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We attach a series of slides, for presentation to investors and analysts, for immediate release to the market.

Yours Sincerely CODAN LIMITED

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### **Codan Limited**



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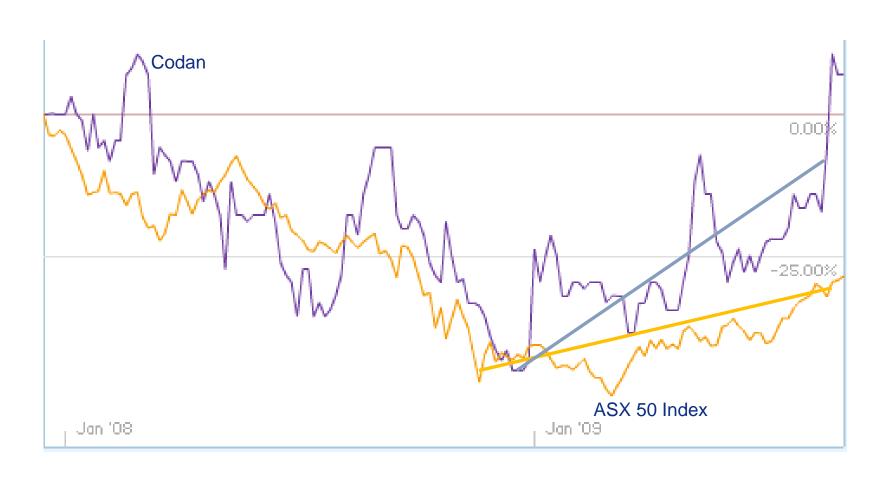
# Highlights

- Growth of 22% in underlying earnings per share despite the global recession
- Underlying profit as per guidance
- Strong net cash flow from operating activities of \$25.7m, up fro \$17m last year
- Strengthened balance sheet
- Full year dividend maintained at 6.5 cents per share
- Maintained or improved EBITDA, EBIT and NPAT margins
- Strong growth in HF radio sales from penetration of new markets
- Minelab metal detection performance exceeded expectations in the first full year of ownership
- Strategic expansion of satellite communications operations by the acquisition of US based Locus Microwave Inc
- Integration and restructuring projects well advanced



# Share price development 18 months

ASX 50 Index



# Share price development 18 months

ASX Small Cap Index



# Communication Products – High Frequency (HF) Radio

- Products and systems for remote area long distance radio communications
- Used for:
  - → rapid network deployment
  - → communications without the need for transmission infrastructure
  - → back-up emergency communications





- → aid and humanitarian (UN and NGOs)
- → law enforcement, protection, security and military

20 - 300km above earth

- → other government departments
- → commercial e.g. mining and resources exploration, forestry, long distance transport



HF radio transceivers

modems and accessories for vehicle installed and land based stations and backpack applications

## **Communication Products - Satellite Communications**

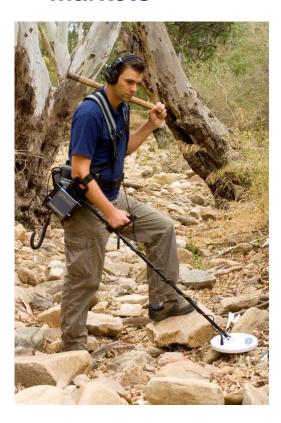
RF Subsystem (Satcom)

- RF Subsystem portion of satellite communications earth stations
- Used in networks for telecommunications over satellite; for public infrastructure and private networks for government and business
- Fixed station and transportable "rapid deploy" networks
- Sold to organisations that integrate the Codan product into earth stations
- Codan specialises in C and Ku frequency bands; most commonly used bands today



#### **Minelab Metal Detection**

Metal detection products and systems for Consumer and Countermine markets



- <u>Consumer</u>: Detection of gold nuggets, coins, treasure and artefacts by serious hobbyists, semiprofessional prospectors and archaeologists
- <u>Countermine</u>: Detection of land mines and unexploded ordnance by government and NGO demining organisations and the military

#### Other

- Codan Broadcast Signal routers and signal management products for TV broadcast studios
- IMP Printed Circuits Manufacture and importing of bare printed circuit boards for Australian and NZ electronics manufacturers
- Parketronics Contract electronics manufacture (mainly loading PCBs) for Australian electronics manufacturers





Sales

Full year results	FYC	FY09		FY08	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	
Revenue					
Communication Products	\$77.3	58%	\$83.4	76%	
Metal Detection	\$41.7	32%	\$16. <i>2</i> *	15%	
Other	\$13.3	10%	\$10. <i>3</i> **	9%	
Total revenue	\$132.4	100%	\$109.9	100%	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 4 months of Metal Detection

#### **Key highlights:**

- HF Radio performed strongly:
  - Further penetration new markets for global security, protection and military applications.
  - This more than offsets the continued reduction in our traditional aid and humanitarian and other government markets.
- Satellite communications had as expected a difficult year mainly due to the global financial crisis.
- Metal Detection's overall sales contributed additional \$25.5m in revenue:
  - Countermine business is very much dependent on contract activity.
  - Consumer business performed exceptionally well off the back of product releases of gold, and coin and treasure applications.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes 4 months of Parketronics

