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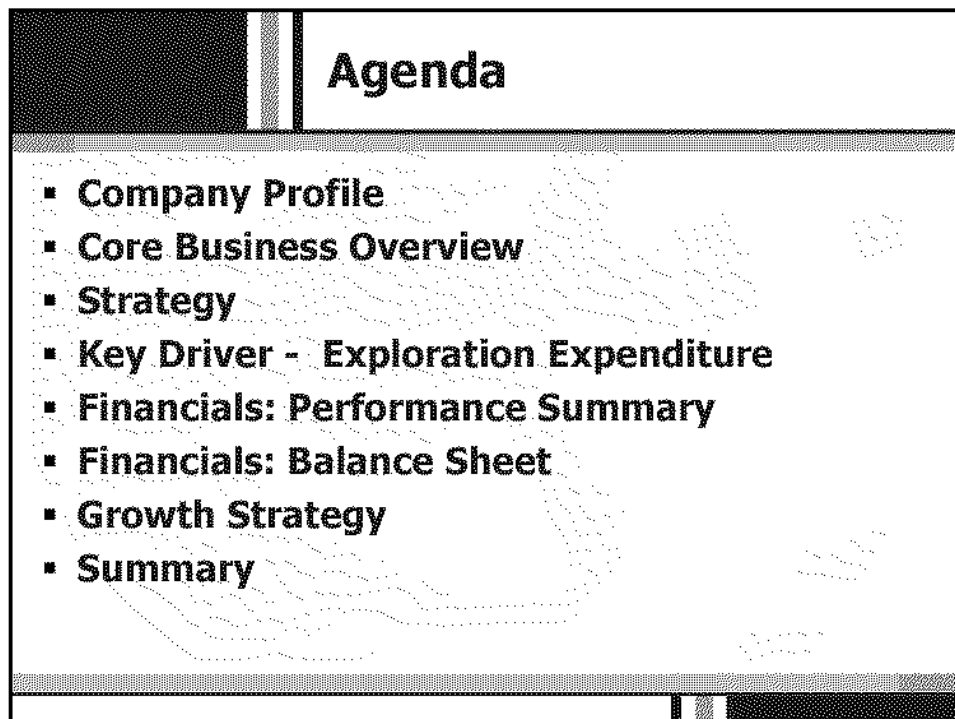
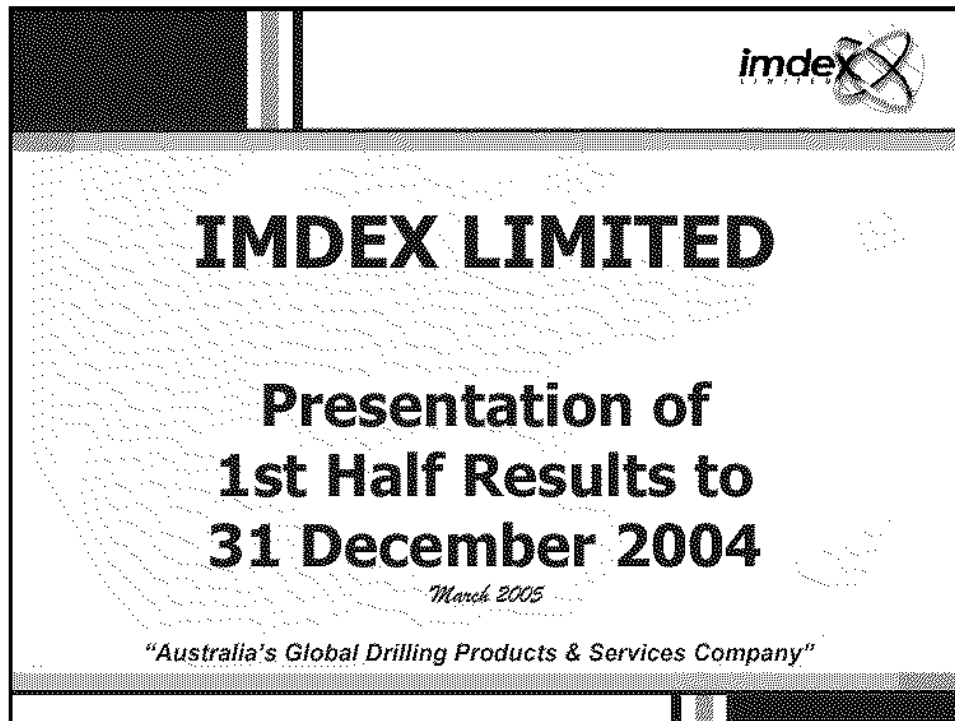
Dear Sirs

I attach a copy of the presentation to be made to brokers today in Sydney.

