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#### Spark New Zealand Limited H1 FY22 Results

In accordance with the NZX Listing Rules, Spark New Zealand releases the following to the market in relation to Spark New Zealand Limited's H1 FY22 results:

- 1. Media Release
- 2. Interim Financial Statements
- 3. Results Announcement
- 4. Distribution Notice
- 5. Investor presentation
- 6. Detailed financial information.

Spark New Zealand's Chief Executive, Jolie Hodson, and Chief Financial Officer, Stefan Knight, will discuss the H1 FY22 Results at 10:00am New Zealand time today.

ASX Appendix 3A.1 will follow this release.

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#### Spark delivers strong first half performance and announces plans to establish Spark TowerCo

- Strong half year performance with revenue<sup>1</sup>, EBITDAI<sup>2</sup>, and NPAT all in growth
- Mobile a standout, with Spark the fastest growing provider by connections and revenue year-on-year<sup>3</sup>
- H1 FY22 dividend of 12.5 cents per share declared, 100% imputed
  - Plans to establish Spark TowerCo to drive improved utilisation and capital efficiency of passive mobile assets, and create opportunities to introduce third-party capital

Spark New Zealand (Spark) today announced a strong H1 FY22 result, with revenue, EBITDAI, and NPAT all in growth.

Revenue increased 5.2% to \$1,890 million, driven by a standout performance in mobile. Spark was the fastest growing NZ mobile provider by connections and revenues year-on-year<sup>3</sup>, with mobile service revenue up 5%.

A successful launch of simplified broadband plans stabilised Spark's base at 702,000 connections. While broadband revenue fell 3.9% in a highly competitive market, gross margin was maintained as the benefits of wireless broadband (WBB) growth offset increased fibre costs.

Cloud, security, and service management revenues grew 3.2%, driven by demand for public cloud and growth in the health sector.

Spark's investment behind future markets continued to gain momentum. Spark IoT connections increased 31% to 623,000, supporting strong revenue growth; Spark Health won the first national contract for digital services under the newly established Health New Zealand and grew revenues 25%<sup>4</sup>; and Spark Sport grew revenues despite the sporting calendar being significantly impacted by Covid-19.

Growing revenues drove a 7.6% increase in EBITDAI to \$538 million. NPAT increased 21.8% to \$179 million, driven by EBITDAI growth, a reduction in finance expense and lease liability interest, and lower depreciation and amortisation.

Spark declared an H1 FY22 dividend per share of 12.5 cents, 100% imputed, supported by free cash flow of \$183 million.

Spark New Zealand Chair Justine Smyth said: "While we continued to experience ongoing disruption from Covid-19 during the half, Spark delivered strong revenue and profit growth, with a standout performance in mobile, a stabilisation in broadband, and continued business digitisation driving cloud adoption.

"We are pleased to see the strategic ambition Spark set back in 2020 coming to fruition, with future markets now making a significant contribution to revenue growth, and targeted investments in simple, digital customer experiences, data and artificial intelligence, and critical infrastructure differentiating Spark in the market.

"The Board and I are particularly pleased to see this growth driven by highly engaged people – with Spark achieving its highest employee engagement to date during the half.

"A number of infrastructure investments are progressing to plan and supporting future growth, and in the second half Spark intends to establish Spark TowerCo to improve the utilisation and capital efficiency of its passive mobile assets and open up opportunities to introduce third-party capital."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Operating revenues and other gains

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Earnings before finance income and expense, income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment income (EBITDAI) is a non-Generally Accepted Accounting Practice performance measure that is defined and reconciled to net earnings in Spark New Zealand's Financial Statements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Market share estimates sourced from IDC <sup>4</sup> Revenues grew 51% including procurement

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Spark expects to be around the top half of its FY22 EBITDAI guidance range of \$1,130 million to \$1,160 million and confirmed total FY22 dividend guidance of 25.0 cents per share, 100% imputed<sup>5</sup>.

Reflecting on the half-year results and Spark's progress executing its three-year strategy, Spark CEO Jolie Hodson said: "Despite closed borders keeping roaming revenues suppressed, we delivered a market-leading mobile performance<sup>3</sup>, underpinned by precision marketing and increasing customer demand for data, with 48% growth in our Endless plans year-on-year.

"We have stabilised our broadband connection base with the launch of a simpler broadband line-up and maintained margins in a highly competitive market with continued growth in wireless. We are building on this momentum with further competitive wireless broadband offers launched in the second half.

"While we saw continued growth in cloud, security, and service management revenues, it was lower than where we want it to be, with the shift in portfolio mix towards public cloud continuing to put pressure on pricing. Our service management growth trajectory was also impacted by access to client sites due to Covid, however our second half pipeline remains strong.

"As we execute our three-year strategy, it is pleasing to see our focus on building core capabilities delivering differentiation in the market. Our customer experiences are increasingly digital, and our simplification programme is progressing to plan. Precision marketing is delivering a 16% uplift in conversion, we are accelerating our shift from legacy to modern technology, and we are building a world-class culture.

"We are on track to deliver our overall FY23 future market revenue aspirations, and while Spark Sport's contribution will be lower than expected, it is offset by the strong growth we are experiencing in health and IoT.

"As New Zealand's healthcare sector digitises, Spark Health goes from strength to strength, and with our digital health platform 'Kete Waiora' targeting customer onboarding by the end of FY22, we expect this to continue. Spark IoT is also poised to continue its strong revenue and connection growth as customers look to utilise the power of technology to drive efficiency and grow their business.

"None of these results would be possible without the mahi of our people, and we remain focussed on investing in their learning and development, their wellbeing, and creating a place where all our people feel they belong."

#### Spark TowerCo subsidiary announced

During FY21 Spark conducted a review of its infrastructure portfolio, to focus effort and investment on its strategically important assets. Since that time Spark has announced an accelerated 5G rollout, delivering 90% population coverage by the end of 2023<sup>6</sup>, a material upgrade of its Mayoral Drive Exchange to support multi-access edge compute capability, and a significant increase in capacity at its Takanini Datacentre – with up to 8MW now contracted and construction of a new data hall underway.

Today Spark announced plans to establish Spark TowerCo as a subsidiary company, to improve the performance, utilisation, and capital efficiency of its passive mobile assets – spanning ~1,500 mobile sites<sup>7</sup>.

Hodson continued: "We can see globally that shared ownership models are an effective way of improving returns from infrastructure assets that are not critical to competitive advantage. In mobile, our active assets are what drives our competitiveness – including our core network and radio equipment. These assets leverage our spectrum holdings, provide differentiated customer experiences, and support our wireless aspirations.

"Our passive mobile assets, on the other hand, are the physical towers that support this active equipment. By separating these assets into a subsidiary model, we can improve utilisation through coverage expansion, future service innovation, and increased tenancy, while delivering efficiencies in build, maintenance, technology, and lease costs as we expand mobile coverage across Aotearoa."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Subject to no adverse change in operating outlook

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Assuming spectrum is made available by the New Zealand Government

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Approximately 250 sites relate to outbound co-location on third party owned infrastructure (e.g., Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) 1 sites)



Spark intends to commence a process in the second half of FY22 to explore the introduction of third-party capital into Spark TowerCo, however there is no certainty that a transaction will proceed.

"Should we choose to introduce third-party capital we will retain a shareholding and remain a key anchor tenant, with appropriate agreements in place on arms-length terms for operations and services. There will be no change for our customers, and we will continue to invest in modernising our mobile network and improving coverage for Aotearoa."

Spark will provide more information on Spark TowerCo in the second half of FY22.

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#### Interim Financial Statements

For the six months ended 31 December 2021

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These interim financial statements do not include all the notes and information normally included in the annual financial statements. Accordingly, they should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

## Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER

|  |      | 2021      | RESTATED <sup>1</sup><br>2020 |
|--|------|-----------|-------------------------------|
|  |      | UNAUDITED | UNAUDITED                     |
|  | NOTE | \$M       | \$M                           |
| Operating revenues and other gains   |      | 1,890     | 1,796                         |
| Operating expenses   |      | (1,352)   | (1,296)                       |
| Earnings before finance income and expense, income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment income (EBITDAI) | 5    | 538       | 500                           |
| Finance income   |      | 14        | 17                            |
| Finance expense  |      | (37)      | (43)                          |
| Depreciation and amortisation  |      | (257)     | (262)                         |
| Net investment loss  |      | (1)       | -                             |
| Net earnings before income tax   | 4    | 257       | 212                           |
| Income tax expense   |      | (78)      | (65)                          |
| Net earnings for the period  |      | 179       | 147                           |
| Other comprehensive income   |      |           |                               |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:   |      |           |                               |
| Revaluation of long-term investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income                       |      | (3)       | (51)                          |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:  |      |           |                               |
| Change in hedge reserves net of tax  |      | 31        | 10                            |
| Other comprehensive income for the period  |      | 28        | (41)                          |
| Total comprehensive income for the period  |      | 207       | 106                           |
|  |      |           |                               |
| Earnings per share   |      |           |                               |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)   |      | 9.6       | 8.0                           |
| Weighted average ordinary shares (millions)  |      | 1,868     | 1,844                         |
| Weighted average ordinary shares and options (millions)  |      | 1,870     | 1,846                         |

See accompanying notes to the interim financial statements.

