

## Clean Seas Seafood Limited

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## Introduction

- New Leadership & Focus refreshed Board & Management, new partnerships and distribution channels, cost and volume focus
- Strong Sales Growth FY21 sales volumes of 3,166t up 31% on FY20 (2,424t) and 17% on FY19 (2,698t).
- Diversification new channels & markets are complementing the premium restaurant businesses as it recovers, and will deliver lower costs of production as volumes increase
- Inventory Sell Down / Biomass Coming Back into Balance leveraging the sale of excess inventory has supported working capital requirements and driven channel diversification and volume growth
- Cost Focus will further support lower costs of production and profit recovery
- Strong Balance Sheet A\$50M of available funding
- Uniquely Positioned to be the quality & cost leader in sustainable & environmentally friendly Kingfish production

## Clean Seas Seafood – Global leader in full lifecycle farming of Yellowtail Kingfish



#### LONG STANDING FARMING EXPERIENCE

 20 years of experience and know-how, industry leading 13<sup>th</sup> generation of brood stock



#### **NEW RETAIL MARKET ACCESS & GROWTH**

 Significant growth opportunity, existing licenses to produce up to 10,000 tonnes with a view to 30,000 tonnes in the longer term



#### **GLOBAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

 Unique global distribution arrangement with strategic partner Hofseth International



#### SPENCER GULF NATURAL PROVENANCE

 Unique product quality and sustainability benefits from farming native species in its natural waters



#### **UNIQUE PRODUCT, GLOBAL RECOGNITION**

 Highly awarded and on the menu in more than 200 Michelin star restaurants across 17 countries



#### SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

- Sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices, focusing on animal welfare
- 'Aquaculture Stewardship Council' (ASC) certified and 'Friends of the Sea' Certified

**Introductory video** 

#### Clear path to increase production while retaining Spencer Gulf provenance and quality



Production expansion capital at <A\$1/kg, significantly less than land based competitors

## Control over the entire growth cycle – from egg to fully grown Kingfish



## Farming - Cold water production is a necessity to reach the highest quality

- Seasonal warm and cold water growout cycle provides product quality versus warm water and tank farmed production
- Clean Seas Seafood produces its Kingfish in the perfect environment with temperatures in the range of 13°C and 22°C, ensuring the best possible product quality at acceptable growth rates
- It's possible to accelerate growth (and to some extent reduce operating costs) with temperatures in the range at or above 22°C, but we believe it does affect the product quality
  - Texture, taste, shelf life
- This is why we farm in Kingfish's natural environment, the Spencer Gulf of South Australia







Clean Seas ensures unparalleled product quality with production in optimal temperatures

# State-of-the-art freezing technology *SensoryFresh™* will allow Clean Seas to deliver a high quality product globally with low cost & carbon footprint

- Freezing high value, premium quality seafood requires speed. The ice formation stage must be fast for optimum texture
- Clean Seas rapid freezing "SensoryFresh" is 10 times faster than conventional freezing
- This technology increases frozen sales to restaurants and has significant benefits in terms of carbon footprint
- Taste tests prove unmatched quality for frozen products, particularly when served raw
- Utilising frozen technology presents great opportunity for Clean Seas to benefit as the world reopens, particularly in the premium seafood and restaurant markets



## Sustainability and Premium Quality is at our Core



## Arguably the best raw fish in the world



#### Delicious Raw, Pan Seared, Baked, Roasted, And Grilled



#### Indicative retail packaging and branding





#### Marketing to retail segment



#### Huge potential for Yellowtail Kingfish globally



- The market for Yellowtail Kingfish has expanded significantly as awareness of the species has grown
- Clean Seas has built a substantial per capita consumption in Australia in premium restaurants
- Continued increases in per capita consumption will see total global sales grow strongly in future years
- Clean Seas has established distribution in Australia and Europe, and significant partnerships to expand into North America and Asia

## Substantial progress against Strategic Priorities

	FY21	FY22	FY23	
Operations	Stabilise the business following FY20 COVID shock, restructure and reduce indirect expenses	Grow and diversify kingfish production. Activate new farming sites.	Operating EBITDA and cashflow positive	
Sales	Diversify channels and markets, maximise existing premium business as lockdowns ease	Develop new channels and markets, premium business	Launch volume retail channels with a price competitive lower cost fish	
Inventory	Rectify Live Fish Biomass and Frozen inventory imbalance	Bring Biomass and Frozen inventory into balance to support future sales	Accelerate stocking and growth targets	
Cost Of Production	Accept higher cost of production while excess inventory is sold through	Achieve significantly lower cost of production as a result of clearing excess inventory	Achieve A\$9/kg cost of production in line with FY18 levels	
Funding	Secure debt and equity funding for growth ambitions	Simplify capital structure and redeem Convertible Notes		

## FY21 highlights turnaround and strong foundation

- Record sales volumes up 31% on FY20 and 17% on FY19
- New channels and markets developed, diversification underway
- Reduced inventory cover from 27 to 16 months
- Cost of production has peaked at A\$15.29/kg and will now decrease, targeting A\$9.00/kg in FY23
- A\$25 million capital raise completed, with secondary listing on Euronext Growth Oslo
- Significant available funds of A\$50 million, convertible note debt to be repaid

## Strong recovery and diversification drive sales ahead of pre-pandemic levels



#### Sales Volumes by Market

- Record Sales for FY21 of 3,166 tonnes despite ongoing restrictions
- Diversification accelerated growth new channels and markets
- Australia 1,809 tonnes, up 36%
- **Europe** 904 tonnes, up 11%
- North America 406 tonnes, up 80%
- Awareness Sales performance demonstrates a growing awareness and demand for Kingfish globally, as consumers look to make sustainable choices.