Yours faithfully
Imdex Limited

Stephen J Lyons
Company Secretary

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Company Profile

- The Imdex Group consists of four operating companies/divisions – 125 employees
 - Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd (AMC)
 - Surtron Technologies Pty Ltd (Surtron)
 - Ace Drilling Supplies (Ace)
 - Imdex Minerals
- Imdex's core business is focused on "Drilling Products and Services"

Core Business Overview

- Drilling fluids, chemicals & services – mining, oil & gas, water well & civil
- Drilling products & services
 - Steering for directional drilling - **CBM**
 - Geophysical logging – **iron ore**
 - Down hole surveys – **resources**
 - Core orientation tools – **diamond drilling**
 - Down hole cameras and motors – **resources, CBM**
 - Drilling consumables – **resources**

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Strategy

▪ Main Strategy:

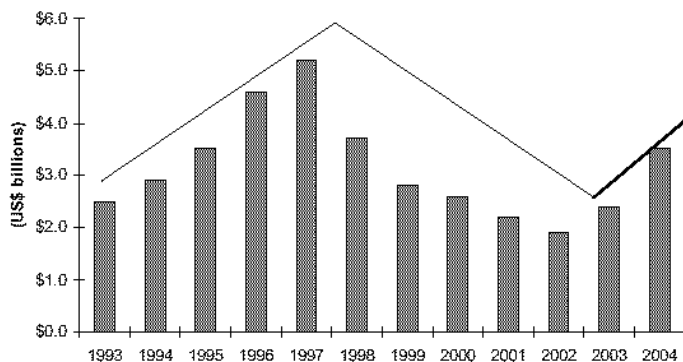
Transform a diverse local company into a focused global company providing drilling products & services to the oil & gas, mining, water well and civil industries

▪ Main Objective:

To provide a satisfactory return to shareholders

Key Driver – Exploration Spending

Estimated Total Worldwide Exploration
Spending



Data/comments extracted from the Corporate Exploration Strategies report of the Metals
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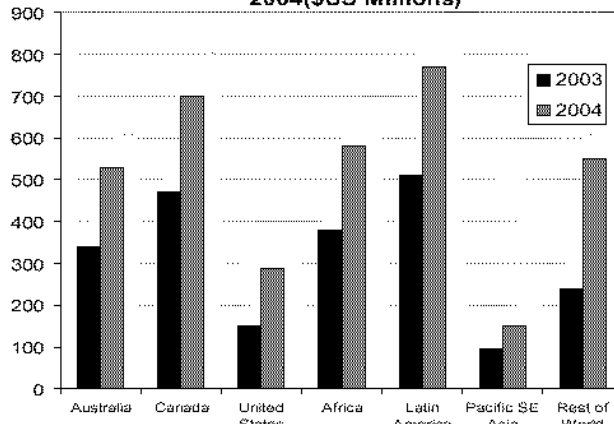
Increase in
2003 and 2004
driven by:

- Increased spending by the majors
- Much more active junior sector

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World Exploration Trends - Regional

Worldwide Exploration Spending by Region 2003-2004 (\$US Millions)

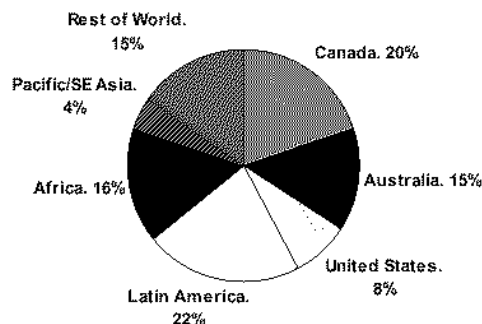


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- Strong increases in Canada, Latin America, Rest of World and Africa
- Expenditure of US\$3.55b up by 62% on 2003 total of US\$2.19b
- All regions experiencing increases, continuing the upward trend

World Exploration Spending - By Region

2004 Exploration Spending - By Region



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- Latin America most popular destination (Peru and Mexico), then Canada, Africa, Rest of World and Australia
- Rest of world category - sharp increases in Russia, Mongolia and China

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Financials: Performance Summary

	HALF YEAR		
	31 Dec 2004 (\$m)	31 Dec 2003 (\$m) (a)	Change %
Operating Revenue (b)	22.15	19.37	14.3%
Earnings before Interest, Tax Depreciation & Amortisation (EBITDA)	3.12	3.17	-1.5%
Depreciation & amortisation	(0.92)	(0.92)	
Earnings before Interest & Tax (EBIT)	2.20	2.25	-2.4%
Net Interest Expense	(0.28)	(0.29)	
Operating Profit before Tax	1.92	1.96	-2.1%
Income Tax Benefit/(Expense)	(0.57)	(0.70)	
Net Profit after Tax	1.35	1.27	6.3%

