# Norcros plc - Preliminary Results Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010











# Introduction

John Brown Chairman



### 2010 : Highlights

- Revenue growth +10.0%
- Resilient performance of the UK businesses and SA Adhesive operation
- Operational changes in SA tile manufacturing and retail benefitting H2
- Trading profit of £7.3m (2009: £7.0m)
- Bank refinancing completed July 09
- Capital raising of £27.7m net in Dec 09 to paydown expensive debt
- Net debt at 31 March 10 tightly controlled at £15.9m (2009: £45.8m)
- Disposal of Beaumont investment realising c. £4.3m net, completed June 10



### **Board Changes**

- In anticipation of Joe Matthews retiring from the Board as Group Chief Executive in 2011:
  - Nick Kelsall, Group Finance Director, appointed Group Chief Executive from 1 April 2011, and Group Chief Executive-designate from 1 July 2010
- Board also strengthened with the appointment of Mr. Vijay Aggarwal as a Nonexecutive Director





## **Financial Review**

Nick Kelsall
Group Finance Director



### Financial Highlights

- Revenue and profit
  - Revenue of £169.6m, +10.0% (2009: £154.2m)
  - Trading profit of £7.3m, +4.3% (2009: £7.0m)
- Intense cash focus
  - Cash generated from operations £10.6m (2009: £6.8m)
  - Increase in rate of cash conversion
  - Capex c. 60% of depreciation; focus on new product development
- Capital Structure
  - Capital raising of £27.7m net to pay down debt Dec 09
  - Reduction in bank interest margin triggered
  - Beaumont disposal of c. £4.3m net post y/end to further reduce debt & interest
- Net debt and covenant compliance
  - Net debt £15.9m at 30 Mar 09 (2009: £45.8m)
  - Net debt / Ebitda of 1.3x (covenant < 4.6x)</li>
  - Interest cover of 3.7x (covenant > 2.0x)



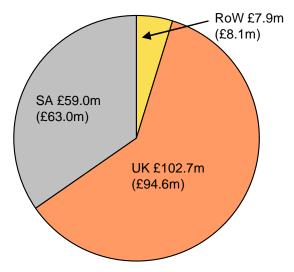
## **Summary Income Statement**

	2010 £m	2009 £m	Change %	£m
Revenue	169.6	154.2	+ 10.0	15.4
Group trading profit*	7.3	7.0	+ 4.3	0.3
Other operating income / costs	0.1			0.1
Group operating profit*	7.4	7.0	+ 5.7	0.4
Finance charges – cash	(4.0)	(2.8)		(1.2)
Profit before tax – underlying*	3.4	4.2	- 19.0	(8.0)
Share of associates results – non cash	(2.8)	(2.5)		(0.3)
Exceptional operating items	(8.2)	(7.7)		(0.5)
Finance charges – non cash	(2.4)	1.2		(3.6)
Loss before tax – reported	(10.0)	(4.8)		(5.2)

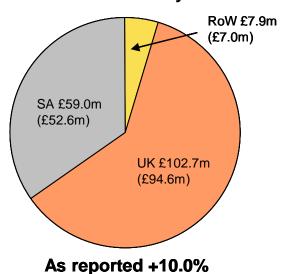
<sup>\*</sup> before exceptional operating items, non cash associates results and non cash finance charges



## Revenue by Geographic Segment



At constant currency +2.4 %



- Strong revenue growth in UK offset by decline, in constant currency, in overseas businesses
- Underlying revenue change in constant currency

- SA -£4.0m -6.3%
- RoW -£0.2m -2.5%



## **Summary Cash Flow**

	2010 £m	2009 £m
Cash generated from operations	10.6	6.8
Capex	(3.9)	(4.7)
Disposal of businesses	-	4.0
Net asset disposals & Div's rec'd	0.1_	2.0
Free cash flow, pre financing	6.8	8.1
Interest and tax	(3.0)	(3.0)
Dividends paid	-	(4.0)
Net proceeds from capital raising	27.7	-
Payment of rolled up interest	(0.5)	-
Bank refinancing costs	(3.5)	-
Net cash flow	27.5	1.1
Exchange + non cash changes	2.4	(0.4)
Decrease in net debt	29.9	0.7



## **Cash Conversion**

	2010 £m	2009 £m
Cash generated from operations	10.6	6.8
Trading profit	7.3	7.0
Cash conversion	145%	97%



## **Balance Sheet Highlights**

	2010	2009
Depreciation (£m)	6.7	6.4
Capex (£m)	3.9	4.7
Capex / Depreciation	0.6x	0.7x
Net bank debt (£m)	15.9	45.8
Net bank debt/ Ebitda*	1.3x	3.3x

- Mature and well funded UK pension scheme see further details in Appendix
  - March 09 triennial actuarial valuation agreed c. £36m deficit
  - Recovery plan agreed with Trustees £9.7m injection agreed; spread over 12 years
    - FY11 and FY12 : £1m p.a.
    - FY16 FY22 : £1.1m p.a.
  - IAS 19 position at 31 Mar 10 £9.3m deficit



<sup>\*</sup> covenant basis



# **Operating Review**

Joe Matthews

**Group Chief Executive** 



#### Market Environment

#### UK Shower Market

- Slow recovery in H2
- YoY overall market +1.1% (H1 -12.2%)
- Market still -20% peak to trough
- Electric showers -14%; Mixers -36%
- Electric performance driven by replacement activity

