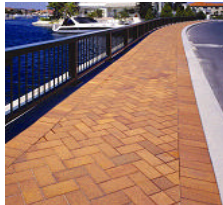


CSR Limited Results Presentation

Half year ended
30 September 2004

9 November 2004



Highlights

**Improved Sugar and
Property profits**

Significant improvement in earnings - net profit¹ up 29%

**Increased dividend
with full franking**

Interim dividend increased to 6 cents per share and franking lifted to 100%

**Growth projects
underway**

\$200+ million of announced growth projects underway. Good progress on business improvement

1. Net profit excluding significant items



Strong improvement in profits

<u>Half year ended 30 September</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>% Change</u>
(\$ million unless stated)			
Trading revenue	1,199	1,111	8
EBITDA	255	219	16
EBIT	200	165	21
Net finance expense	(10)	(9)	
Tax expense	(47)	(42)	
Outside equity interest	(15)	(14)	
Net profit ¹	129	100	29
Earnings per share (cents) ¹	14.0	10.6	32
EBIT/trading revenue	16.7%	14.9%	
Return on funds employed ²	20.5%	20.0%	

¹ Excluding significant items

² Based on past 12 months EBIT divided by funds employed as at 30 September

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Review of significant items

<u>Half year ended 30 September</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>% Change</u>
(\$ million unless stated)			
Net profit before significant items	129	100	29
Significant items	78	-	-
Net profit after significant items	207	100	107
<u>Breakdown of significant items</u>			
Settlement with Alcan	21		
Write-back of settlement provisions	4		
Settlement with Lloyds	41		
Write-off of legal costs	(36)		
Tax consolidation	<u>48</u>		
Total significant items after tax	78		

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Improvement in Sugar and Property results

<u>Half year ended 30 September</u>	<u>\$m EBIT</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Building Products	59.3	59.2	-
Aluminium	72.9	72.8	-
Sugar ¹	75.9	48.7	56
Property	17.7	2.5	
Corporate costs ²	(9.2)	(9.8)	
Subtotal	216.6	173.4	25
Restructure and provisions ³	(16.2)	(8.4)	
Total EBIT	200.4	165.0	21

1. Assumes raw sugar price of A\$250 per tonne for HYES04 and HYES03
2. Underlying corporate costs were reduced by \$2.5 million in HYES04 partially offset by higher accruals for incentive payments
3. Includes product liability provision and superannuation top-up payment. HYES03 included the benefit of provision write-backs

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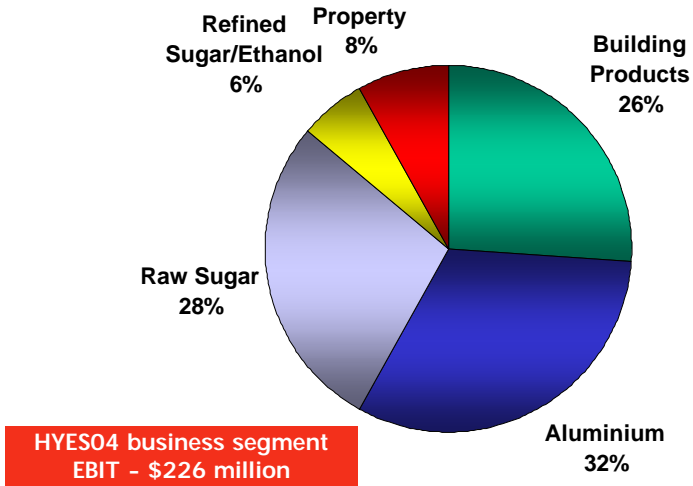
Breakdown of corporate costs and provisions

<u>Half year ended 30 September</u>	<u>\$m EBIT</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Corporate costs	(5.3)	(7.8)
Accounting changes	-	0.7
Incentives	(3.9)	(2.7)
Total corporate costs	(9.2)	(9.8)
Product liability	(14.0)	(10.0)
Superannuation top-up	(1.7)	(6.5)
Provision write-backs	-	6.8
Other	(0.5)	1.3
Total restructure and provisions	(16.2)	(8.4)

