







DX (Group) plc













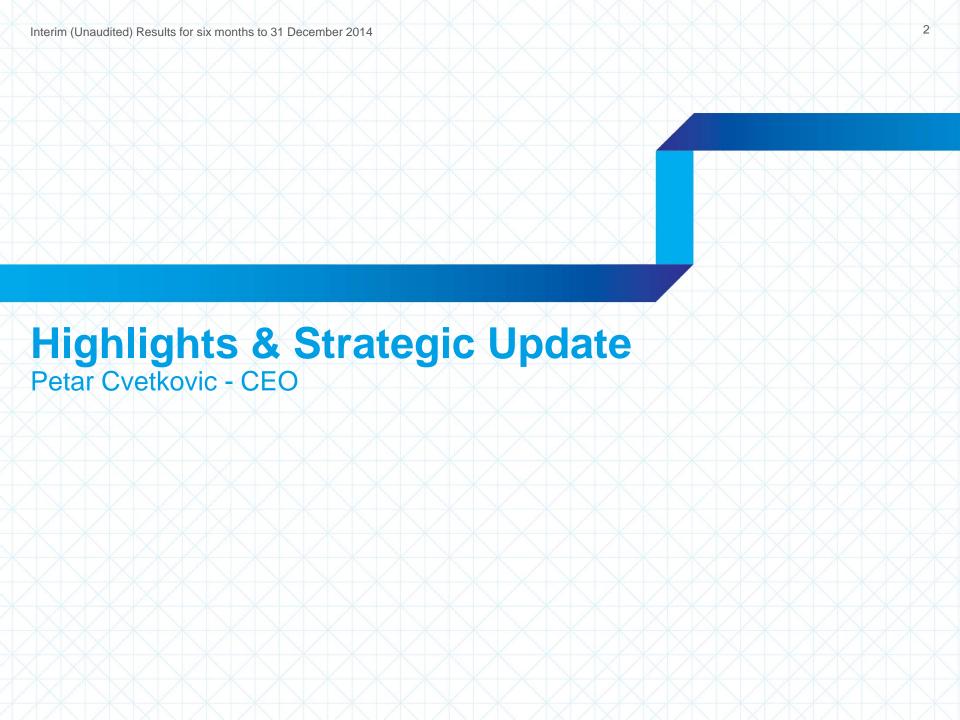
Interim Results for the six months to 31 December 2014

# **Agenda**

Highlights & Strategic Update	Petar Cvetkovic - CEO		
Financial Review	Ian Pain	- CFO	
Summary & Outlook	Petar Cvetkovic - CEO		







# **Progress on all objectives**

Challenges & Commitments	Update
Improving margins	<ul> <li>Continued review of Customer contracts</li> <li>Investing to support the OneDX proposition</li> <li>EBITDA margin increased by 0.6% to 9.6%</li> </ul>
Develop the network for Customer service and efficiency improvements	<ul> <li>Progress on OneDX hub</li> <li>Service centre consolidation</li> <li>OneDX routing/scheduling system</li> </ul>
Customer developments – continuing improvements	<ul> <li>Protecting DX Exchange</li> <li>Developing a collection point network and a predelivery alert system</li> <li>Extension to HMPO contract</li> </ul>
Strategic developments	<ul> <li>49.8% stake investment in Gnewt Cargo Ltd (zero emissions operator)</li> <li>Acquisition of tangible and intangible assets from City Link (In Administration)</li> </ul>
Strong cash flow and dividends	<ul><li>Strong free cash flow – up 96%</li><li>2p per share dividend in line with expectations</li></ul>



