costs
  - Increased gas and diesel cost
  - Increasing labour cost
  - However, our electricity rate is hedged
- **C** Supply chain
  - Increased cost and capacity constraints
  - Rail disruptions with flooding events
- Cottonseed
  - Strong demand supporting margins

## FY2023 – good prospects

Increased earnings with above average volume in FY2023 but managing increased cost base

#### **Volume underpin earnings**





<sup>(2)</sup> All gins except North Bourke

#### **Volume drivers**

- Above average hectares with potential yield upside
- On track to gin 1.1-1.2 million bales in 2022
  - >90% ginning volume contracted

	2022F	2021	
Australia (NSW/QLD) <sup>(3)</sup>	5.6m bales	2.7m bales	2.1x
Cotton ginned	1.1-1.2m bales	0.49m bales	2.3x
Cottonseed sold	~300,000 tonnes	130,000 tonnes	2.3x

#### **Margin drivers**

- Increase in gin operating costs
- Strong lint and cottonseed prices and margins

<sup>(3)</sup> ABARES forecast (June 2022)

## FY2024 – good season prospects

High water availability expected to support above average cotton volume in 2023 and earnings in FY2024

#### **Good fundamentals**

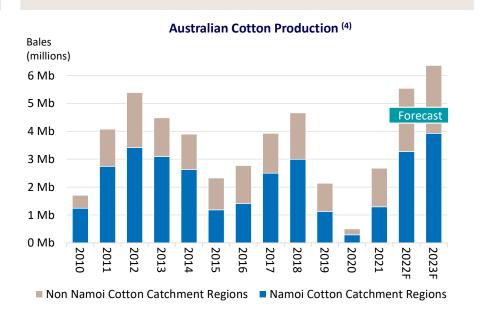
- 10-year high in public dam water at 96% capacity<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Support above average plant for 2023 season
- Above average cotton lint and cottonseed prices
  - Growers entering forward contracts

#### Regional System Dam Water - Lead Indicator (1) Dam water Namoi ginning bales capacity 100% 1.5Mb 80% 1.2Mb 60% 0.9Mb 40% 0.6Mb 20% 0.3Mb 0% 0.0Mb 2014 2015 2019 2021 Namoi Cotton ginned bales Public dam water storage volume

#### (1) Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) – weighted average water capacity in rural system public dams in Namoi catchment valleys (BOM rural systems of Border Rivers, Macintyre, Gwydir, Namoi, Macquarie, Lachlan) as at 11 July 2022

#### **Preliminary production forecast**

- Forecast above average 2023 cotton production
  - ABARES<sup>(2)</sup>: 5.5m bales (2022 5.6m bales)
  - Cotton Compass<sup>(3)</sup>: 6.4m bales (2022 5.5m bales)



- (2) ABARES forecast (June 2022) (3) Cotton Compass forecast (June 2022)
- (4) Total ABARES. Namoi Cotton Catchment Cotton Compass. 2023F Cotton Compass





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