# **MAINFREIGHT LIMITED**

Half Year Result to 30 September 2023

### **Result Summary**



- Revenue \$2.36 billion down 21.6 %
- **PBT** \$174.8 million down 42.1 %
- **Net Profit** \$ 124.55 million down 42.6 %
- **People** 10,811 down 500
- Branches 332 up 1
- Countries 26 no change

### Half Year Overview



- Adjusted for foreign exchange impact, Group Revenue is down 23.0%, Profit before tax is down 42.5%, and Net profit is down 43.0%
- Bonus Accrual \$20 million v \$51 million last year
- Operating Cash flows declined from \$291.4 million to \$186.8 million and reflects the reduction in profitability for the period
- Volume stats
  - Sea Freight (TEU) down 16.9%
  - Air Freight (Kgs) up 2.7%
  - Transport (Tonnes) down 3.5%
- Climate Risk Report lodged with the NZX and is available on our website

### Dividend



- Directors have approved an interim dividend of 85 cents per share
- Books close 8 December 2023
- Payment on 15 December 2023

"Balance sheet strength allows us to maintain at last year's level"

### **Capital Management**



Operating Cash Flow \$186.8 million v \$291.4 million last year "Reflects reduction in profitability"



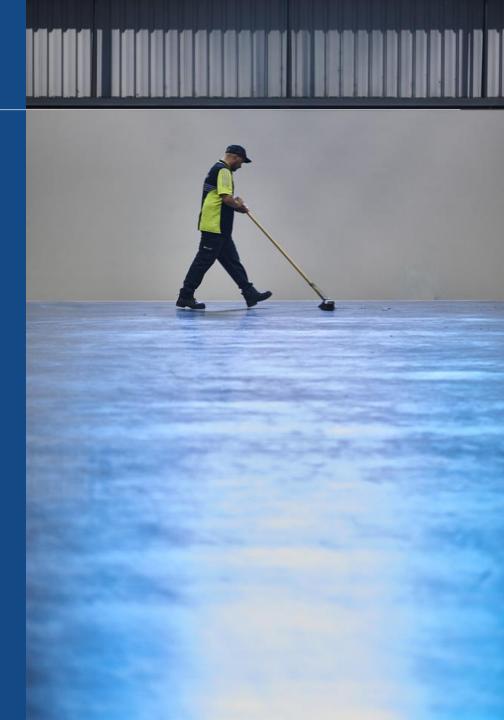
Net Capex \$127 million - \$94 million on property

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Net Funds (Debt) reduction to \$20.9 million in funds, down from \$122.8 million at 31 March 2023 *"Cash at hand"* 



Debt facilities \$499 million, undrawn \$317 million Bank Facilities extended to 2028 in July



### **Future Capital Expenditure Update: F24 - 25**

2024		2025			
NZ\$ MILLION	F24	NZ\$ MILLION	F25		
Planned Capital Expenditure	\$272	Planned Capital Expenditure	\$291		
<ul> <li>Property</li> <li>Fit-out costs</li> <li>Non-property capex</li> </ul>	\$148 \$64 \$60	<ul> <li>Property</li> <li>Fit-out costs</li> <li>Non-property capex</li> </ul>	\$151 \$80 \$60		

Property and Fit-out costs F24-F25					
New Zealand Australia Americas Europe and Asia	\$226 million \$116 million \$ 88 million <u>\$ 13 million</u> <u>\$443 million</u>				

Spend to September 2023 = \$127 million Reduction of \$113m for 2024/25 from previous estimates due to re-prioritisation of future sites

### CAPEX for 2024 / 2025 Reduction



#### Major items are:

- Europe
  - Netherlands cross-dock land & building delayed until 2026
- Australia

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- Perth land deferred \$32 million
- Brisbane Transport delayed until 2026