#### UK Tile Market

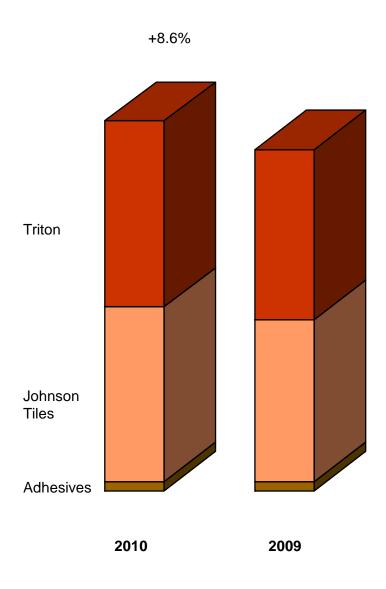
- Total market –10% YoY
- Peak to trough -19%
- Independent Retail / Housebuilder hardest hit
- Private Sector Contracts significantly down H2
- Public Sector held up well but expected to decline

#### South Africa

- GDP recovery in H2 infrastructure driven
- Building completions -20.5%
- Retail sales Hardware, Paint & Glass -11.1%
- Tile market peak to trough c. –30%



# UK Operations - Good revenue growth despite significant market downturn



#### Triton

- Overall revenue 9.3%
   UK +12.3%; Exports -4.8%
- Strong performance in UK Trade (National and Independent Merchants)
- Significant growth in DIY and Home Shopping
- Market share gains in electric and mixer
- Exports reflect weak market conditions in Ireland

#### Johnson Tiles

- Overall tile revenues +8.0%
   UK +6.6%; Exports +16.2%
- Focus on Commercial and DIY markets
- DIY/Export gains innovative ink jet products
- Progress in private specifications Absolute range

#### Norcros Adhesives

- Revenue +4.0%
- Product development and range extension



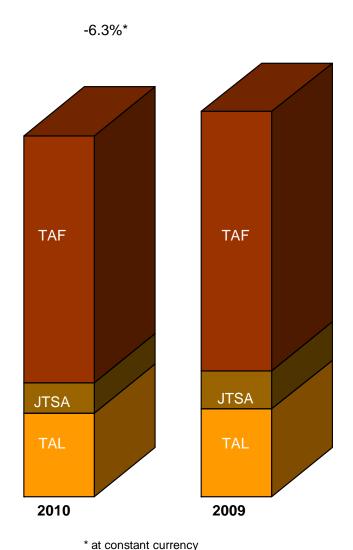
## UK Operations – Substantial increase in trading profit

	2010	2009	Change %
Trading Profit (£m)	11.6	8.9	+30.3
ROS %	11.3	9.4	+20.2

- Triton resilient profit performance and strong cash generation in weak market
  - Strength of product offer
  - 70% of sales from products launched in last 3 years
  - Higher commodity prices
  - Strong action on cost base
  - Profit margins largely maintained
- Johnson Tiles substantial turnaround in operating performance
  - Revenue growth despite 10% market fall
  - Benefit of reduced energy cost
  - Significant cost reduction initiatives
- Norcros Adhesives
  - Increased revenue and profit despite market
  - Sales from new product introductions
  - Tight cost control



## South Africa - Revenue declined 6.3% in tough market



- TAF revenues -5%\*
  - LFL sales H2 +0.8% v H1 –12.6%
  - Closure of 4 underperforming stores
  - 15 stores now upgraded to Lifestyle format
- JTSA revenue -20.6%\*
  - Impact of severe market conditions
  - Effects of the closure of wall tile kiln in prior year
  - Focus on plant stabilisation delayed new product programme
- TAL revenue -4.2%\*
  - Lower volumes (-20.5%) partly offset by improved mix
  - Strong new product programmes in cementitious adhesives and building products
  - Good growth with hot melt Industrial Adhesives



## South Africa - Increased loss but significant reduction in H2

	2010	2009
Trading * Loss (£m)	(3.7)	(2.0)
ROS %	(6.3)	(3.2)

#### TAF

- Impact of revenue decline and high operational leverage
- Closure of 4 unprofitable stores announced H1
- Action plan to drive
  - Supply chain efficiencies
  - Reduction in distribution & store operating costs
- Loss in H2 significantly less than H1

#### JTSA

- Loss driven by lower demand and production inefficiencies
- Senior management team replaced
- Specialist tile manufacturing resource deployed
- Plant stabilised in Q4; higher volume & improved quality
- Trading loss in H2 half that of H1

#### TAL

- Resilient profit and cash performance
- Improved product mix
- Raw material savings



<sup>\*</sup>at constant currency

## Summary & Outlook

**Triton** 

- Leading supplier in UK domestic shower market
- Continued market share gains
- Commercial and care markets expansion

**Johnson Tiles** 

- Leading edge new product development
- Focus on commercial specifications
- DIY & Export market share gains

**South Africa** 

- Management team strengthened
- Benefits of operational improvements in tile manufacturing
- Long term tile market growth; favourable demographics
- TAF action to cut operating costs and improve store performance
- Adhesives product innovation

Outlook

- Decisive cost reduction measures
- Successful fundraising & strong balance sheet
- Strong cash flow and cash conversion
- UK businesses performing well; recovery plan in SA
- Short term market outlook uncertain but good medium term prospects



## **Appendices**















#### **UK Pension Scheme**

#### Mature Scheme; 11,000 members

- Pensioners (61%), Deferred (35%), Actives (4%)
- Average age of pensioners is 75

#### Investment Strategy

- Low risk asset allocation; 35% equities, 32.5% gilts, 32.5% corporate bonds
- Pensioner liability matched

#### Valuations

- March 09 actuarial valuation driven by extreme market conditions
- March 10 IAS 19 valuation reflects 5.7% discount rate, stronger mortality assumptions and £54m increase in assets from March 09
- March 10 actuarial valuation estimate 96% funding level

#### 2009 Recovery Plan

- £9.7m injection agreed; spread over 12 years
  - FY11 and FY12 : £1m p.a.
  - FY16 FY22 : £1.1m p.a.