1 Restated due to implementation of the IFRS Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') agenda decision, see notes 1 and 3.

#### **Statement of financial position**

|   |       | AS AT<br>31 DECEMBER                                 | RESTATED <sup>1</sup><br>AS AT<br>30 JUNE           |
|---|-------|--|---|
|   |       | 2021   | 2021  |
|   |       | UNAUDITED  | UNAUDITED <sup>2</sup>                              |
|   | NOTES | \$M  | \$M   |
| Current assets  |       |  |   |
| Cash  |       | 93   | 72  |
| Short-term receivables and prepayments  |       | 751  | 768   |
| Short-term derivative assets  |       | 3  | 12  |
| Inventories   |       | 93   | 64  |
| Total current assets  |       | 940  | 916   |
| Non-current assets  |       |  |   |
| Long-term receivables and prepayments   |       | 217  | 271   |
| Long-term derivative assets   |       | 5  | 24  |
| Long-term investments   | 6     | 256  | 227   |
| Right-of-use assets   |       | 620  | 647   |
| Leased customer equipment assets  |       | 73   | 77  |
| Property, plant and equipment   |       | 1,177  | 1,080   |
| Intangible assets   |       | 862  | 858   |
| Total non-current assets  |       | 3,210  | 3,184   |
| Total assets  |       | 4,150  | 4,100   |
| Current liabilities   |       |  |   |
| Short-term payables, accruals and provisions  |       | 537  | 479   |
| Taxation payable  |       | 21   | 23  |
| Short-term derivative liabilities   |       | 3  | 4   |
| Short-term lease liabilities  |       | 66   | 60  |
| Debt due within one year  | 7     | 283  | 373   |
| Total current liabilities   |       | 910  | 939   |
| Non-current liabilities   |       |  |   |
| Long-term payables, accruals and provisions   |       | 61   | 60  |
| Long-term derivative liabilities  |       | 58   | 91  |
| Long-term lease liabilities   |       | 382  | 406   |
| Long target debt  |       |  | 1 0 2 0   |
| Long-term debt  | 7     | 1,181  | 1,030   |
| Deferred tax liabilities  | 7     | 1,181<br>81  | ,   |
|   | 7     |  | 82  |
| Deferred tax liabilities  | 7     | 81   | 82<br>1,669   |
| Deferred tax liabilities<br>Total non-current liabilities   | 7     | 81<br><b>1,763</b>                                   | 82<br>1,669   |
| Deferred tax liabilities<br>Total non-current liabilities<br>Total liabilities                            | 7     | 81<br><b>1,763</b>                                   | 82<br>1,669<br>2,608                                |
| Deferred tax liabilities<br>Total non-current liabilities<br>Total liabilities<br>Equity                  | 7     | 81<br><b>1,763</b><br><b>2,673</b>                   | 82<br><b>1,669</b><br><b>2,608</b><br>1,084         |
| Deferred tax liabilities<br>Total non-current liabilities<br>Total liabilities<br>Equity<br>Share capital | 7     | 81<br><b>1,763</b><br><b>2,673</b><br>1,095          | <b>1,669</b><br><b>2,608</b><br>1,084               |
| Total non-current liabilities<br>Total liabilities<br>Equity<br>Share capital<br>Reserves                 | 7     | 81<br><b>1,763</b><br><b>2,673</b><br>1,095<br>(343) | 82<br><b>1,669</b><br><b>2,608</b><br>1,084<br>(371 |

See accompanying notes to the interim financial statements.

1 Restated due to implementation of the IFRIC agenda decision, see notes 1 and 3.

2 The balance as at 30 June 2021 was audited except for the restatements as disclosed in note 3 which are unaudited.

On behalf of the Board

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Jolie Hodson, Chief Executive

Justine Smyth, Chair Authorised for issue on 23 February 2022

#### Statement of changes in equity

| SIX MONTHS ENDED<br>31 DECEMBER 2021             | SHARE | RETAINED<br>EARNINGS | HEDGE<br>RESERVES | SHARE-<br>BASED<br>COMPEN-<br>SATION<br>RESERVE | RE-<br>VALUATION<br>RESERVE | FOREIGN<br>CURRENCY<br>TRANS-<br>LATION<br>RESERVE | TOTAL |
|--|-------|----------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|-------|
| UNAUDITED  | \$M   | \$M                  | \$M               | \$M   | \$M                         | \$M  | \$M   |
| Balance at 1 July 2021 - RESTATED <sup>1</sup>   | 1,084 | 779                  | (63)              | 3   | (288)                       | (23)   | 1,492 |
| Net earnings for the period                      | -     | 179                  | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | 179   |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss)                | -     | -                    | 31                | -   | (3)                         | -  | 28    |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period | -     | 179                  | 31                | -   | (3)                         | _  | 207   |
| Contributions by, and distributions to, owners:  |       |                      |                   |   |                             |  |       |
| Dividends  | -     | (233)                | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (233) |
| Supplementary dividends                          | -     | (23)                 | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (23)  |
| Tax credit on supplementary dividends            | -     | 23                   | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | 23    |
| Dividend reinvestment plan                       | 8     | -                    | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | 8     |
| Issuance of shares under share<br>Schemes        | 4     | -                    | _                 | -   | _                           | _  | 4     |
| Other transfers                                  | (1)   | -                    | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (1)   |
| Total transactions with owners                   | 11    | (233)                | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (222) |
| Balance at 31 December 2021                      | 1,095 | 725                  | (32)              | 3   | (291)                       | (23)   | 1,477 |
| 2  |       |                      |                   | SHARE-<br>BASED                                 |                             | FOREIGN<br>CURRENCY                                |       |

| SIX MONTHS ENDED<br>31 DECEMBER 2020 RESTATED <sup>1</sup> | SHARE<br>CAPITAL | RETAINED<br>EARNINGS | HEDGE<br>RESERVES | SHARE-<br>BASED<br>COMPEN-<br>SATION<br>RESERVE | RE-<br>VALUATION<br>RESERVE | FOREIGN<br>CURRENCY<br>TRANS-<br>LATION<br>RESERVE | TOTAL |
|--|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|-------|
| UNAUDITED  | \$M              | \$M                  | \$M               | \$M   | \$M                         | \$M  | \$M   |
| Balance at 1 July 2020 <sup>2</sup>                        | 949              | 870                  | (120)             | 2   | (212)                       | (23)   | 1,466 |
| Net earnings for the period                                | -                | 147                  | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | 147   |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss)                          | -                | -                    | 10                | -   | (51)                        | -  | (41)  |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss)<br>for the period        | -                | 147                  | 10                | -   | (51)                        | -  | 106   |
| Contributions by, and distributions to, owners:            |                  |                      |                   |   |                             |  |       |
| Dividends  | -                | (230)                | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (230) |
| Supplementary dividends                                    | -                | (24)                 | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (24)  |
| Tax credit on supplementary dividends                      | -                | 24                   | -                 | -   | _                           | _  | 24    |
| Dividend reinvestment plan                                 | 63               | -                    | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | 63    |
| Issuance of shares under share schemes                     | 4                | -                    | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | 4     |
| Total transactions with owners                             | 67               | (230)                | -                 | -   | -                           | -  | (163) |
| Balance at 31 December 2020                                | 1,016            | 787                  | (110)             | 2   | (263)                       | (23)   | 1,409 |

See accompanying notes to the interim financial statements.