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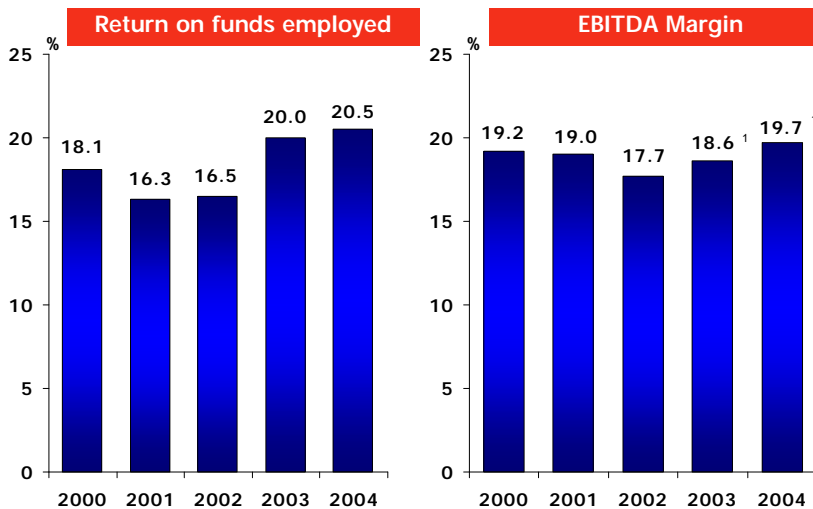
Sugar and Property increasing EBIT contribution



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Improved returns and margins



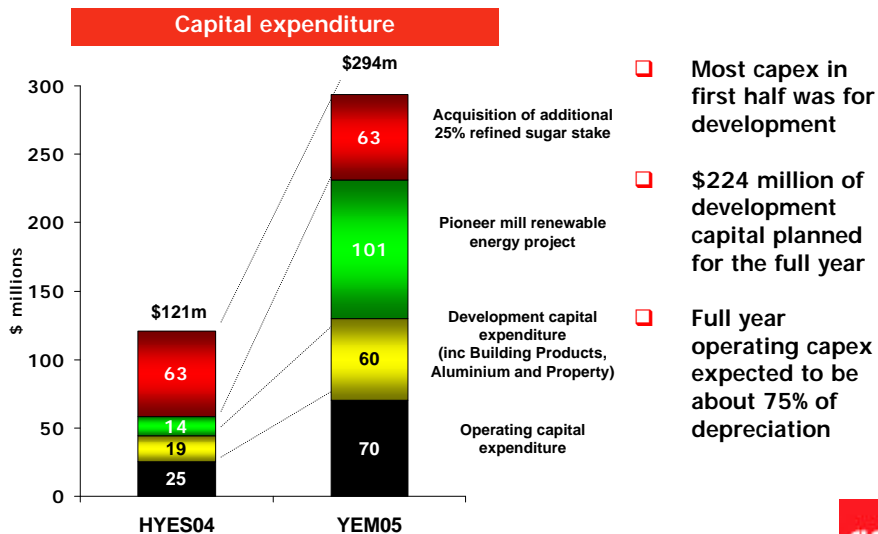
Note: Pro-forma financials for 2000-2002 based on demerger explanatory booklet dated 7 February 2003

¹ Based on previous 12 months

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Significant capex planned for full year to March 2005



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Strong financial position to fund growth and capital management

- Strong cash flow reduced net debt by \$22.6 million to \$141.5 million after funding capex and dividends
- Gearing expected to double by March 2005 as funds are allocated for announced capital projects
- Capital management options remain under review
 - No progress yet on 5% share buyback
 - Continue to review other options. Will support any initiative which clearly adds shareholder value

Key Facts

Net debt:	\$141.5 m
Net debt: Equity plus net debt	9.7%
Net debt: Equity	10.8%
Funds employed	\$1,452 m
NTA / Share	\$1.30

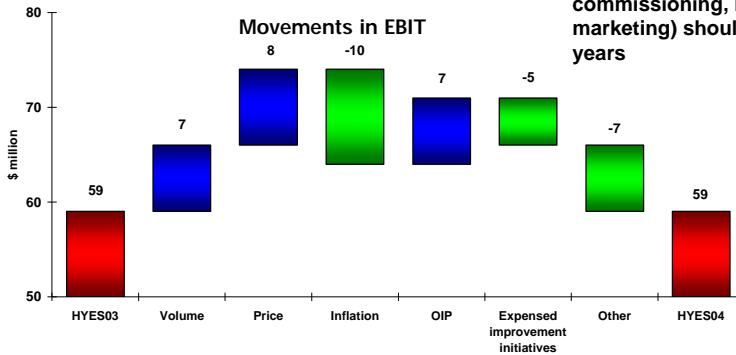
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Building Products – continued improvement in pricing and volumes

