

# Minds + Machines Group Limited

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**Presenting team**

**Guy Elliott** – Non-executive Chairman

**Toby Hall** – Chief Executive

**Michael Salazar** – COO/CFO

# 2015 – key financials

	FY 2015 \$'000	FY2014 \$'000	Percentage change
Billings (1)	7,922	5,028	
Cost of sales	(6,223)	(4,659)	34%
Gross cash profit	<u>1,699</u>	<u>369</u>	360%
Cash expenditure			
Operating expenditure	(12,156)	(13,142)	(8%)
Profit on gTLD auctions	7,943	33,721	(76%)
Adjusted EBITDA (2)	<u>(2,514)</u>	<u>20,948</u>	(112%)
As reported in the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income	FY 2015 \$'000	FY 2014 \$'000	Percentage change
Operating EBITDA	(5,500)	23,167	(124%)
Total (loss) / profit	(9,997)	22,057	(145%)
Basic (loss) / earnings per share	(1.20) cents	2.73 cents	(144%)
Diluted (loss) / earnings per share	(1.20) cents	2.67 cents	(145%)
As reported in the Group Statement of Financial Position	31/12/2015 \$'000	31/12/2014 \$'000	Percentage change
Intangible assets	41,291	40,597	2%
Other Long Term Assets	3,448	5,982	(42%)
Cash & Cash Equivalents	34,651	45,796	(24%)
Net Assets	79,027	94,685	(17%)

(1) Billings refer to total sales generated during the year (not deferred for accounting purposes)

(2) Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation & amortisation and other non-cash charges where earnings are calculated on the basis of billings as opposed to accounting revenue

# Business observations

## Historic issues

- High operational costs (\$12.2m) and cost of sales (\$6.2m) due to vertically-integrated/in-house development approach
- Historic cost-restructuring purely re-active – no cohesive underlying plan
- No tangible strategy for driving billings or asset monetization
  - Build and it will come resulted in cost inflation far outstripping revenues and DUMs

## Strong foundations

- Excellent portfolio of assets refocused towards revenue generation
  - 25 wholly/majority owned TLDs, 5 in partnership
  - 8 contested applications remaining
- Billings growth of 58% with high levels of renewal and recurring income
- Strong balance sheet with no debt and cash of \$34.6m
- Clear market pull with China key driver of industry growth
  - .VIP launch in China on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

# Way forward

## **Costs contained**

- Board restructured: reduced from 7 to 4
- Major restructuring of business already underway: vertically-integrated model ended
- Operating costs post re-structure: targeting \$6m (2015: \$12.2m)

## **Sales-led strategy implemented**

- Distribution channels and partnership programmes refocused
- Major business development initiatives now implemented focused on key markets: China, US and UK
- Resources being aligned to allow MMX to operate efficiently in its three major time zones

## **Historic contractual commitments being addressed**

- Positive headway being made on resolving historically burdensome contracts

# Business restructuring

- **Vertically integrated business structure ended**
  - Technical back-end now being outsourced to Nominet including majority of customer service requirements
  - Consumer retail arm (registrar) now being closed and customers migrated
  - ZDNS appointed as Chinese compliant gateway into China
- **MMX now a pure-play owner of TLDs – 25 domains majority/wholly owned; 5 in partnership**
- **Business to have three key business development hubs to cover major time zones/markets**
  - US
  - Europe
  - Asia
- **Hubs to service in-region business development teams/partners focused on expanding sales through:**
  - in-country registrars
  - In-country distribution partners – “glocal”
- **Operating costs of new business structure – approximately \$6m annualised, beginning Q4 2016**
- **Central databases core to operating success of business moving forward**

# US

## **Key assets**

- .work, .law, .miami, .boston, .beer, .wedding, .fashion, .fit, .yoga

## **Market dynamics**

- consumer awareness low but major registrar groups now stepping up their marketing of new gTLDs + active domainer community

## **MMX status**

- expanded sales team now marketing .law
- dedicated sales team now focused on sourcing distribution partners for key verticals
- registrar team being expanded
- central databases being implemented
- COO to provide oversight on US efforts in addition to operational oversight of wider group



# Europe

## **Key assets**

- .london, .bayern, .nrw + lead US properties

## **Market dynamics**

- geo's have generated genuine traction; UK a key market to develop across portfolio

## **Status**

- UK office re-established
- Outsourced RSP operations for Group to be based in Oxford
- Cornerstone agreements in place through which to drive registrations in H2 2016 in UK and Germany
- CEO to provide oversight on European business in addition to group business development