1. Restated due to implementation of the IFRIC agenda decision, see notes 1 and 3.

2 The retained earnings balance at 1 July 2020 has been restated by \$19 million due to the reassessment of useful lives of reacquired rights, as reported as at 30 June 2021. This had no impact on financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### Statement of cash flows

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER

|   | 2021      | RESTATED <sup>1</sup><br>2020 |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|
|   | UNAUDITED | UNAUDITED                     |
| Cash flows from operating activities  | \$M       | \$M                           |
| Receipts from customers   | 1,901     | 1,828                         |
|   | ,         |                               |
| Receipts from interest  | 13        | 16                            |
| Payments to suppliers and employees   | (1,327)   | (1,321)                       |
| Payments for income tax   | (93)      | (118)                         |
| Payments for interest on debt   | (23)      | (23)                          |
| Payments for interest on leases   | (10)      | (16)                          |
| Payments for interest on leased customer equipment assets   | (3)       | (4)                           |
| Net cash flows from operating activities 8  | 458       | 362                           |
| Cash flows from investing activities  |           |                               |
| Proceeds from sale of business  | -         | 8                             |
| Proceeds from long-term investments   | 3         | -                             |
| Receipts from finance leases  | 2         | 2                             |
| Payments for, and advances to, long-term investments  | (39)      | (4)                           |
| Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment,<br>intangibles (excluding spectrum), and capacity | (216)     | (212)                         |
| Payments for capitalised interest   | (3)       | (3)                           |
| Net cash flows from investing activities  | (253)     | (209)                         |
| Cash flows from financing activities  |           |                               |
| Net proceeds from debt  | 99        | 100                           |
| Payments for dividends  | (225)     | (167)                         |
| Payments for leases   | (33)      | (20)                          |
| Payments for leased customer equipment assets   | (25)      | (16)                          |
| Net cash flows from financing activities  | (184)     | (103)                         |
| Net cash flow   | 21        | 50                            |
| Opening cash position   | 72        | 53                            |
| Closing cash position   | 93        | 103                           |

See accompanying notes to the interim financial statements.

1 Restated due to implementation of the IFRIC agenda decision, see notes 1 and 3.

#### NOTE 1 About this report

#### **Reporting entity**

These unaudited interim financial statements are for Spark New Zealand Limited (the 'Company') and its subsidiaries (together 'Spark' or 'the Group') for the six months ended 31 December 2021.

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand, registered under the Companies Act 1993 and is an FMC reporting entity under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. The Company is listed on the New Zealand Main Board equity security market and the Australian Securities Exchange.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ('NZ GAAP') and comply with the New Zealand equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting.

Except as amended following the implementation of the IFRIC decision outlined below, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of Spark's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021. The preparation of the interim financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Spark has been consistent in applying the estimates and assumptions adopted in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 and critical accounting policies are the same as those set out in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021. Certain comparative information has been updated to conform with the current year's presentation.

Einancial instruments are either carried at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment, or fair value. The only significant variances between instruments held at amortised cost and their fair value relate to long-term debt. There were no changes in valuation techniques during the period. Spark's derivatives are held at fair value, calculated using discounted cash flow models and observable market rates of interest and foreign exchange and electricity prices. This represents a level two measurement under the fair value measurement hierarchy, being inputs other than quoted prices included within level one that are observable for the asset or liability.

At 31 December 2021, capital expenditure amounting to \$350 million (31 December 2020: \$223 million) had been committed under contractual arrangements.

#### Implementation of the IFRIC agenda decision

During the six months ended 31 December 2021, Spark revised its accounting policy in relation to configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing Software-as-a-Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements. This was in response to the IFRIC agenda decision, issued in April 2021, clarifying its interpretation of how current accounting standards apply to these types of arrangements.

The IFRIC decision clarified that because SaaS arrangements are service contracts that provide Spark with the right to access the cloud provider's application software over the contract period, costs to configure or customise this software should be recognised as operating expenses when the services are received. Previously Spark had recorded these configuration and customisation costs as part of the cost of an intangible asset and amortised these costs over the useful life of the software assets. A summary of the impact of the change in accounting policy on Spark's interim financial statements is provided in note 3.

#### New and amended standards

Spark has adopted amendments issued for New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standard ('NZ IFRS') 9 *Financial Instruments* and NZ IFRS 16 *Leases* that address issues arising from the reform of benchmark interest rates. These amendments have not had a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

#### NOTE 2 Significant transactions and events for the current period

The following significant transactions and events affected the financial performance and financial position of Spark for the six month period to 31 December 2021:

#### Debt (see note 7)

 On 30 November 2021, Spark established three Sustainability-Linked Loans totalling \$425 million. These consist of; converting an existing \$200 million facility with Westpac New Zealand, to mature on 30 November 2023; establishing a new \$100 million facility with Commonwealth Bank of Australia, to mature on 30 November 2024; and extending a \$125 million facility with Mitsubishi UFG Financial Group Bank Limited, to mature on 30 November 2025.

#### **Capital expenditure**

• Spark's additions to property, plant and equipment (excluding property, plant and equipment transfers from finance lease receivables of \$81 million) and intangible assets were \$218 million, details of which are available in a separate detailed financials file on the investor section of our website at: investors.sparknz.co.nz/investor-centre.

#### Dividends

 Dividends paid during the six month period ended 31 December 2021 in relation to the H2 FY21 second-half dividend (ordinary dividend of 12.5 cents per share) totalled \$233 million or 12.5 cents per share, of this \$8 million was settled through the dividend reinvestment plan.

#### Leases

• On 1 December 2021, Chorus exercised its right of renewal for the Spark exchange buildings lease. This resulted in a combination of lease renewals, lease relinquishments, a new operating lease and an annual price review. In exercising this right Chorus renewed some space and relinquished some space. As a result of these changes, Spark recognised an increase of \$81 million in property, plant and equipment assets for the exchange space it has taken back control of from Chorus. This was offset by a reduction of \$69 million in finance leases no longer receivable from Chorus and a gain of \$12 million reported within other gains for the price increases over the remaining lease term.

#### Southern Cross Next Cable ('SX NEXT')

 During the six month period ended 31 December 2021, Spark contributed \$37 million of equity to its Southern Cross investment to fund the SX NEXT undersea cable build. Subsequent to 31 December 2021 Spark contributed \$7 million of additional equity.

#### Acquisitions

 On 22 December 2021, Spark announced that it will be acquiring the remaining 50% of its joint venture, Connect 8, a fibre network construction company. The transaction completed on 31 January 2022.

#### NOTE 3 Impact of change in accounting policy

As outlined in note 1, the impact of the change in Spark's accounting policy in relation to SaaS arrangements in response to the IFRIC agenda decision on the comparative financials statements is as follows:

|   |  | PREVIOUSLY<br>REPORTED<br>AUDITED | CHANGE IN<br>ACCOUNTING<br>POLICY<br>UNAUDITED | RESTATED<br>UNAUDITED |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
|   |  | \$M                               | \$M  | \$M                   |
|   | Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income   |                                   |  |                       |
|   | SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020  |                                   |  |                       |
|   | Operating expenses   | (1,294)                           | (2)  | (1,296)               |
|   | Earnings before finance income and expense, income tax,<br>depreciation, amortisation and net investment income<br>(EBITDAI) | 502                               | (2)  | 500                   |
|   | Depreciation and amortisation  | (263)                             | 1  | (262)                 |
|   | Net earnings before income tax   | 213                               | (1)  | 212                   |
|   | Net earnings for the period  | 148                               | (1)  | 147                   |
|   | Earnings per share   |                                   |  |                       |
|   | Basic and diluted earnings per share   | 8.0                               | -  | 8.0                   |
|   | Statement of cashflows   |                                   |  |                       |
|   | Payments to suppliers and employees  | (1,319)                           | (2)  | (1,321)               |
|   | Net cash flows from operating activities   | 364                               | (2)  | 362                   |
|   | Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment, intangibles (excluding spectrum) and capacity                        | (214)                             | 2  | (212)                 |
|   | Net cash flows from investing activities   | (213)                             | 2  | (211)                 |
|   | Statement of financial position<br>OPENING AS AT 1 JULY 2020   |                                   |  |                       |
|   | Intangible assets  | 843                               | (10)   | 833                   |
|   | Total assets   | 4,358                             | (10)   | 4,348                 |
|   | Deferred tax liabilities   | 61                                | (2)  | 59                    |
|   | Total liabilities  | 2,884                             | (2)  | 2,882                 |
|   | Retained earnings  | 878                               | (8)  | 870                   |
|   | Total liabilities and equity   | 4,358                             | (10)   | 4,348                 |
|   | AS AT 30 JUNE 2021   |                                   |  |                       |
| U | Intangible assets  | 871                               | (13)   | 858                   |
|   | <br>Total assets   | 4,113                             | (13)   | 4,100                 |
|   | Deferred tax liabilities   | 84                                | (2)  | 82                    |
|   | Total liabilities  | 2,610                             | (2)  | 2,608                 |
|   | Retained earnings  | 790                               | (11)   | 779                   |
|   | Total liabilities and equity   | 4,113                             | (13)   | 4,100                 |
|   |  |                                   |  |                       |

#### NOTE 3 Impact of change in accounting policy (continued)

#### Impact of change in accounting policy

The change in Spark's accounting policy in relation to SaaS arrangements in response to the IFRIC agenda decision has reduced EBITDAI, net earnings before tax, and total assets due to such expenses now being recognised as the services are received rather than capitalised as an intangible asset and amortised over the software asset's useful life.