\$m HYES	2004	2003	%
Trading revenue	490	462	6
EBITDA	80	81	-1
EBIT	59	59	-
ROFE (12 mths)	18.3%	18.7%	

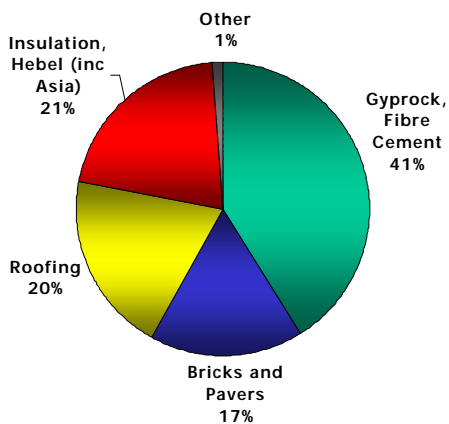
- ❑ Strong increase in prices with increased volumes despite softness in some markets
- ❑ Expensed improvement initiatives (Nanning commissioning, maintenance, marketing) should benefit future years



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Revenue increased in most products



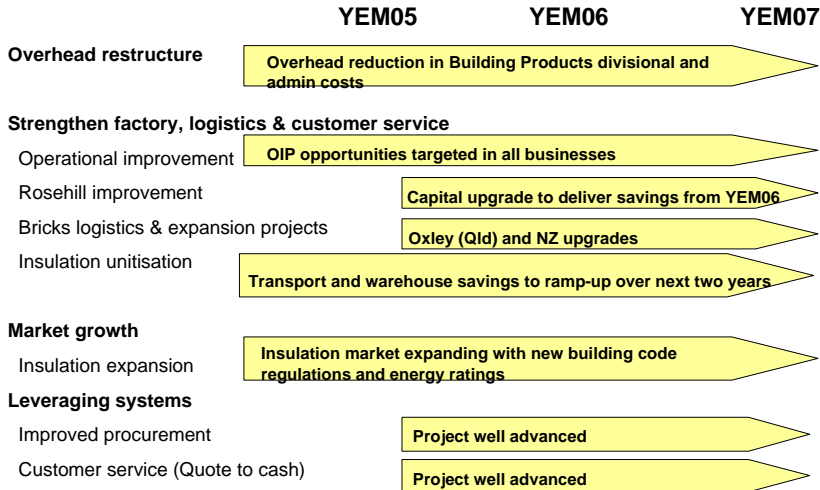
HYES04 Trading Revenue - \$490 million

- ❑ **Gyprockä** – improved performance due to higher volumes in key high margin segments
- ❑ **CSR Fibre Cement** – volumes steady despite slowdown in some markets. Continued success with compressed sheet products
- ❑ **Monier ä and Wunderlich ä Roofing** – Prices increased with steady volumes. Rosehill production continuing with higher volumes with lower costs
- ❑ **PGH ä Bricks & Pavers** – good increase in pricing offset by volume reduction as NSW market softened
- ❑ **Bradford Insulation ä** – strong increase in profits with higher prices and volumes
 - Asia – China performing well with Malaysia impacted by price competition

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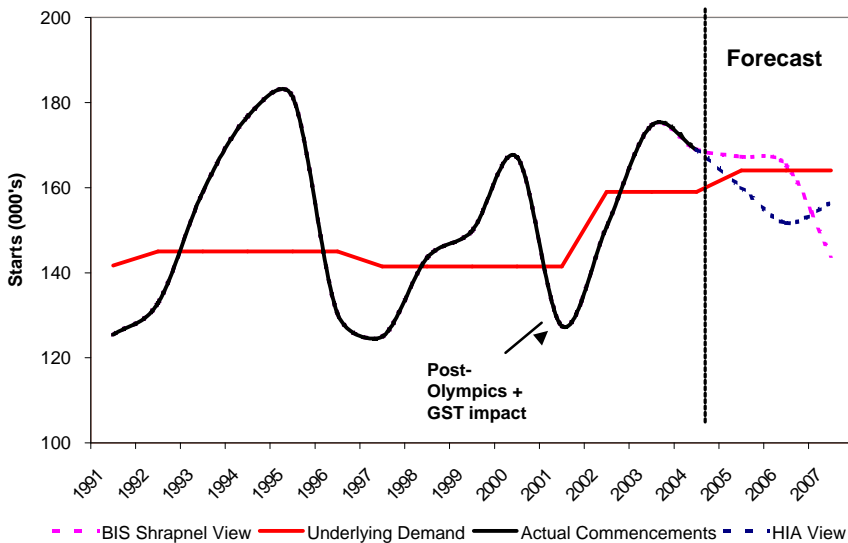
Three year plan to improve performance