## **Interim Results – Headline figures**

#### For the six months ended 31 December

	2014	vs. 2013	
Revenue from ongoing activities	£147.4m	<b>↓</b> 1.7%	<ul> <li>Improving quality of revenue</li> </ul>
Underlying EBITDA	£14.2m	<b>^</b> 5.2%	<ul> <li>Steady improvement in profits whilst foundations laid for future</li> </ul>
Adjusted profit before tax	£10.7m	<b>↓1.8%</b>	arouth
Adjusted profit after tax	£8.6m	<b>1.2</b> %	<ul> <li>Strong cash generation and returns to shareholders</li> </ul>
Adjusted EPS	4.3p	<b>^2.4%</b>	
Interim dividend per share*	2.0p	n/a	
Free cash flow (after interest and tax)	£4.7m	↑£2.3m	
Net debt	£12.1m	↓£214.7m	(Net debt at 30 June 2014: £12.2m)

<sup>\*</sup>A final dividend of 2.0p per share was paid in December 2014 in respect of the four month period between Admission to AIM on 27 February 2014 and the 30 June 2014 year end



## DX – the UK's most comprehensive service offering

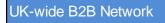






























**DSA Mail** 













Secure Tracked packets





























Tracked Parcels 48H B2C











**Network Logistics** 











Irregular Dimension & Weight













2-Man Delivery









### Continuing development of the Network



Projects Completed		
Previous Sites	New Sites	
Exeter/Dawlish/Bridgewater/Newton Abbott	Exeter	
Plymouth/Saltash	Plymouth	
Reading/Basingstoke	Heathrow	
Watford/Southall/Egham		
Milton Keynes/Earls Barton	Northampton	
Northampton/Stone/Cannock		
Manchester/Blackburn	Bury	
Leeds/Castleford/Halifax	Leeds	
Completed - 21 sites into 6		

- Creating a more Customer focussed network with fewer sites
- Developing the foundations for trunking and delivery fleet savings once new Hub completed

Projects in Planning			
Existing Sites	New Sites	Status	
Bristol	Bristol	Site identified	
Newport/Bridgend	Cardiff	Site identified	
Southampton/Totton	Southampton	Search underway	
Swindon/Thatcham	Swindon	Site identified	
Gatwick/East Grinstead	Gatwick	Search underway	
Erith/Dartford/Chatham	Maidstone	Site identified	
Rochester/Croydon			
Norwich/Ipswich	Thetford	Search underway	
Nottingham x 2	Nottingham	Search underway	
Willenhall Hub/Tipton/DXF office/ Office Depot	M6 Corridor	Site identified	

#### In planning - 22 sites into 9

Consolidation ongoing. Already reduced from 87 to 72 sites. Plans for further reductions to 59

Overall quality & size of footprint increased by 258k sq ft



### **Acquisition of City Link Assets**

#### **City Link failed**

"Logistics companies engaged in kamikaze pricing whilst retailers have had the whip hand due to excess capacity in the sector." "At certain points in the year the demand for parcel delivery services exceeds supply, yet there seems to be an almost cut-throat approach to winning contracts. A number of the contracts that City Link was carrying out were loss-making at direct cost level."

Jeremy Willmont
Head of Restructuring & Insolvency – Moore Stephens

Hunter Kelly, Ernst & Young Insolvency Partner & City Link Administrator

Extract from transcript of oral evidence to House of Commons', Business, Innovation and Skills Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015

#### What did DX acquire for £1.125m?

- Cages 3,450
- Wearable scanners 115
- Intellectual Property

#### Market reaction

- Scramble for Customers, kamikaze pricing ongoing
- Impact on competitor service levels in the sector
- Interim Customer decisions will change

- Opportunities in the pipeline
- DX is focussed on Customers who value high levels of service



## **Investment in Gnewt Cargo Ltd**

#### **The Company**

Fast growing environmentally friendly service provider

Last mile multi-drop delivery services in Central London

Award winning: 2014 Corporate Environment Winner – National Institute of Couriers

2014 Transport Solution Provider of the Year - Energy Trust Fleet Hero Award

Fleet of over 100 electric zero-emissions vehicles.