There has been no net impact on Spark's statement of cashflows however it has resulted in the reclassification of the applicable costs incurred from investing to operating activities.

#### NOTE 4 Segment information

The segment results disclosed are based on those reported to the Chief Executive and are how Spark reviews its performance. Spark's segments are measured based on product margin, which includes product operating revenues and direct product costs. The segment result excludes other gains, labour, operating expenses, depreciation and amortisation, net investment income, finance income and expense and income tax expense, as these are assessed at an overall Group level by the Chief Executive.

#### **Comparative segment results**

As reported in H2 FY21, Spark reclassified the comparative segment results to reflect changes in the classification of CCL solutions and cloud-based telephony products and also a reclassification of some voice revenues to managed data, networks and services.

| 61                    | (28)  | 33  | 57  | (29)  | 28  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|                       |   |   |   |   |   |
| 140                   | (75)  | 65  | 140   | (68)  | 72  |
| 301                   | (275)   | 26  | 236   | (216)   | 20  |
| 224                   | (48)  | 176   | 217   | (38)  | 179   |
| 324                   | (158)   | 166   | 337   | (171)   | 166   |
| 146                   | (60)  | 86  | 154   | (67)  | 87  |
| 678                   | (241)   | 437   | 651   | (244)   | 407   |
| \$M                   | \$M   | \$M   | \$M   | \$M   | \$M   |
| OPERATING<br>REVENUES | PRODUCT<br>COSTS  | PRODUCT<br>MARGIN   | OPERATING<br>REVENUES   | PRODUCT<br>COSTS  | PRODUCT<br>MARGIN   |
|                       | 2021  |   |   | 2020  |   |
|                       | REVENUES           SM           678           146           324           224           301 | OPERATING<br>REVENUES         PRODUCT<br>COSTS           SM         \$M           678         (241)           146         (60)           324         (158)           224         (48)           301         (275) | OPERATING<br>REVENUES         PRODUCT<br>COSTS         PRODUCT<br>MARGIN           SM         SM         SM           678         (241)         437           146         (60)         86           324         (158)         166           224         (48)         176           301         (275)         26 | OPERATING<br>REVENUES         PRODUCT<br>COSTS         PRODUCT<br>MARGIN         OPERATING<br>REVENUES           SM         SM         SM         SM           678         (241)         437         651           146         (60)         86         154           324         (158)         166         337           224         (48)         176         217           301         (275)         26         236           140         (75)         655         140 | OPERATING<br>REVENUES         PRODUCT<br>COSTS         PRODUCT<br>MARGIN         OPERATING<br>REVENUES         PRODUCT<br>COSTS           SM         SM         SM         SM         SM           678         (241)         437         651         (244)           146         (60)         86         154         (67)           324         (158)         166         337         (171)           224         (48)         176         217         (38)           301         (275)         26         236         (216)           140         (75)         65         140         (68) |

1 Other product includes revenue from Qrious, Internet of Things, Spark Sport and exchange building sharing arrangements.

#### NOTE 4 Segment information (continued)

#### Reconciliation from segment result to consolidated net earnings before income tax

| SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER   | 2021  | RESTATED<br>2020 |
|--|-------|------------------|
| UNAUDITED  | \$M   | \$M              |
| Segment product margin   | 989   | 959              |
| Other gains  | 16    | 4                |
| Labour   | (263) | (256)            |
| Other operating expenses   |       |                  |
| Network support costs  | (44)  | (44)             |
| Computer costs   | (55)  | (51)             |
| Accommodation costs  | (30)  | (32)             |
| Advertising, promotions and communication  | (34)  | (44)             |
| Bad debts  | (3)   | 1                |
| Impairment expense   | (2)   | -                |
| Other  | (36)  | (37)             |
| Earnings before finance income and expense, income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment income (EBITDAI) | 538   | 500              |
| Finance income   |       |                  |
| Finance lease interest income  | 6     | 6                |
| Other interest income  | 8     | 11               |
| Finance expense  |       |                  |
| Finance expense on long-term debt  | (23)  | (21)             |
| Capitalised interest   | 3     | 3                |
| Other interest and finance expenses  | (4)   | (6)              |
| Lease interest expense   | (10)  | (15)             |
| Leased customer equipment interest expense   | (3)   | (4)              |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense  |       |                  |
| Depreciation - property, plant and equipment   | (116) | (124)            |
| Depreciation - right-of-use assets   | (40)  | (35)             |
| Depreciation - leased customer equipment assets  | (18)  | (19)             |
| Amortisation of intangibles  | (83)  | (84)             |
| Net investment loss  |       |                  |
| Share of associates' and joint ventures' net losses  | (1)   | -                |
| Net earnings before income tax   | 257   | 212              |
|  |       |                  |
|  |       |                  |

#### NOTE 5 Non-GAAP measures

Spark uses non-GAAP financial measures that are not prepared in accordance with NZ IFRS. Spark believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to readers to assist in the understanding of the financial performance, financial position or returns of Spark. These measures are also used internally to evaluate performance of products, to analyse trends in cash-based expenses, to establish operational goals and allocate resources. However, they should not be viewed in isolation, nor considered as a substitute for measures reported in accordance with NZ IFRS, as they are not uniformly defined or utilised by all companies in New Zealand or the telecommunications industry.

Spark's policy is to present 'adjusted EBITDAI' and 'adjusted net earnings' when a financial year includes significant items (such as gains, expenses and impairments) individually greater than \$25 million. There are no adjusting items for the six months ended 31 December 2021 or 31 December 2020.

#### Earnings before finance expense and income, income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment income (EBITDAI)

Spark calculates EBITDAI by adding back depreciation and amortisation, finance expense and income tax expense and subtracting finance income and net investment income (which includes any dividend income and Spark's share of net profits or losses from associates and joint ventures) to net earnings. A reconciliation of Spark's EBITDAI is provided below and based on amounts taken from, and consistent with, those presented in these interim financial statements.

| SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER                       | 2021 | RESTATED<br>2020 |
|--|------|------------------|
| UNAUDITED  | \$M  | \$M              |
| Net earnings for the period reported under NZ IFRS | 179  | 147              |
| Less: finance income                               | (14) | (17)             |
| Add back: finance expense                          | 37   | 43               |
| Add back: depreciation and amortisation            | 257  | 262              |
| Add back: net investment loss                      | 1    | -                |
| Add back: income tax expense                       | 78   | 65               |
| EBITDAI  | 538  | 500              |

#### NOTE 6 Long-term investments

|                                    |                          | AS AT<br>31 DECEMBER | AS AT<br>30 JUNE |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                                    |                          | 2021                 | 2021             |
|                                    |                          | UNAUDITED            | AUDITED          |
|                                    | Measurement basis        | \$M                  | \$M              |
| Shares in Hutchison                | Fair value through other |                      |                  |
|                                    | comprehensive income     | 157                  | 160              |
| Investment in associates and joint | Equity method            |                      |                  |
| ventures                           |                          | 93                   | 59               |
| Other long-term investments        | Cost                     | 6                    | 8                |
|                                    |                          | 256                  | 227              |

Spark holds a 10% interest in Hutchison Telecommunications Australia Limited (Hutchison) which is guoted on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and its fair value is measured using the observable bid share price as quoted on the ASX, classified as being within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. As at 31 December 2021 the quoted price of Hutchison's shares on the ASX was AUD\$0.110 (30 June 2021: AUD\$0.110). The decrease in fair value of \$3 million, as a result of changes in foreign exchange rate, has been recognised in other comprehensive income (30 June 2021: \$87 million decrease).

#### Investment in associates and joint ventures

Spark's investment in associates and joint ventures at 31 December 2021 consists of the following:

| NAME                                      | TYPE          | COUNTRY       | OWNERSHIP | PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY                |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Connect 8 Limited                         | Joint Venture | New Zealand   | 50%       | Fibre network construction        |
| Flok Limited                              | Associate     | New Zealand   | 38%       | Hardware and software development |
| Pacific Carriage Holdings Limited         | Associate     | United States | 40%       | A holding company                 |
| Rural Connectivity Group Limited          | Joint Venture | New Zealand   | 33%       | Rural broadband                   |
| Southern Cross Cables Holdings<br>Limited | Associate     | Bermuda       | 40%       | A holding company                 |
| TNAS Limited                              | Joint Venture | New Zealand   | 50%       | Telecommunications<br>development |

Spark sold its remaining investment in PropertyNZ Limited (homes.co.nz) on 1 September 2021.