(NZ\$) \$ 66 million

\$ 27 million

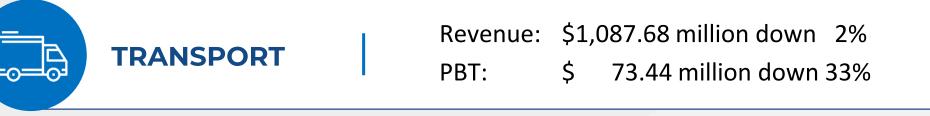
\$125 million

### **Current Trading Environment (Half Year Analysis)**

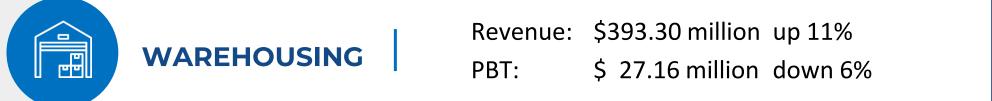
NZ\$000		<b>REVENUE*</b>	VAR	%	PROFIT BEFORE TAX	VAF	<b>R %</b>
New Zealand	NZ\$	556,912	13.6%	¥	61,086	18.0%	≁
Australia	AU\$	632,932	9.2%	↓	56,487	10.6%	≁
Americas	US\$	324,828	42.3%	↓	11,987	79.7%	≁
Europe	EU€	282,195	13.7%	¥	12,544	46.6%	≁
Asia	US\$	48,898	51.3%	¥	6,557	58.8%	≁
Group	NZ\$	2,355,042	21.6%	$\mathbf{\Phi}$	174,837	42.1%	↓

\* Inter-company revenue excluded\*\* Prior period our best-ever performance

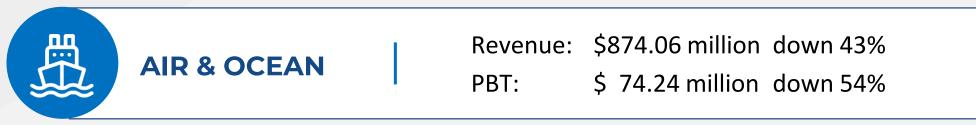
## Trading Update: Our 3 Core Products (NZ \$)



September improvement in domestic Transport trading results across Australasia



Continues to improve across all regions excluding USA



Reflection of Global Shipping and Airfreight rate reductions

### **Region Performance: New Zealand**

#### • Transport

- Volumes improving
- September profitability is better than the year prior
- Warehousing
  - Continues to trade ahead of the year prior
  - A number of significant gains for new warehouses
  - Development continues for new sites in Auckland and Christchurch
- Air & Ocean
  - Satisfactory performance in light of the global slowdown
  - A number of new customer gains beginning to trade



### **Region Performance: Australia**

- September trading continued to improve across Transport and Air & Ocean Warehousing slightly behind
- Moorebank site operational from 1 November – exiting overflow warehouses
- Industrial action across ports
  - of concern for all products leading into Christmas



### **Region Performance: Americas**

- Transport
  - Volumes on the increase however, are marginally priced and impacting profitability
  - Senior leadership change Mitch Gregor ex NZ
- Warehousing
  - Operations performing satisfactorily
  - The Dallas site is fully utilised and has reduced overflow sites
  - Additional capacity being secured in New Jersey alongside the current site to cater for customer growth
- Air & Ocean
  - Reducing dependence on Transpacific
  - Perishable operations up and running in LA with customer gains
- CaroTrans
  - LCL Growth deteriorating as low FCL rates replace the need for LCL consolidations
  - Agency changes in Asia to our own to develop the network



### **Region Performance: Europe**

#### • Transport

- Volume decrease is the largest of all our domestic activity
- Rate review underway for January implementation
- French performance disappointing
- Warehousing
  - Activity and profitability remain ahead of the year prior
  - Additional sites established and in planning mode for increased customer requirements

### • Air & Ocean

- Seen a deterioration in FCL sea freight (the majority of activity), however Airfreight and LCL sea freight has improved marginally
- Land acquisition for Netherlands cross-dock delayed until 2026 year



### **Region Performance: Asia**

- Slowing freight demand in Transpacific ex China impacting performance
- SE Asia development and growth continuing satisfactorily smaller markets to China
- A strong focus on European and Australasian growth to offset China exports
  - Includes stronger import growth and Asian-controlled tonnage
- Mumbai, India officially launched 26 October 2023
- Forward Airfreight bookings ex China on the increase leading into Christmas



### **Group Outlook**



- A more normalised trading environment in front of us
- The level of sales activities is pleasing and provides confidence for the near future
- Volume increases in NZ and Australia are providing confidence
- Overhead cost structures are being managed well
- Capital Expenditure reductions prudent in current environment
- Whilst USA/Europe/Asia are not trading as well as we would expect, we are confident of our long-term strategies and execution in these markets
- Expect further improvement through our second half

### **To Close**

#### TRADING DATES

F24 – 12 months ended 31 March 2024

**Annual Meeting of Shareholders** 

25 July 2024

29 May 2024

F25 – 6 months ended 30 September 2024 1

**13 November 2024** 

"Expect some form of normality to resume"