Independently verified to cut carbon dioxide emissions per parcel by 62%

#### The Deal

- £1.9m paid in cash for 49.8% stake
- 50.2% retained by the two 2009 founders
- Current financials: EBITDA circa £0.3m on Revenue of £3.75m



gnewt cargo

love the last mile



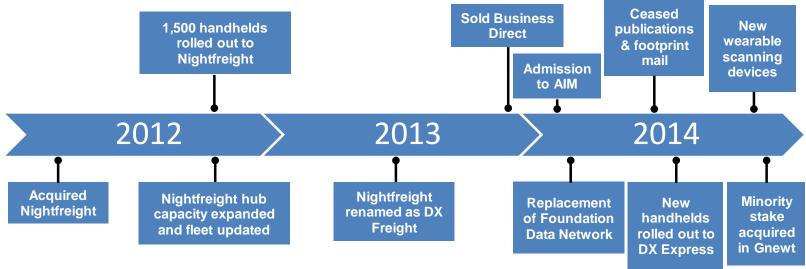
#### **DX Environmental Strategy**

To support the Gnewt Management team in the continuing development of the business and to provide core volumes to underpin future start up operations in other UK cities

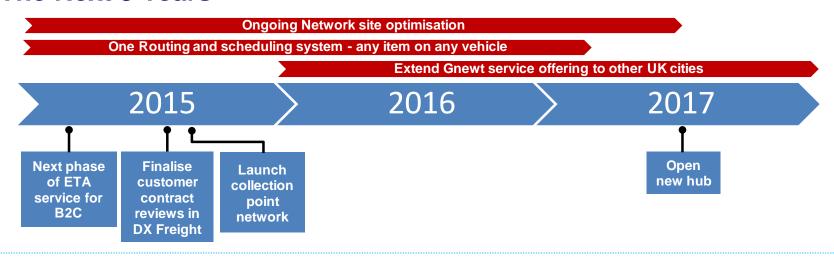


### **Developments Timeline**

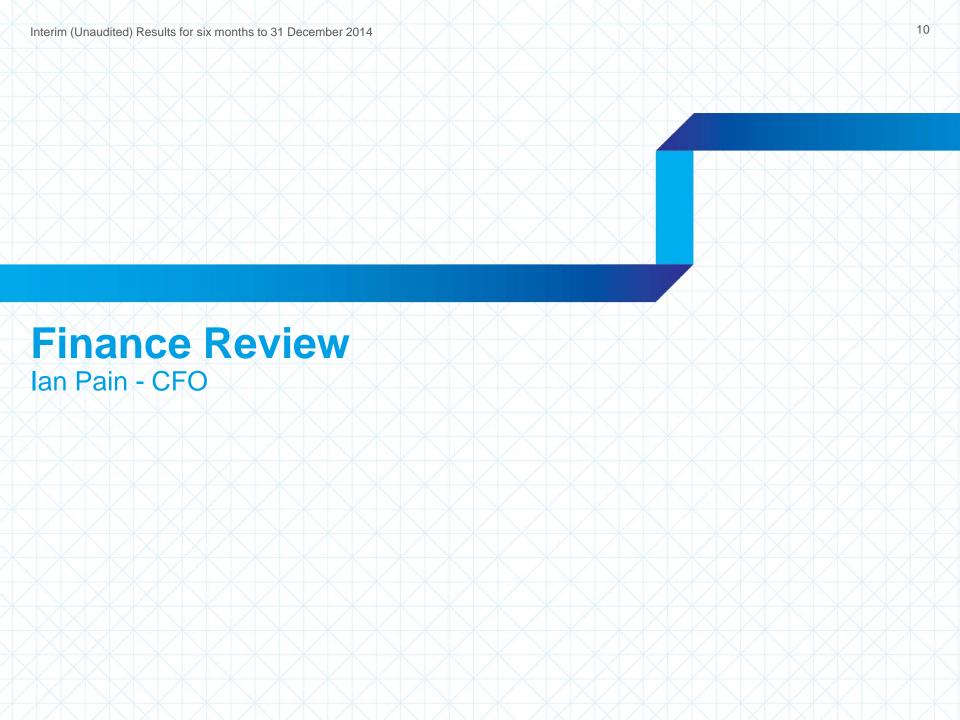




#### The Next 3 Years







### P & L Overview

#### For the six months ended 31 December

	2014	2013	Change
Revenue from ongoing activities	£147.4m	£150.0m	-1.7%
EBITDA from ongoing activities	£14.2m	£13.5m	+5.2%
EBITDA margin %	9.6%	9.0%	+0.6%
Depreciation	£(1.7m)	£(1.3m)	+30.8%
Amortisation of capitalised software			
development	£(1.6m)	£(1.1m)	+45.5%
Adjusted profit before interest and tax	£10.9m	£11.1m	-1.8%
Interest	£(0.2m)	£(0.2m)	-
Adjusted profit before tax	£10.7m	£10.9m	-1.8%
Tax	£(2.1m)	£(2.4m)	-12.5%
Adjusted profit after tax	£8.6m	£8.5m	+1.2%
Adjusted earnings per share	4.3p	4.2p	+2.4%
Dividend per share	2.0p	<u>-</u>	+2.0p

- Improved EBITDA margin on slight revenue reduction
- Depreciation and amortisation of capitalised software development rising due to increased capital expenditure
- Increase in Adjusted EPS and first interim dividend declared

The following definitions have been applied consistently throughout the announcement of interim results:



<sup>1.</sup> Underlying results for 2013 exclude revenues and profit contributions from those activities that were sold or ceased during 2013, namely Business Direct (sold December 2013) and non-Document Exchange untracked mail and publications. Also excluded are 2013 restructuring costs, reported in the prior year as exceptional items.

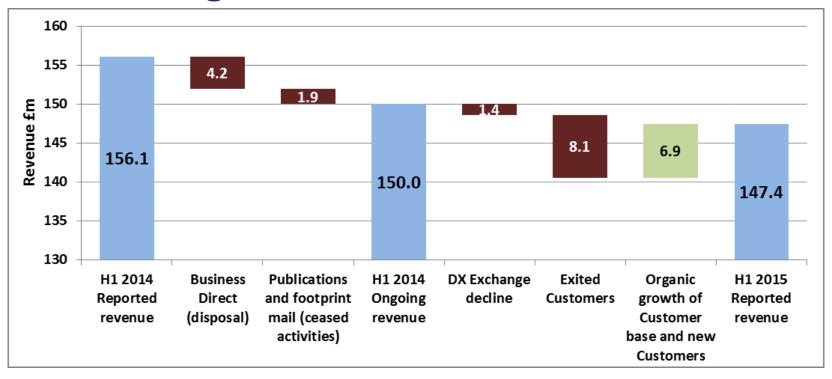
<sup>2.</sup> Adjusted profit before tax and adjusted earnings per share:

 $<sup>2.1\,</sup>$  exclude the £0.8 million amortisation of acquired intangible assets for the six months to 31 December for both 2014 and 2013 (£1.6 million for the year to 30 June 2014). The remaining amortisation relates to capitalised developed software that is being written down over 3 to 5 years.

<sup>2.2</sup> exclude exceptional items as well as third party and shareholder related interest on the pre-Admission capital structure for the six months to 31 December 2013 and the year to 30 June 2014. Included in the comparative six month period to 31 December 2013 and the year to 30 June 2014 is a notional third party interest charge to reflect the capital cost had the debt structure put in place at Admission been in place throughout the year ended 30 June 2014.

<sup>3.</sup> Free cash flow represents the operating cash flows of the business after interest and tax and excludes exceptional items, proceeds from the sale of assets and business, the acquisition of stakes in Associates, the acquisition of intangible assets (other than development expenditure), the repayment of bank loans and other debt instruments, draw downs on bank facilities, new loan facilities and dividends.