#### NOTE 7 Debt

|  |                 |           |            | AS AT<br>31 DECEMBER | AS AT<br>30 JUNE |
|--|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------------------|
|  |                 |           |            | 2021                 | 2021             |
|  |                 | COUPON    |            | UNAUDITED            | AUDITED          |
| FACE VALUE   | FACILITY        | RATE      | MATURITY   | \$M                  | \$M              |
| Short-term debt                                    |                 |           |            |                      |                  |
| Short-term borrowings                              |                 | Variable  | < 1 month  | 28                   | 3                |
| Commercial paper                                   |                 | Variable  | < 3 months | 138                  | 155              |
|  |                 |           |            | 166                  | 158              |
| Supplier financing arrangements                    | s <sup>1</sup>  |           |            |                      |                  |
| Amounts due within one year                        |                 | Variable  | < 3 years  | 16                   | 14               |
| Amounts due in more than a                         |                 |           |            |                      |                  |
| year   |                 | Variable  | < 3 years  | 14                   | 18               |
| 21   |                 |           |            | 30                   | 32               |
| Bank funding                                       |                 |           |            |                      |                  |
| The Hongkong and Shanghai                          |                 |           |            |                      |                  |
| Banking Corporation Limited                        | 100 million NZD | Variable  | 30/11/2021 | -                    | 100              |
| Mitsubishi UFG Financial                           |                 |           |            |                      |                  |
| Group Bank Limited                                 | 125 million NZD | Variable  | 30/11/2022 | -                    | 60               |
| Westpac New Zealand Limited <sup>2</sup>           | 200 million NZD | Variable  | 30/11/2023 | 25                   |                  |
| Commonwealth Bank of                               | 100 :11: NZD    | V · · · · | 20/11/2024 | 100                  |                  |
| Australia <sup>2</sup><br>Mitsubishi UEG Financial | 100 million NZD | Variable  | 30/11/2024 | 100                  | -                |
| Group Bank Limited <sup>2</sup>                    | 125 million NZD | Variable  | 30/11/2025 | 125                  |                  |
|  |                 | valiable  | 30/11/2023 | 250                  | 160              |
| Domestic notes                                     |                 |           |            | 230                  | 100              |
| 100 million NZD                                    |                 | 4.50%     | 25/03/2022 | 101                  | 10'              |
| 100 million NZD                                    |                 | 4.51%     | 10/03/2023 | 101                  | 104              |
| 125 million NZD                                    |                 | 3.37%     | 07/03/2024 | 102                  | 130              |
| 125 million NZD                                    |                 | 3.94%     | 07/09/2024 | 123                  | 13               |
|  |                 | 5.7470    | 0//0//2020 | 452                  | 466              |
| Foreign currency Medium Term                       | Notes           |           |            | 102                  | 100              |
| Australian Medium Term Notes                       |                 | 1.90%     | 05/06/2026 | 102                  | 106              |
| Australian Medium Term Notes                       |                 | 4.00%     | 20/10/2027 | 169                  | 177              |
| Australian Medium Term Notes                       |                 | 2.60%     | 18/03/2030 | 127                  | 132              |
| Norwegian Medium Term Note                         |                 | 3.07%     | 19/03/2029 | 168                  | 172              |
|  |                 | 5.5770    | 00/2027    | 566                  | 587              |
| 9  |                 |           |            | 000                  |                  |
|  |                 |           |            | 1,464                | 1,40             |
| Debt due within one year                           |                 |           |            | 283                  | 373              |
| Long-term debt                                     |                 |           |            | 1,181                | 1,030            |

Supplier financing arrangements relate to amounts payable to suppliers on extended payment terms and are therefore considered as debt. Amounts paid under these arrangements are presented in the statement of cashflows within financing activities.

2 These facilities are Sustainability-Linked Loans. Spark will receive lower interest rates if it achieves sustainability targets and higher rates on the loans if it falls short of these targets.

3 Norwegian krone

There have been no changes in Spark's short-term financing programmes or stand-by facilities since 30 June 2021. Changes in long-term financing are disclosed in note 2 page 8 of these interim financial statements.

#### NOTE 7 Debt (continued)

The fair value of long-term debt, including long-term debt due within one year, based on market observable prices, was \$1,325 million compared to a carrying value of \$1,298 million as at 31 December 2021 (30 June 2021: fair value of \$1,270 million compared to a carrying value of \$1,245 million).

|                     |   | AS AT<br>31 DECEMBER | AS AT<br>30 JUNE |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|
|                     |   | 2021                 | 2021             |
|                     |   | UNAUDITED            | AUDITED          |
|                     |   | \$M                  | \$M              |
| Total debt          |   | 1,464                | 1,403            |
| Less short-term deb | t   | (166)                | (158)            |
| Total long-term deb | ot (including long-term debt due within one year) | 1,298                | 1,245            |

#### Net debt

Net debt at hedged rates, the primary net debt measure Spark monitors, includes long-term debt at the value of hedged cash flows due to arise on maturity, plus short-term debt, less any cash. Net debt at carrying value includes the non-cash impact of fair value hedge adjustments and any unamortised discount.

Net debt at hedged rates is a non-GAAP measure and is not defined in accordance with NZ IFRS but is a measure used by management. A reconciliation of net debt at hedged rates and net debt at carrying value is provided below:

|   | AS AT<br>31 DECEMBER | AS AT<br>30 JUNE |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
|   | 2021                 | 2021             |
|   | UNAUDITED            | AUDITED          |
|   | \$M                  | \$M              |
| Cash  | (93)                 | (72)             |
| Short-term debt at face value   | 166                  | 158              |
| Long-term debt at face value  | 1,298                | 1,212            |
| Net debt at face value  | 1,371                | 1,298            |
| To retranslate debt balances at swap rates where hedged by currency swaps | 9                    | 5                |
| Net debt at hedged rates <sup>1</sup>                                     | 1,380                | 1,303            |
| Non-cash adjustments  |                      |                  |
| Impact of fair value hedge adjustments <sup>2</sup>                       | 11                   | 12               |
| Unamortised discount  | (1)                  | (2)              |
| Net debt at carrying value  | 1,390                | 1,313            |

1 Net debt at hedged rates is the value of hedged cash flows due to arise on maturity and includes an adjustment to state the principal of foreign currency medium term notes at the hedged currency rate.

2 Fair value hedge adjustments arise on domestic notes in fair value hedges and foreign currency medium term notes in dual fair value and cash flow hedges. These have no impact on the cash flows to arise on maturity.

NOTE 8 Reconciliation of net earnings to net cash flows from operating activities

| SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER  | 2021 | RESTATED<br>2020 |
|---|------|------------------|
| UNAUDITED   | \$M  | \$M              |
| Net earnings for the period   | 179  | 147              |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash flows from operating activities                   |      |                  |
| Depreciation and amortisation   | 257  | 262              |
| Bad and doubtful accounts   | 5    | 1                |
| Deferred income tax   | (14) | (11)             |
| Share of associates' and joint ventures' net losses   | 1    | -                |
| Impairments   | 2    | -                |
| Other gains   | (16) | (4)              |
| Other   | -    | 1                |
| Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of non-cash and investing and financing activities |      |                  |
| Movement in receivables and related items   | (16) | 24               |
| Movement in inventories   | (29) | 12               |
| Movement in current taxation  | 1    | (41)             |
| Movement in payables and related items  | 88   | (29)             |
| Net cash flows from operating activities  | 458  | 362              |

#### NOTE 9 Dividends

On 23 February 2022, the Board approved the payment of a first half ordinary dividend of 12.5 cents per share or approximately \$234 million. The dividend will be 100% imputed in line with the corporate income tax rate. In addition, supplementary dividends totalling approximately \$23 million will be payable to shareholders who are not resident in New Zealand. In accordance with the Income Tax Act 2007, Spark will receive a tax credit from Inland Revenue equivalent to the amount of supplementary dividends paid.

|  | H1 FY2            |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|
|  | ORDINARY DIVIDEND |  |  |
| Dividends declared                                   |                   |  |  |
| Ordinary shares                                      | 12.5 cent         |  |  |
| American Depositary Shares <sup>1</sup>              | 41.81 US cent     |  |  |
| Imputation   |                   |  |  |
| Percentage imputed                                   | 1009              |  |  |
| Imputation credits per share                         | 4.8611 cent       |  |  |
| Supplementary dividend per share <sup>2</sup> 2.2059 |                   |  |  |
| 'Ex' dividend dates                                  |                   |  |  |
| New Zealand Stock Exchange                           | 24/03/2           |  |  |
| Australian Securities Exchange                       | 24/03/2           |  |  |
| American Depositary Shares 24                        |                   |  |  |
| Record dates   |                   |  |  |
| New Zealand Stock Exchange                           | 25/03/2           |  |  |
| Australian Securities Exchange                       | 25/03/2           |  |  |
| American Depositary Shares 22                        |                   |  |  |
| Payment dates  |                   |  |  |
| New Zealand and Australia                            | 8/04/2            |  |  |
| American Depositary Shares                           | 18/04/2           |  |  |

1. Spark's American Depositary Shares, each representing five ordinary Spark shares and evidenced by American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), are traded over-the-counter in the United States. This is a Level 1 ADR programme that is sponsored by Bank of New York Mellon. For H1 FY22, these are based on the exchange rate at 17 February 2022 of NZ\$1 to US\$0.6689 and a ratio of five ordinary shares per one American Depositary Share. The actual exchange rate used for conversion is determined in the week prior to payment when the Bank of New York performs the physical currency conversion.