Full year results	FY09		FY08	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Total revenue	\$132.4	100%	\$109.9	100%
Underlying business performance				
EBITDA	\$29.4	22.2%	\$24.3	22.2%
EBIT	\$21.5	16.2%	\$17.0	15.4%
Interest	(\$4.6)		(\$2.2) <b>*</b>	
Net profit before tax	\$16.9	12.8%	\$14.8	13.4%
Net profit after tax	\$12.8	9.7%	\$10.5	9.6%
Non-recurring expenses after tax	\$0.8 <b>**</b>		\$9.5	
Net profit after tax	\$12.0		\$1.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 4 months interest of the Minelab and Parketronics acquisition.

#### **Key highlights:**

- EBITDA increased \$5.1m
- Full year interest (\$2.4m) to funding of Minelab and Locus Microwave acquisitions
- Excellent operating cash flows

<sup>\*\*</sup> Principally integration and restructuring expenses following the acquisition of Minelab

Ratios

	FY09	FY08
Return on net operating assets (average)	17.5%	20.5%*
Return on equity (average)	20.9%	15.8%
Underlying earnings per share	7.9 cents	6.5 cents
Earnings per share	7.4 cents	0.6 cents

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 4 months net operating assets of the Minelab and Parketronics acquisition.

#### **Definitions**

Return on net operating assets:
 EBIT / average net operating assets

Return on equity:
 NPAT / average equity

• Earnings per share: NPAT / no. of shares

Ratios

FY09	FY08
3.0 cents	3.0 cents
3.5 cents	3.5 cents
6.5 cents	6.5 cents
100%	100%
	3.0 cents 3.5 cents 6.5 cents

Record date Payment date 16 September 2009 1 October 2009



Historical performance

\$m, operating performance					
	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08*	FY09*
Sales	125.4	117.3	121.6	109.9	132.4
EBITDA	30.7	20.0	24.2	24.3	29.4
Profit after tax	16.2	8.5	11.2	10.5	12.8

<sup>\*</sup>Underlying profit

### Balance sheet

- Current initiatives (prudent capital management)

- Share Purchase Plan and Employee Share Plan (raised \$1.3m).
- Reduction in inventory levels by \$4.2m.
- Realise the value of surplus assets:
  - Land and buildings surplus to Codan group's medium term requirements will be sold or leased:
    - Surplus land at Torrensville and Cavan in Adelaide has been sold – \$1.5m.
    - Assessing the potential to subdivide and sell part of the Minelab Adelaide premises post the move of Minelab's manufacturing to Codan's principal Adelaide factory.
    - Announced recently the planned closure of and intention to sell Minelab's Irish manufacturing facility.



# Balance sheet

	FY09	FY08	
\$m			
Working Capital			
Receivables	\$15.3	\$18.3	
Inventories	\$14.2	\$18.4	
Accounts Payable	(\$17.5)	(\$18.1)	
Total Working Capital	\$12.1	\$18.6	
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$23.2	\$25.0	Systematically targeted effort
Product Development	\$15.2	\$12.5	
Intangible Assets	\$77.2	\$73.2	
Other	\$3.5	\$4.0	
Total Assets	\$131.2	\$133.3	
Other liabilities	(\$8.1)	(\$9.1)	
Net Operating Assets	\$123.1	\$124.2	
Net debt	(\$59.1)	(\$62.2) <b>D</b>	ecrease in debt despite acquisition
Net Assets	\$64.0	\$62.0	7
Shareholders Equity			
Share Capital	\$24.8	\$23.7	Successful Share Purchase Plan
Reserves	\$0.7	\$1.4	
Retained Profits	\$38.4	\$36.9	
Total Shareholders Equity	\$64.0	\$62.0	15



### **Funding:**

- 3 year evergreen
- Negative pledge
- Covenants
- Closing net debt \$59.1m

Bank covenants	FY09	FY08
Net debt / EBITDA* (shall not exceed 3.0 times)	2.1x	2.1x
EBIT / Net Interest** (shall exceed 2.5 times)	4.4x	7.7x

Key ratio	FY09	FY08
Net Debt / (Net Debt + Equity)	50%	50%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding impairment write downs in FY08.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Only 4 months interest in FY08.

# **Key Initiatives in FY09**

Summary

#### Strengthening market positions in all products

- HF radio growth from new Codan markets
- Consolidation of Satellite Communications
  - Imminent launch of important new products.