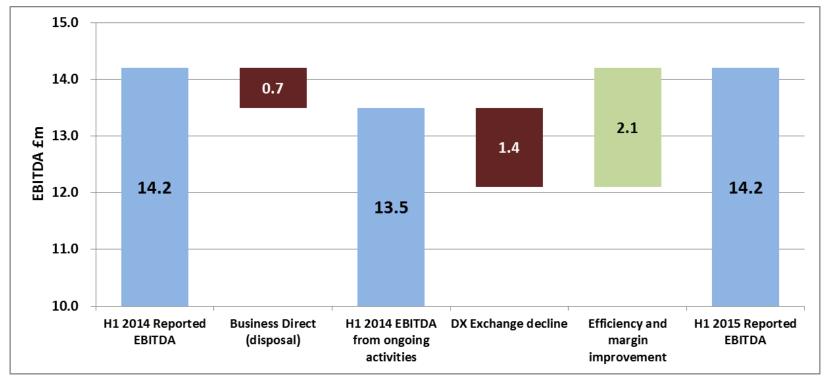
### Revenue bridge



- Impact of e-substitution on DX Exchange in line with management expectations
- Significant Customer churn particularly in DX Freight, due to qualitative focus to ensure all contracts deliver a profitable contribution
- New Customers negotiations continue following City Link demise



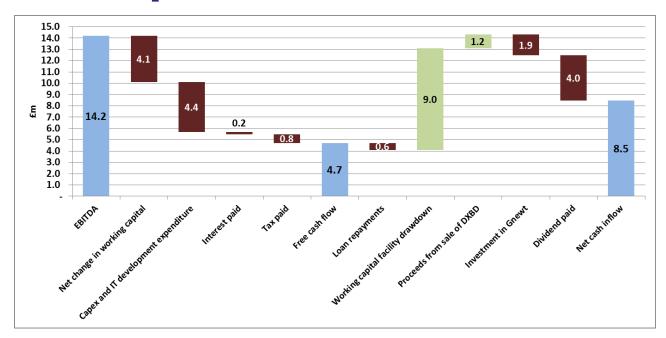
## **EBITDA** bridge



- Zero cost savings from reduced DX Exchange revenues, focus on new Courier Customers
- Efficiency improvements from Operations and IT developments
- Overhead savings in payroll and property