2 Supplementary dividends are paid to non-resident shareholders.

#### **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

The Company has a dividend reinvestment plan under which shareholders can elect to receive dividends in additional shares. For the six months 31 December 2021 shares with a total value of \$8 million (31 December 2020: \$63 million) were issued in lieu of dividends. Shares issued in lieu of dividends are excluded from dividends paid in the statement of cash flows.

The dividend reinvestment plan has been retained for the H1 FY22 dividend. Shares issued under the dividend reinvestment plan will be issued at the prevailing market price around the time of issue. The last date for shareholders to elect to participate in the dividend reinvestment plan for the H1 FY22 dividend is 28 March 2022.

Spark's Dividend Reinvestment Plan Offer Document and Participation Notice can be found on Spark's Investor Centre Website investors.sparknz.co.nz

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#### Independent Auditor's Review Report To the Shareholders of Spark New Zealand Limited

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated interim financial statements ('interim financial statements') of Spark New Zealand Limited ('the Company') and its subsidiaries ('the Group'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, and, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the six months ended on that date, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information on pages 3 to 17.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements of the Group do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2021 and its financial performance and cash flows for the six months ended on that date in accordance with NZ IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity ('NZ SRE 2410 (Revised)'). Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Interim Financial Statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements in New Zealand relating to the audit of the annual financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Our firm carries out other assignments for Spark New Zealand Limited in relation to the regulatory audit, other assurance related services (such as trustee reporting), taxation advisory and compliance services and non-assurance services provided to the Corporate Taxpayer Group. These services have not impaired our independence as auditor of the Group. In addition to this, the Chief Executive has both a sister and brother-in-law that are partners at Deloitte. These Deloitte partners are not involved in the provision of any services to the Group and its subsidiaries and this matter has not impacted our independence. Also, partners and employees of our firm deal with Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the Group. The firm has no other relationship with, or interest in the Group.

#### Directors' responsibilities for the interim financial statements

The directors are responsible on behalf of the Company for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial statements in accordance with NZ IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and *IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the interim financial statements

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial statements based on our review. NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with NZ IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

A review of the interim financial statements in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) and consequently do not enable us to obtain assurance that we might identify in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial statements.

#### **Restriction on use**

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in a review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company's shareholders as a body, for our engagement, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

Deloitte Limited

Jason Stachurski, Partner for Deloitte Limited Auckland, New Zealand 23 February 2022

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### Results announcement

(for Equity Security issuer/Equity and Debt Security issuer)

| Name of issuer  | Spark New Zealand Limited   |                                      |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Reporting Period  | 6 months to 31 December 2021  |                                      |  |
| Previous Reporting Period   | 6 months to 31 December 2020  |                                      |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |
| Currency  | NZD - New Zealand Dollar  |                                      |  |
| Revenue from continuing operations  | Amount (000s)Percentage changeNZD\$1,890,0005.2%  |                                      |  |
| Total Revenue   | NZD\$1,890,000  | 5.2%                                 |  |
| Net profit/(loss) from continuing operations  | NZD\$179,000 21.8%  |                                      |  |
| Total net profit/(loss)   | NZD\$179,000 21.8%  |                                      |  |
| Interim/Final Dividend  |   |                                      |  |
| Amount per Quoted Equity<br>Security  | NZD\$0.12500000 (comprised only of an ordinary dividend)  |                                      |  |
| Imputed amount per Quoted<br>Equity Security  | NZD\$0.04861111   |                                      |  |
| Record Date   | 25 March 2022   |                                      |  |
| Dividend Payment Date   | 8 April 2022  |                                      |  |
|   | Current period  | Prior comparable period              |  |
| Net tangible assets per<br>Quoted Equity Security   | As at 31 December 2021:<br>NZD\$0.33  | As at 31 December 2020:<br>NZD\$0.29 |  |
| A brief explanation of any of<br>the figures above necessary<br>to enable the figures to be | <ul> <li>Movements from the prior period are compared to restated amounts for H1 FY21 following: <ul> <li>the reassessment of useful lives of reacquired rights and the reclassification of work in progress, as reported at 30 June 2021; and</li> <li>Spark's change in accounting policy in relation to configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing Software as a Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements. This was in response to the International Financial Reporting Standards Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') agenda decision, issued in April 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Changes in Spark's earnings before finance income and expense, income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment income (EBITDAI) are provided in the addendum.</li> </ul> |                                      |  |

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| Date of release through MAP                         | 23 February 2022                           |

Unaudited financial statements accompany this announcement.

#### Addendum:

|  | Amount (000s) | Percentage<br>change |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Reported earnings before finance income and expense,<br>income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment<br>income (Reported EBITDAI) | NZD\$538,000  | 7.6%                 |



## **Distribution Notice**

| Name of issuer   | Spark New Zealand Limited                  |            |           |
|--|--|------------|-----------|
| Financial product name/description                                       | Ordinary shares                            |            |           |
| NZX ticker code  | SPK  |            |           |
| ISIN (If unknown, check on NZX website)                                  | NZ TELE0001S4                              |            |           |
| Type of distribution   | Full Year                                  |            | Quarterly |
| (Please mark with an X in the  | Half Year                                  | Х          | Special   |
| relevant box/es)   | DRP applies                                | Yes        |           |
| Record date  | 25 March 2022                              |            |           |
| Ex-Date (one business day before the Record Date)                        | 24 March 2022                              |            |           |
| Payment date (and allotment date for                                     | 8 April 2022 A                             | UST & NZ;  |           |
| DRP)   | 18 April 2022                              | USA        |           |
| Total monies associated with the distribution                            | NZD\$233,677,933                           |            |           |
|  | (1,869,423,460 shares @ \$0.125 per share) |            |           |
| Source of distribution (for example, retained earnings)                  | Retained earnings                          |            |           |
| Currency   | NZD - New Zealand Dollar                   |            |           |
| Section 2: Distribution amounts per t                                    | financial prod                             | uct        |           |
| Gross distribution   | NZD\$0.17361                               | 111        |           |
| Gross taxable amount   | NZD\$0.17361                               | 111        |           |
| Total cash distribution  | NZD\$0.12500                               | 000        |           |
| Excluded amount (applicable to listed PIEs)                              | N/A  |            |           |
| Supplementary distribution amount  | NZD\$0.02205882                            |            |           |
| Section 3: Imputation credits and Re                                     | sident Withho                              | olding Tax |           |
| Is the distribution imputed  | Fully imputed                              |            |           |
|  | Partial imputa                             | tion       |           |
|  | No imputation                              |            |           |
| If fully or partially imputed, please state imputation rate as % applied | 28%  |            |           |
| Imputation tax credits per financial                                     | NZD\$0.04861111                            |            |           |

| Resident Withholding Tax per financial product   | NZD\$0.00868056                            |  |  |  |  |
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| Section 4: Distribution re-investment plan   |  |  |  |  |  |
| DRP % discount (if any)  | 0%   |  |  |  |  |
| Start date and end date for determining market price for DRP   | r 24 March 2022 30 March 2022              |  |  |  |  |
| Date strike price to be announced (if not available at this time)  | 31 March 2022                              |  |  |  |  |
| Specify source of financial products to<br>be issued under DRP programme<br>(new issue or to be bought on market)    | New Issue                                  |  |  |  |  |
| DRP strike price per financial product   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Last date to submit a participation<br>notice for this distribution in<br>accordance with DRP participation<br>terms | n 28 March 2022                            |  |  |  |  |
| Section 5: Authority for this announ   | cement                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Name of person authorised to make this announcement  | Stefan Knight, Finance Director (CFO)      |  |  |  |  |
| Contact person for this announcement   | Chante Mueller, Head of Investor Relations |  |  |  |  |
| Contact phone number   | +64 (0) 27 469 3062                        |  |  |  |  |
| Contact email address  | investor-info@spark.co.nz                  |  |  |  |  |
| Date of release through MAP  | 23 February 2022                           |  |  |  |  |