(a) Half Year Dec 2003 not adjusted for prior period overstatements in the results of Index Minerals

(b) Excludes the proceeds from the disposal of the investment in the RTE/Index Joint Venture of \$2.050 million

Segment EBIT Contribution

	HALF YEAR		
	31 Dec 2004 \$'000	31 Dec 2003 \$'000 (a)	Change %
Drilling Products & Services	1,227	527	+133%
Drilling Fluids & Chemicals	1,234	1,354	-9%
Minerals Processing	(19)	828	-102%
Unallocated overheads	(269)	(450)	+40%
Total EBIT	2,173	2,259	-4%

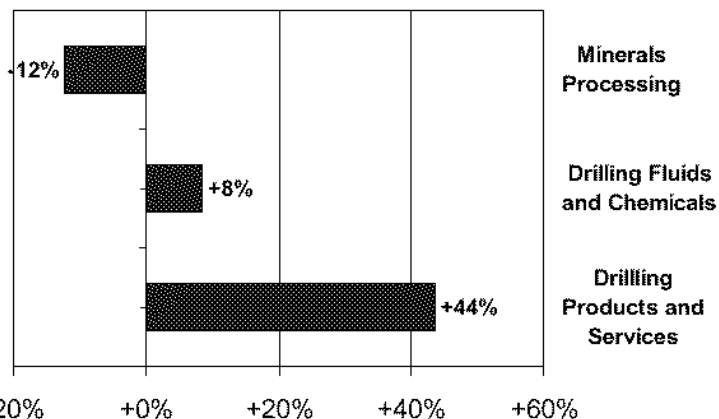
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Segment Revenue Growth

Revenue Growth Half Years 2004 / 2003



In calculating revenue growth no adjustment has been made for the prior period overstatements in the results of Imdex Minerals

Cash Flow & Financing

	HALF YEAR		Change %
	31 Dec 2004 (\$m)	31 Dec 2003 (\$m)	
Operating Activities	1.80	1.24	+45%
Investing Activities	(0.80)	0.92	+187%
Financing	0.38	0.56	+34%
Cash at end of period	(0.08)	0.14	-156%
Net Debt	6.84	7.22	+5%
Gearing Ratio	39%	31%	-26%

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Financial Ratios

	HALF YEAR		Change %
	31 Dec 2004	31 Dec 2003 (a)	
Return on Equity %	8%	5%	+41%
EBIT on Sales % (c)	10%	12%	-15%
Return on Capital Employed %	10%	8%	+27%
EPS (cents) (b)	1.14¢	1.05¢	+9%

Notes:

(a) Half Year Dec 2003 not adjusted for prior period overstatements in the results of Imdex Minerals

(b) On both a "Basic" and "Diluted" basis

(c) Excludes the proceeds from the disposal of the investment in the RTE/Imdex Joint Venture of \$2.050

Financials: Balance Sheet

	31 Dec 2004 (\$Am)	31 Dec 2003 (\$Am)
Receivables	8.13	8.64
Inventories	7.71	8.07
PPE	11.70	12.07
Investment/Receivable - Saudi Arabia	3.36	8.74
Other Net Assets	1.34	1.55
Total Assets	32.24	39.08
Interest Bearing Liabilities	6.84	7.22
Other Liabilities	8.01	8.79
Equity	17.40	23.07
Total Equity and Liabilities	32.24	39.08
No. Shares on Issue (million)	110	120

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Growth Strategy

- Key focus is expanding further into international resources and energy markets. All need drilling fluids, drilling products and services which means scale:
 - Organic growth and
 - Mergers & Acquisitions, eg Samchem in Africa

Samchem Acquisition

- Roughly half the size of our existing drilling fluids business
- Geographically strategic
- Manufacturing and R & D facilities in Africa
- Mining and Oil & Gas markets
- Currently profitable with potential to expand
- Clay brick & cement block chemicals – world wide potential

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Summary

- On track to deliver increase in EBIT of 25% in FY05 from underlying EBIT of \$4m in FY04
- Australian core businesses robust and set to perform strongly in the second half
- Medium to long term growth in drilling products & services as Imdex expands world wide
- Middle East J/V re-structured
- Imdex linked to resources/commodities – cycle upswing (precious metals, base metals, oil & gas, CBM industry, iron ore, etc)

What is Imdex?

IMDEX is:
Australia's Global Drilling Products & Services Company – a service provider to the natural resources industries