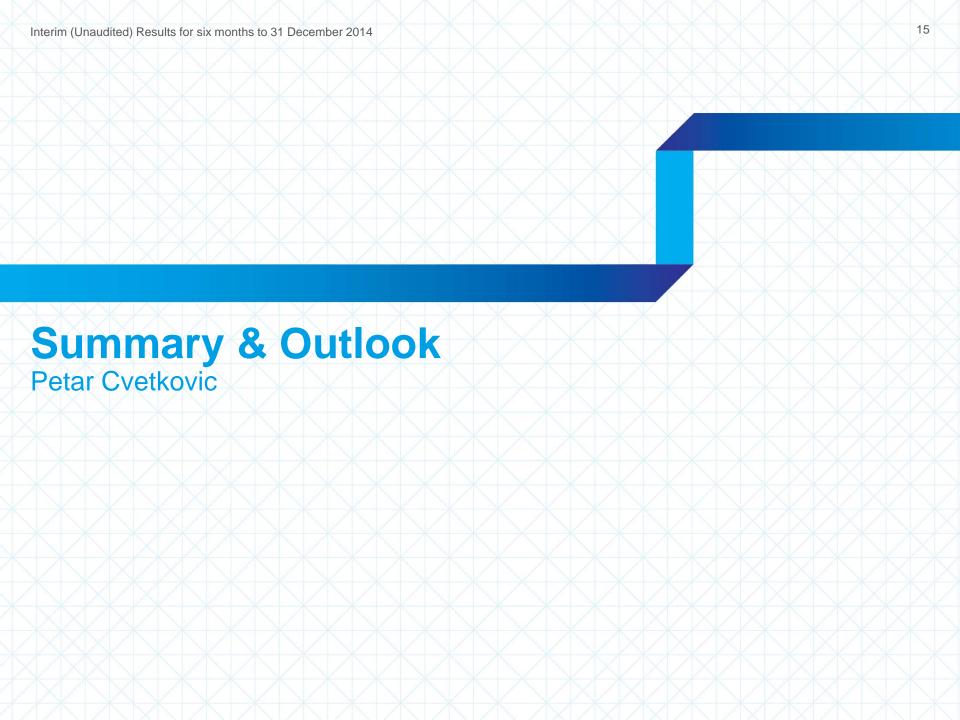
# Cash profile



	£m
IT hardware and development costs	2.0
Property costs	1.0
Operations	1.0
Service development	0.4
Capex and development costs	4.4
	£m
Loans and borrowings	(18.4)
Cash	6.3
Net debt at 31 December 2014	(12.1)

- Absorption of working capital due to temporary extension of debtor days following migration of DX Freight to group financial software platform
- £1.125m acquisition of City Link assets post year end
- Cash flows traditionally stronger in H2 due to profile of DX Exchange renewals and seasonality. Analysts continue to forecast zero net debt by 30 June 2015





## The Route to OneDX

- 1. One Team
- 2. One Brand and Sales Proposition
- 3. One Network of co-located service centres
- 4. One Routing and Scheduling system
- 5. One Hub and Trunk operation





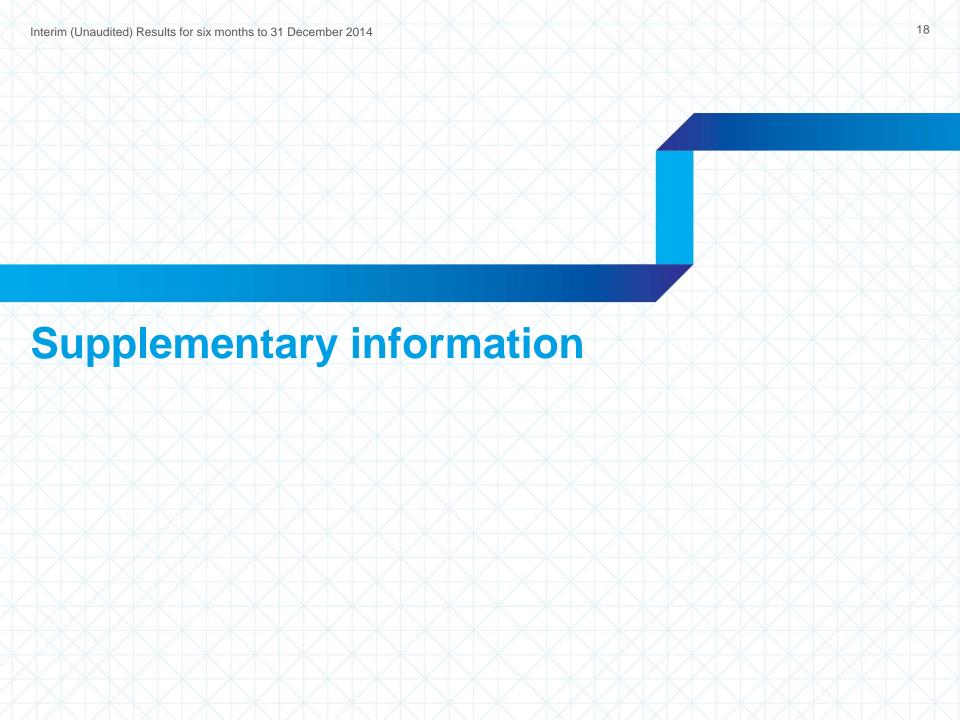
# **Current Trading & Outlook**

Competitive environment

On track with OneDX programme

Early stage efficiency improvements encouraging





### **The Business**

A leading independent mail, parcels and logistics network operator in the UK and Ireland (200 million items delivered last year). Acquired Nightfreight in 2012

#### Specialist in next day or scheduled delivery of:

- Time sensitive
- Mission critical
- High value items

### Unrivalled breadth of services – focusing mainly on B2B

- Parcels and Freight
- Mail & Packets
- Logistics