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## Spark New Zealand

# H1 FY22 Results Summary

Jolie Hodson, Chief Executive Officer Stefan Knight, Finance Director

VINO USe Results overview

## H1 FY22 Results Summary

- Strong first half performance with revenue, EBITDAI, and NPAT in growth.
- Standout performance in mobile, with Endless plans and precision marketing delivering the highest connection growth in the market<sup>(1)</sup>, and increasing consumer demand for data driving ARPU growth.
- Successful launch of simplified broadband plans stabilising base at 702k connections, while wireless broadband (WBB) growth maintained gross margins. Refreshed WBB plans launched into market in H2 to maintain momentum behind wireless strategy.
- Accelerated 5G rollout progressing to plan, with 10 additional locations supporting future growth in mobile and WBB. Government agreement with Māori on spectrum allocation to pave the way for C-band spectrum auction.
- Cloud growth driven by demand for public cloud, and growth in the health sector. Service management growth trajectory impacted by access to client sites, however pipeline remains strong.
  - Momentum building in Future Markets in support of long-term growth. Strong revenue growth in the half across Spark Health, Spark Sport, and Spark IoT.
- Material upgrade of Mayoral Drive exchange and construction of new data hall at Takanini Datacentre underway with up to 8MW of capacity already contracted. Multi-year investment supporting future cloud growth and development of multi-access edge compute capability.
  - Establishment of Spark TowerCo to drive improved performance, utilisation, and capital efficiency of Spark's passive mobile assets, including ~1,500<sup>(2)</sup> mobile sites. Intend to commence a process in the second half to explore the introduction of third-party capital.
  - Continued improvement of ESG performance and progress on inclusivity Skinny Jump connections up more than 5k, ethnicity data capture among our people up 12pp, and Beyond Binary Code launched since conclusion of the half.
  - Confirmed total FY22 dividend guidance of 25.0cps (100% imputed), supported by first half free cash flow of \$183m.
- <sup>(1)</sup>Market share estimates sourced from IDC
- <sup>(2)</sup>Approximately 250 sites relate to outbound co-location on third party owned infrastructure (e.g. Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) 1 sites)

## H1 FY22 Financial Snapshot

Focussed execution against 2023 strategy driving growth and strong operational and financial performance

## \$1,890m

## REVENUE<sup>(1)</sup>

5.2% increase vs. H1 FY21

\$218m

CAPEX

14.7% increase vs. H1 FY21 $^{(3)}$ 

# \$538m

EBITDAI<sup>(2)</sup>

7.6% increase vs. H1 FY21<sup>(3)</sup>

**\$**183m

FREE CASH FLOW

61.9% increase vs. H1 FY21<sup>(3)</sup>

\$179m

NPAT

21.8% increase vs. H1 FY21<sup>(3)</sup>

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H1FY22 DIVIDEND

Total FY22 Dividend Guidance confirmed at 25.0cps

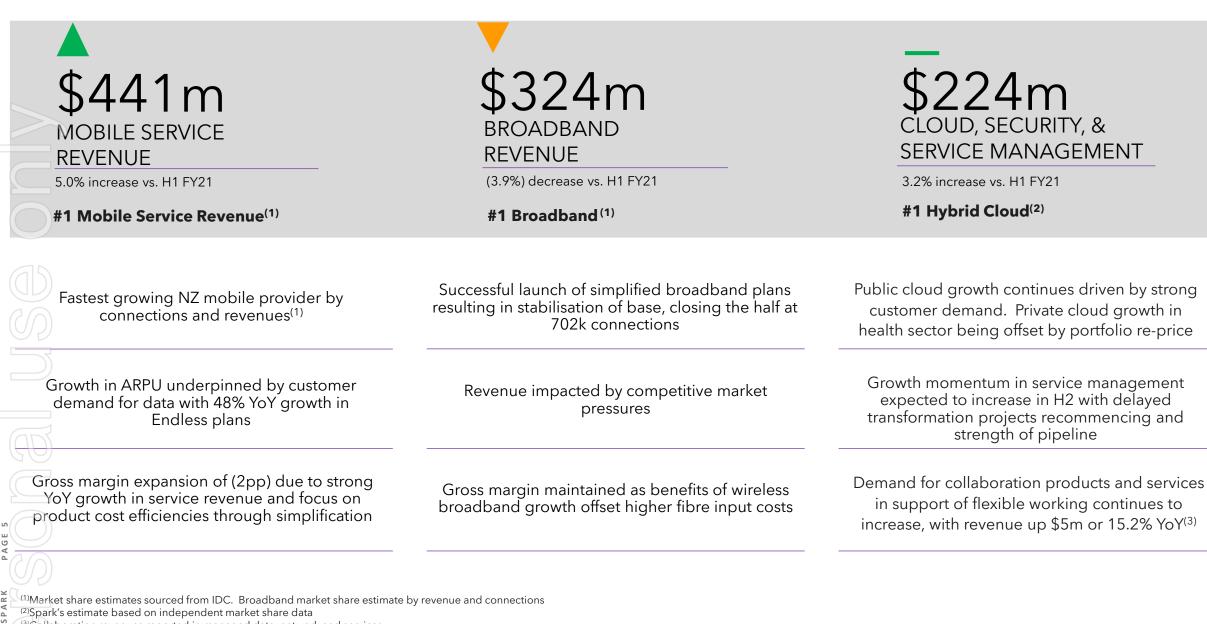
<sup>(1)</sup> Operating revenues and other gains

(2) Earnings before finance income and expense, income tax, depreciation, amortisation and net investment income (EBITDAI) is a non-Generally Accepted Accounting Practice performance measure that is defined and reconciled to net earnings

in Spark New Zealand's interim Financial Statements

<sup>(3)</sup>Adjusted for the impact of cloud accounting standards change

## H1 FY22 Established Market Performance



<sup>(3)</sup>Collaboration revenues reported in managed data, network and services

# USe Strategy update

## Strategic Update: World Class Capabilities and Culture

Core capabilities fuelling growth in established and future markets while delivering clear customer, financial, and operational benefits

|  | FY23 Aspiration<br>Revenue <sup>(1)</sup> | FY23 Aspiration<br>Cost efficiencies <sup>(1)</sup> | FY23 Aspirations<br>Operational | H1 FY22 Highlights  |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Simple<br>Intuitive<br>Customer<br>Experiences<br>Deep<br>Customer<br>Insights |   |   |                                 | • Digital interface pilot allowing frontline team and customers to interact using the same journeys - improving speed of resolution and customer experience                                   |
|  |   | ~\$40m-\$50m<br>Solid Progress                      | On Track                        | <ul> <li>Simplification programme continues with removal of a further 38 legacy mobile and broadband<br/>plans and 66k customers migrated onto new 'right sized' plans in the half</li> </ul> |
|  |   |   |                                 | <ul> <li>In-App home WiFi and broadband checker capability now live with over 17k customers using<br/>self-diagnosis tool</li> </ul>  |
|  | -   |   | On Track                        | <ul> <li>Increased coverage of household view to ~88% of New Zealand households - improving our<br/>ability to understand and serve the needs of Kiwis</li> </ul>                             |
|  | ~\$30m-\$40m<br>On Track                  |   |                                 | <ul> <li>29 machine learning models, enabling highly targeted marketing campaigns resulting in a 16%<br/>uplift in precision marketing conversion</li> </ul>                                  |
|  |   |   |                                 | • Return on marketing investment continues with YoY improvement in marketing efficiency of 16%  |
|  | -   |   |                                 | <ul> <li>Accelerated 5G rollout progressing with 10 additional locations and on track to upgrade ~50% of<br/>sites nationally by the end of calendar year 2022</li> </ul>                     |
| Smart<br>Automated   |   | ~\$55m-\$65m<br>Solid Progress                      | On Track                        | <ul> <li>Optical Transport Network 2.0 project now over 50% complete, supporting pathway towards<br/>unconstrained core network capacity</li> </ul>   |
| Network  |   |   |                                 | <ul> <li>Accelerating copper PSTN decommissioning - targeting ~50 switches by end of FY22 and<br/>reducing reliance on grandfathered technology</li> </ul>                                    |
| GDI  |   |   |                                 | Highest people engagement achieved during half  |
|  |   | On Track  |                                 | <ul> <li>Leadership and development programme fostering innovation and growth mindsets capabilities<br/>across the business</li> </ul>  |
| Growth<br>Mindsets   |   |   |                                 | <ul> <li>Increase in ethnicity data collection to support targeted initiatives to improve ethnic representation</li> </ul>  |
|  |   |   |                                 | Launched Mahi Tahi Wellbeing Framework to support our people and productivity   |
| 20   |   |   |                                 | Developed Te Ao Māori learning modules to uplift Tikanga Māori capability internally  |