#### Consolidating outsourcing to Malaysia

- Significant cost reductions on outsourced communications products
- · Extend outsourcing to other parts of the business where appropriate

#### Synergies from Minelab acquisition

- Leveraging the best of Codan's and Minelab's manufacturing and distribution capabilities
- Streamlining systems and support functions



## **HF Achievements**

Created the foundation for growth

- Codan has maintained global market leadership in its traditional HF markets:
  - Aid
  - Humanitarian
  - Government and Business
- Supplemented by an aggressive Push into New Markets:
  - Military and security
  - Protection and peacekeeping
- Market launch completed
- Compelling value proposition for our new markets
- Well positioned against competitors



## **HF Achievements**

Significant Success in FY09 from the new markets

- A very compelling Value Proposition:
  - The right products
  - The right channels, influencers and teaming partners
  - The right pricing strategy
  - The right culture
- Have been very well received and accepted by new customers
- Received a substantial level of new market orders in FY09
- Will continue to grow HF revenue from new markets



# Minelab Integration Update

Strategic fit

- Strategic fit exceeds expectations:
  - Both design, manufacture and market internationally high value added products into global niche markets
  - Both have world leading technology and invest 6 8% of turnover into R&D
  - Strongly culturally aligned; both South Australian!
  - Minelab fits exactly into Codan's strategy of developing "clever" products for global niche markets

CULTURAL INTEGRATION DIFFICULTIES MINIMISED!



# Minelab Integration Update

Key synergies

#### **Our Achievements in FY09**

- Manufacturing
  - Codan was manufacturing in 6 different sites

Minelab Torrensville manufacturing site has been consolidated into Codan's Newton manufacturing site 

✓

Minelab Ireland manufacturing site will be outsourced by December 2009 

√

- Management & Board
  - One Board and Executive team
  - Head office support functions serving a larger group

Have leveraged management talent across the group  ${\it J}$  Support functions have been consolidated  ${\it J}$ 





- Finance / IT / Commercial
  - Leverage Codan's investment in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to Minelab
  - Restructure Head Office / Divisional back-office functions
     ERP system has been implemented into Parketronics √
     ERP system implemented in Minelab with completion by 30 June 2010
- Parketronics supply loaded PCB assemblies to the broader Codan group
- IMP supply of bare PCBs to Minelab and Parketronics
   Increased internal supply from Parketronics and IMP
   IMP and Parketronics are marketing together √

# Minelab Integration Update

Key synergies

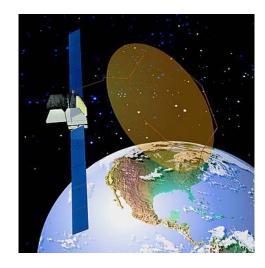
#### **Our Achievements in FY09**

- Sales & Marketing
  - Leverage common marketing services across the larger group √
  - Leverage common aid/humanitarian and military markets
    - In progress. Several customers are buying both metal detectors and HF radios
  - Military marketing
    - In progress. Increased cooperation between Minelab countermine and HF

### **Satellite Communications**

- Telecommunications is provided over fibre optic cable and copper wire, terrestrial wireless (e.g. mobile phones) and satellite
- Satellite communications requires communication between earth stations and a satellite







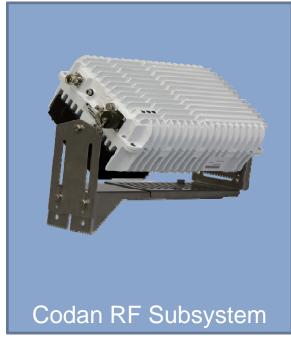


### **Satellite Communications**

- Earth stations are made up of modems, RF Subsystems and antennas
- Codan supplies the RF Subsystem portion of earth stations



Modems (Indoor)





Antenna (With RF Subsystem mounted)



### Codan's Business in C & Ku Band

- Commercial and government satellite communications typically occurs over two frequency bands, C and Ku-band
- Codan is a market leader for RF Subsystems in these frequency bands





#### **Locus - X-Band**

- Another frequency band, X-band, has long been reserved for military applications
- X-band is now being opened up for general government as well as military applications, and is a significant growth area for satellite communications
- Locus has products, technology and US market presence in X-band







### **Overview of Locus**

- US private company located in State College Penn
- Annual revenue approx. US\$2 million; 17 staff
- Three founders each with in excess of 25 years' experience in RF and microwave engineering products for the satellite communications industry



### **Overview of Locus**

- Supplies X-band microwave products targeted at US government satellite communications systems
- Locus has already been selected as a preferred supplier to US organisations that have been appointed to establish X-band satellite communications systems for the US government



## The Strategic Fit of Locus

- Immediate entry into global X-Band BUC market
  - → the same System Integrators (our customers) will sell X band as C and Ku band
- Leverage to maximise market share of Ku-Band sales in Government markets globally, and the entire North American market
- Diversification & globalisation of microwave engineering capability
- Opportunity to address new growth opportunities in non-satcom areas of core technical/product competence

#### **Key Initiatives**

- HF growing: protection, security and military markets
- Strategies in place for Satcom growth in continuing difficult market
- Minelab metal detection growing
- Global recession causes short term uncertainty
- Exposure to USD being structurally managed (e.g. outsourcing of manufacture to Asia converts costs to USD) to maximise natural hedge
- Expected net exposure to USD in FY10 hedged at 77.4US cents
- Balance sheet well managed; future acquisitions will require equity
- Further clever products business acquisitions will be important for sustained long-term growth.