# Inventory & Production Costs impacted by historical imbalance, but on-track for significant improvement



#### Inventory Cover





- Inventory Cover Significant progress in addressing excess biomass and frozen inventory. Months cover reduced below FY18 levels
- Production Costs have peaked at A\$15.29/kg due to excess biomass and reduced growth
  - Excess biomass All of the excess Year Class 18's have now been harvested, and the Year Class 19's will be completed in early September. Surplus live fish biomass results in an extended growout period, and therefore an older, and significantly more expensive cohort of fish
  - Target Total production costs expected to return to historical levels of circa A\$9.00/kg in FY23 once the harvest of Year Class 20 fish is complete

## Underlying EBITDA FY20 vs FY21 (A\$000's)



#### **FY21 overview**

- FY21 Underlying EBITDA benefitted from a 31% increase in sales volumes
- Indirect costs decline due to structural changes to reduce costs and promote efficiency. Further improvement
  expected as the Company accelerates growth strategy.
- Frozen storage costs increased due to excess frozen inventory held, significant progress to accelerate the sale
  of surplus stock and costs improvement expected in FY22.
- Production costs increased due to excess Live biomass and fish health issues during FY21.

<sup>1.</sup> Underlying Operating EBITDA and Operating cash flow are categorised as non-IFRS financial information provided to assist readers to better understand the financial performance of the underlying operating business. They have not been subject to audit or review by the Company's external auditors.

### **Funding & Cash Flow**

Current cash and undrawn facilities (A\$'000)	FY21	FY20	Change	FY19	•
Cash at bank	30,072	22,169	7,903	1,004	
Undrawn working capital facility	2,529	3,504	(975)	4,725	•
Undrawn senior debt facility	14,000	14,000	-	-	
Undrawn asset finance facility	3,713	2,667	1,046	1,679	
Total cash and undrawn facilities	50,314	42,340	7,974	7,408	

Cash flow summary (A\$'000)	FY21	FY20	Change	FY19	
Underlying Operating cash flow	(9,196)	(14,033)	4,837	(8,200)	
Underling Adjustment					
Restructuring costs	(637)	-	(637)	-	
Litigation Settlement & Expense	-	14,007	(14,007)	(1,142)	
Statutory Operating cash flow	(9,833)	(26)	(9,807)	(9,342)	
Investing cash flow	(3,323)	(2,411)	(912)	(3,220)	•
Financing cash flow	21,059	30,877	(9,818)	757	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	7,903	28,440	(20,537)	(11,805)	

- Renewed A\$32.2 million Debt Facility and completed A\$25.0 million Capital Raise
- Early redemption of Convertible Notes underway
- Sufficient levels of cash and undrawn facilities to fund operations and invest in long term assets
  - Underlying operating cash flow improved by A\$4.8 million versus FY20
- Cash receipts of A\$44.9 million, up 5% on FY20, while payments to suppliers and for feed were down A\$3.8 million
- Financing cash flow reflects the Completion of Capital Raise

## Key Investment Highlights for Clean Seas and Spencer Gulf Kingfish

Unique market opportunity driven by megatrends

High growth potential can be realized at low costs and result in more competitive cost/kg

Proven setup with all key success factors in place

- Exposure to megatrends: consumer health, sustainable protein, rising incomes and environmental awareness
- 70% of demand for Atlantic Salmon is from retail, while Kingfish is almost entirely foodservice
- Increasing popularity for Kingfish as a premium source of seafood with limited sources of supply
- Strong recovery in sales signals successful start to the strategy
- Clean Seas is several times larger than its closest competitor and is well placed to access the growth potential in Kingfish in the near-term
- Tangible growth trajectory towards 30,000 tonnes with low license costs and ability to leverage fixed assets
- Volume growth facilitated can enable unit production costs to fall
- Industry leading production experience from 13+ generations of breeding
- Control over the entire production value chain, delivering a Michelin-starred quality product
- Distribution through exclusive agreement with Hofseth International
- Cold-water production of a native species in its natural environment, ensuring optimal and unparalleled product quality
- Exclusive access to freezing and defrosting technology, optimizing seasonality in harvesting schedules and global deliveries with a low carbon footprint

#### **Trading Update - August YTD**

- August YTD sales in FY22 are 772t versus 386t in FY21 (+100%) and 427t in FY20 (+81%)
- Sales revenues have grown to A\$10.3m, versus A\$6.2m in FY21 (+66%) and A\$7.5m in FY20 (+37.5%)
- Sales to restaurants in Australia impacted by lockdowns in NSW and VIC, however sales to new channels, including sales in support of an upcoming retail program with a major supermarket, has largely offset this shortfall
- Europe sales exceptionally strong as premium markets reopen, with incremental sales due to ongoing diversification, up 102% on FY21 and 123% ahead of FY20



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