# China

## Key assets

- .vip, .law

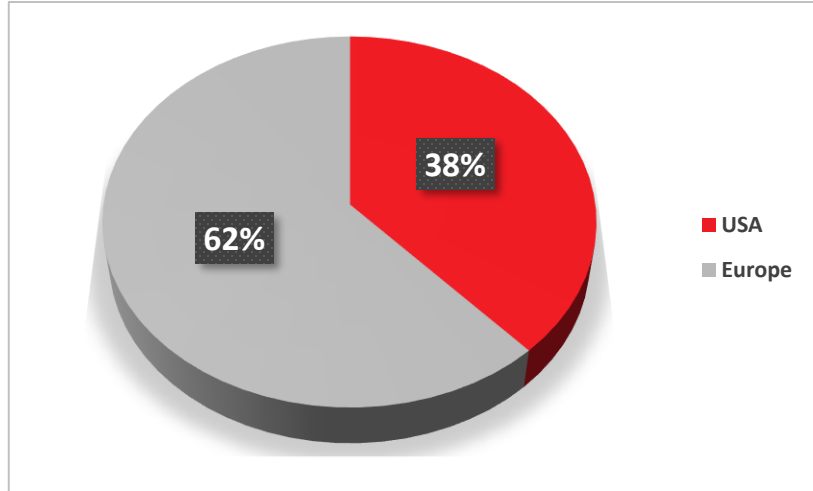
## Market dynamics

- China accounts for over 50% of all new gTLD registrations (circa 9m); currently domain investor driven

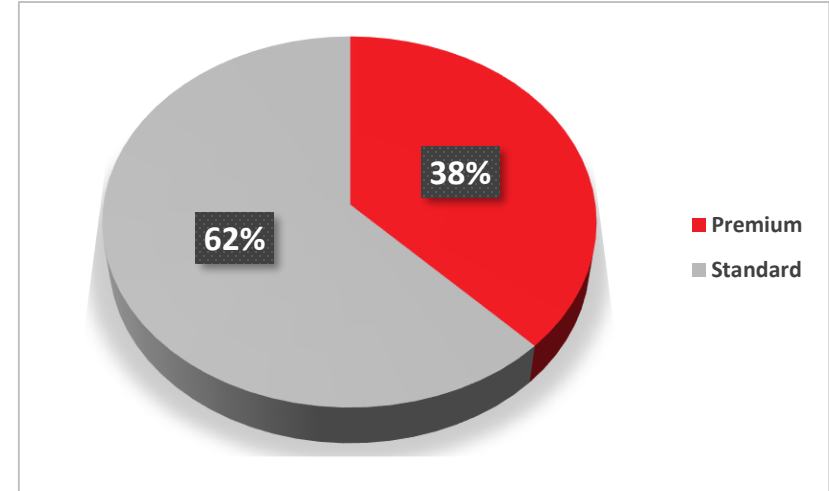
## MMX status

- ZDNS appointed as technical gateway
- 9 MIIT applications submitted
- 19 Chinese registrars on-boarded
- Outsourced marketing partner appointed
- Singapore to serve as operational centre for MMX's Asia activity
- Chairman to provide oversight on Asia operations in addition to oversight across the Group
- .vip to launch 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

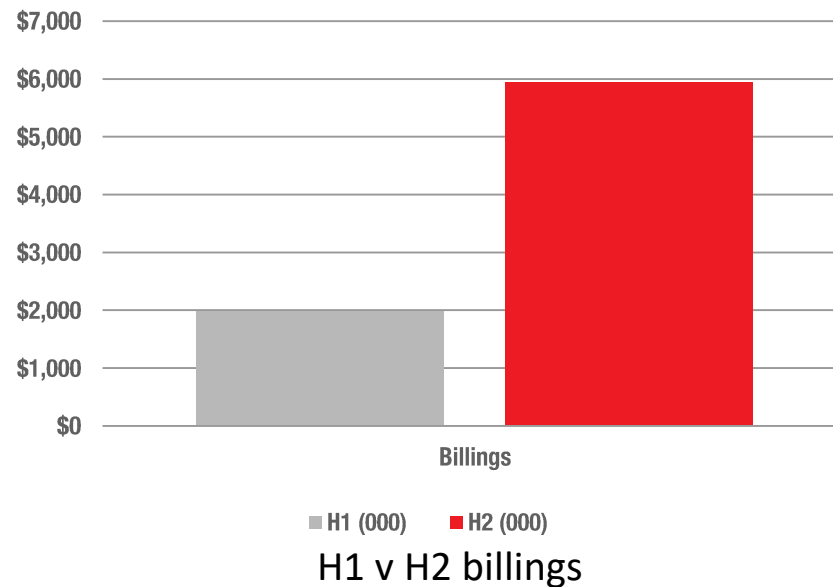
# 2015 performance



Regional billings split



Standard v premium billing



■ H1 (000) ■ H2 (000)

H1 v H2 billings

# Guidance on current trading

- New executive team appointed February 22 2016
  - Launch of first TLD in China on track for May 18 2016
  - Outsourcing agreements now in place to facilitate H2 2016 restructuring
  - Key agreements now in place through which DUMs growth can be driven in US and Europe H2
  - Operating costs already reduced by \$2.5m on an annualized basis since Jan 30 2016
  - Post-restructure annualised operating expenses approximately \$6 million
  - Positive headway being made on resolving historically burdensome contracts
  - Further launches in the pipe-line for H2 2016
- + Buy-back programme to continue

*...plenty of work still to be done but ship being turned in right direction...*

# Q&A

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