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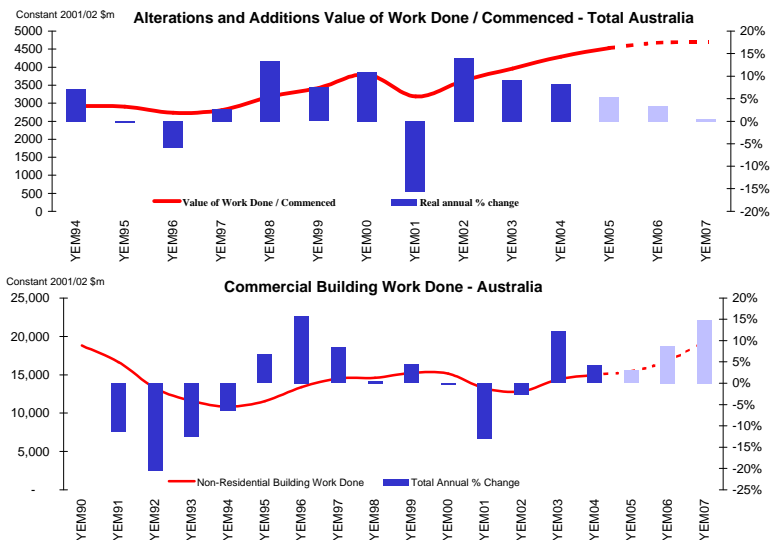
Diverse views on housing market outlook



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A&A growth rate is slowing while forecasts for commercial show continued growth



Source: Historical data from ABS with forecasts from BIS based on 2001 constant dollars

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Insulation expansion in China continues

- ❑ Expansion continues with CSR enhancing its position as the largest insulation producer in Asia
- ❑ 6,000 tonne expansion of glasswool plant in Nanning completed in August
 - Targeting high value export market for specified pipe insulation products
- ❑ 4,000 tonne expansion of rockwool plant in Dongguan to be completed by the end of November
 - Increases capacity of plant to 24,000 tonnes
 - Targeting high temperature insulation products for power stations, shipbuilding, factories etc.
- ❑ Reviewing additional opportunities for low cost insulation expansion in Asia



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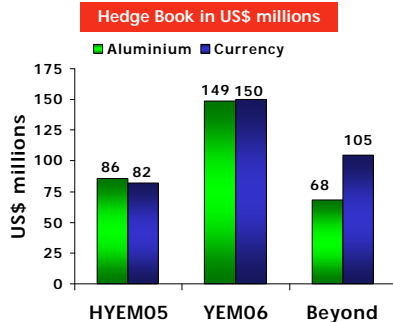
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Aluminium EBIT in line with last year

\$m HYES	2004	2003	%
Trading Revenue	240	223	8
EBITDA	87	84	4
EBIT	73	73	-
ROFE (12 mths)	69.7%	62.4%	

Trading revenue up 8% to \$240m as tonnage sold increased by 8.5% to 88,735 tonnes due to ramp-up of AP22 project

EBIT was steady at \$73m as the average realised selling price after hedging was A\$2,706 – down 1%. Alumina and depreciation costs were also higher



	HYEM05	YEM06	Beyond	
	0.560	0.553	0.605	Average forward currency rate in US cents
	1,518	1,505	1,554	Average forward aluminium price in US\$ per tonne

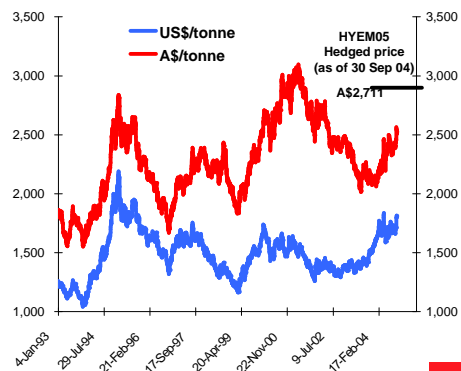
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US\$ aluminium price increased steadily during the last six months

Aluminium output increasing with ramp-up of AP22 expansion project

Half year ended Sept	2004	2003	2002
GAF sales in tonnes	88,735	81,782	79,940
LME US\$ price per tonne	\$1,701	\$1,400	\$1,353
US\$/A\$ average rate	0.712	0.649	0.549
A\$ price per tonne	A\$2,387	A\$2,156	A\$2,463

10 year aluminium price

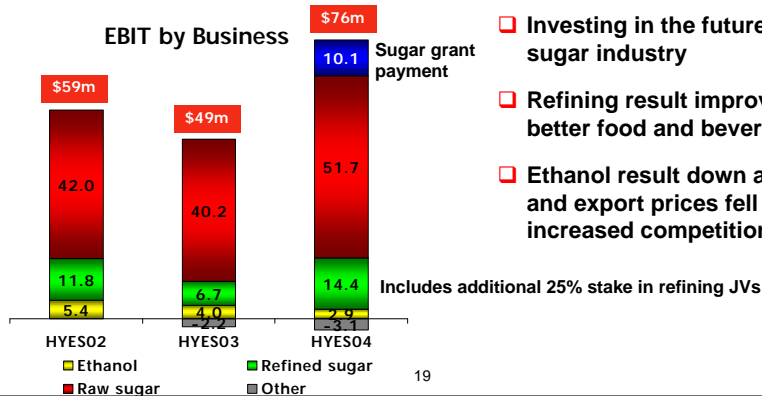


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Improvement in sugar returns

\$m HYES	2004	2003	%
Trading Revenue	468	423	11
EBITDA	94	66	41
EBIT	76	49	56
ROFE (12 mths)	8.8%	9.6%	

- ❑ Crop increased with improved weather and farm productivity
- ❑ Raw sugar price assumed of \$250 per tonne – well above earlier estimates
- ❑ Investing in the future of the sugar industry
- ❑ Refining result improved with better food and beverage demand
- ❑ Ethanol result down as domestic and export prices fell due to increased competition



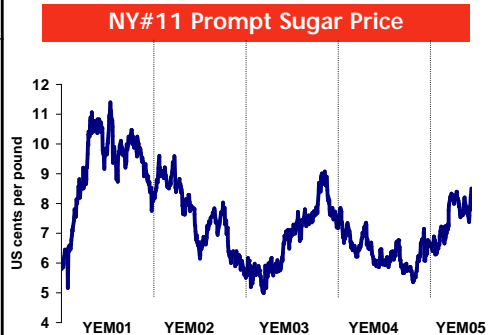
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Sugar crop steadily improving

- ❑ Crop size increasing with better weather and productivity improvements

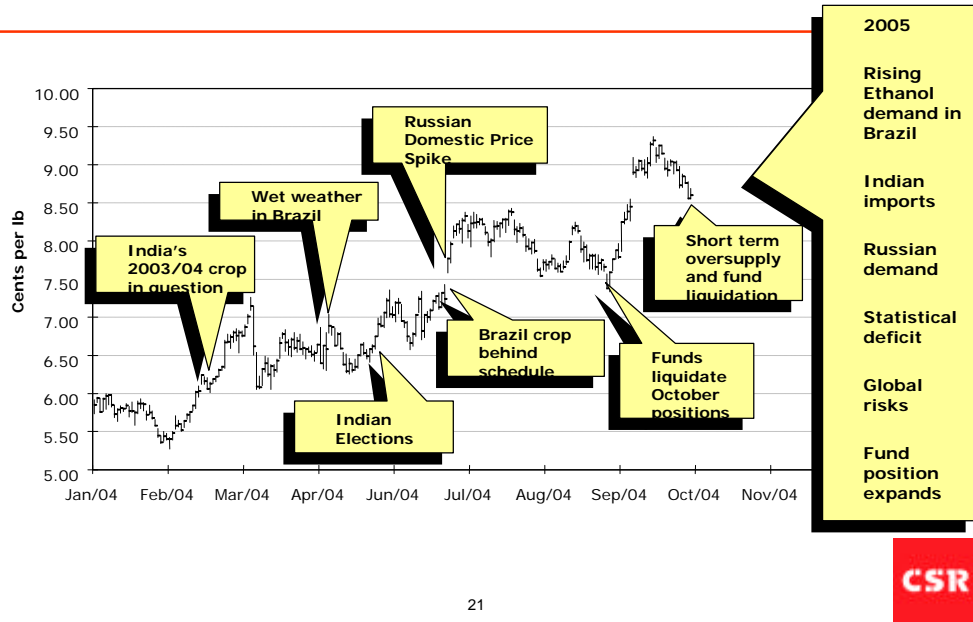
Half year ended Sept	2004	2003	2002
Raw Sugar Production (mt)	1.59	1.45	1.43
CCS% of Sugarcane	14.23%	14.35%	14.52%
NY11 Average US cents per lb	7.37	6.76	5.86
Half year pool price assumption	250	250	250
CSR Final Pool Price (YEM)	NA	229	274



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Factors influencing world sugar prices this year



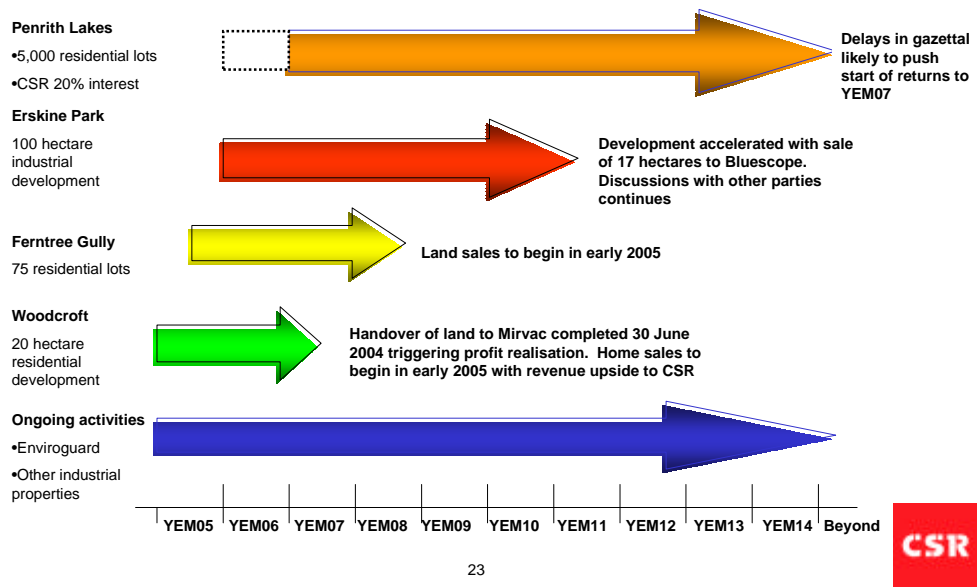
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Progress continues with renewable energy project

- ❑ 63 megawatt renewable energy project at Pioneer remains on schedule for completion by June 2005
- ❑ Recent major review of original project status indicated the capital cost has increased to \$140 million, up from original estimate of around \$100 million
 - Changes in scope of the project over the past 12 months
 - Cost escalations which have affected many projects
- ❑ Revenue increases from more efficient turbines and improved REC prices should lift EBITDA by 10%
- ❑ Project will generate returns well above its cost of capital despite increased capital costs
- ❑ Plans being developed to extend to a year-round operation to further improve returns

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Property returns sustainable over long-term



Earnings upgrade to 20% above last year

Building Products

- ❑ Slowdown in recent approvals indicates housing starts to be down by at least 5% - partly offset by A&A and commercial growth
- ❑ Continue to expect result to be in line with YEM04

Aluminium

- ❑ Outlook improved with higher aluminium prices and a more favourable exchange rate than previously forecast. EBIT expected to be around 5% lower than previous year

Sugar

- ❑ Full year sugar price expected in the \$250 range. Result will also be boosted by the full year benefit of refining acquisition
- ❑ Sugar EBIT expected to be more than double YEM04 result

Property

- ❑ EBIT contribution for YEM05 expected to be in \$25-\$30 million range

Overall – YEM05 EBIT result expected to be approximately 20% higher than last year