Revenue aspirations and cost efficiencies reflect the gross benefits of executing the 3-year strategy. However, total revenues will be impacted by market pressures, revenue declines in legacy products and cost-in to support growth, also some cost efficiencies may be re-invested. Therefore not all the value created will be captured by shareholders

<sup>(1)</sup>Aspiration represents FY23 in year revenues and cost efficiencies

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## **Strategic Update: Future Markets**

Digital

Health

Momentum building in support of long-term growth - on track for overall FY23 revenue aspirations

- **IoT revenue and connection growth:** strong growth across metering, transport, emergency services, smart environments, and asset management, ending half with YoY connection growth of 31% to 623k connections
- Enhanced Spark's IoT bridge platform for smart environments monitoring: including temperature, humidity, occupancy and power usage, with key trial customer fully onboarded and additional customers contracted
- Sector product development: full partner re-seller model launched with Adroit in water, soil, and air quality solutions now one of Spark IoT's fastest growing IoT solutions
- Strong Spark Health revenue growth: up 51% YoY (25% excl procurement), driven by continued growth in cloud and health customers who are digitally transforming and COVID-19 Response
- Introduced Digital Health Platform 'Kete Waiora': via national virtual roadshow, and one of New Zealand's largest primary health organisations completing proof of concept assessment. Focus on onboarding vendors and customers by end of FY22
- **Supporting the digitisation of healthcare in Aotearoa:** Spark Health won the first national contract for digital services under the newly established Health New Zealand, and MATTR supported the Ministry of Health's creation of the domestic My Vaccine Pass, the international vaccination certificates, and the software supporting the Verification App
- H1 Revenue grew: despite sporting calendar being significantly impacted by COVID-19. Now entering second summer of cricket delivery
- Future revenue growth: likely to be slower than originally expected. Considering impact of loss of Premier League
- Partnerships: accelerating strategic partnering options to drive improved returns

### A POSITIVE DIGITAL FUTURE FOR ALL OF NEW ZEALAND

We will work alongside New Zealand to harness the power of technology and create a positive digital future for all.

## **Strategic Update: Sustainability**

#### Environment

- Following the Science-Based Target Initiative's (SBTi) verification of Spark's emissions reduction target, the reduction requirements have been embedded into Spark's new electricity purchasing agreement
- Published independently assured Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report and are now designing and implementing an emissions reduction and energy efficiency plan

#### Social

- Continued to bridge the digital divide, connecting an additional ~5k households to Skinny Jump with a total of ~20k households now benefiting from subsidised broadband
- Continue to champion inclusivity within Spark and Aotearoa. Have increased internal ethnicity data capture (up 12pp to date) to support ethnic diversity initiatives, and this week launched the Beyond Binary Code a free tool that can be used by businesses to improve gender representation and data collection online and create more inclusive spaces for all New Zealanders

#### Governance

- In November established Spark's inaugural Sustainability Linked Loans (SLL) by refinancing three existing loans totalling NZ\$425 million. The SLL's are tied to progress against Spark's emissions reduction target and 40:40:20 gender diversity target
- A key focus in FY22 is strengthening supply chain risk management processes and aligning assessment and audit processes with global industry peers
- In the process of formalising Spark's commitment to upholding human rights with the development of a Human Rights Policy and will publish a Modern Slavery Framework in Spark's FY22 Modern Slavery Statement, to provide further transparency over how these risks are managed within the supply chain

## **FY22 indicators of success**

| Strategic Pillar           | Focus Area                    | Measure  | Target 30 June 2022            | Status             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
|                            | Customer experience           | Consumer and small business iNPS                                   | +6 point lift                  | On Track           |
|                            | Data driven insights          | Uplift in data driven marketing campaign conversion <sup>(1)</sup> | 15%                            | On Track           |
| World class capability     | Smart automated<br>networks   | Accelerate 5G  | 10-15 locations <sup>(2)</sup> | Exceeding          |
|                            | Growth mindsets               | eNPS   | +70                            | Exceeding          |
| )                          | Wireless                      | Mobile service revenue growth                                      | 2-4%                           | Exceeding          |
| Grow established markets   | Broadband                     | Wireless broadband connections                                     | +15-20k                        | On Track           |
|                            | Cloud                         | Cloud, security and service management revenue growth              | 5-8%                           | Improvement Needed |
|                            | IoT                           | Growth in number of connected IoT devices                          | +300k                          | On Track           |
| Accelerate future markets  |                               | Growth in Spark Health revenues                                    | 8-10%                          | Exceeding          |
|                            | Spark Health                  | Successful launch of Digital Health Platform                       | 5 DHP customers onboarded      | Improvement Needed |
| Lowest cost provider       | Deliver best cost             | EBITDAI margin   | 31%                            | On Track           |
|                            | Championing digital<br>equity | Skinny Jump connections  | +5k                            | On Track           |
| Build a sustainable future | Sustainable Spark             | Establish emissions reduction programme                            | 30 June 2022                   | On Track           |

(1) Spark consumer base (2) This includes a mix of new locations and existing locations where our 5G footprint will be expanded

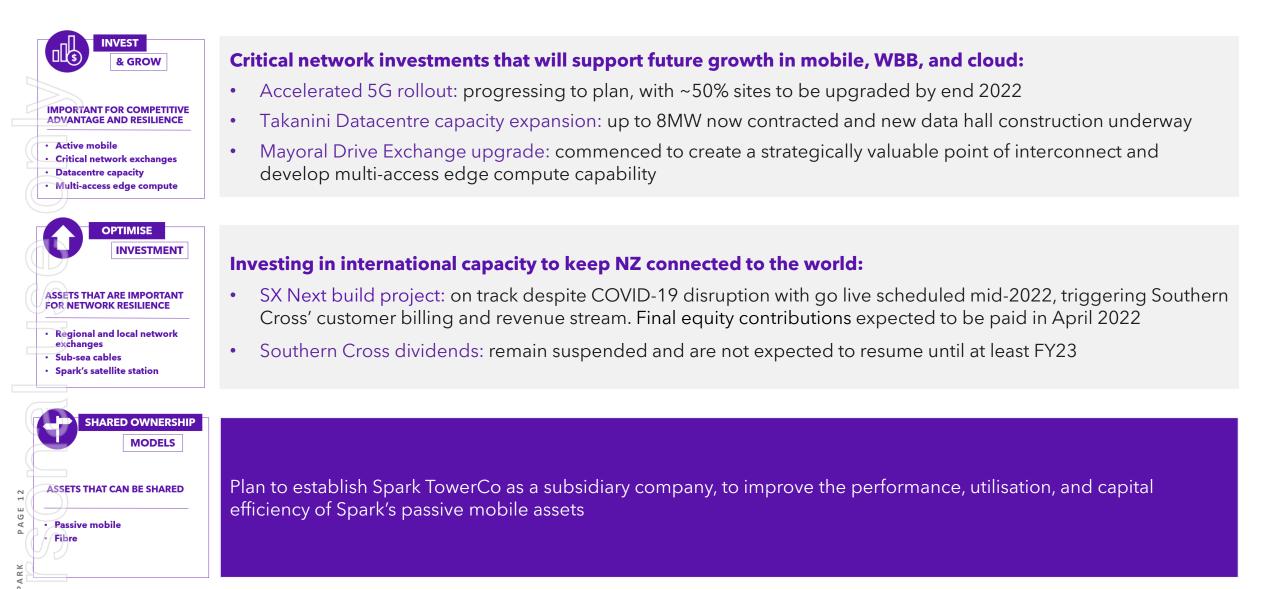
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## Infrastructure asset portfolio update

Investments progressing against three classes of infrastructure assets identified in FY21.



## Spark TowerCo - Strategic review update

#### **STRATEGIC REVIEW UPDATE**

- Spark plans to transfer its passive mobile tower assets into a separate subsidiary, Spark TowerCo
- Spark's active mobile assets drive competitiveness including the core network and radio equipment. Passive mobile assets include the physical towers that support this active equipment, and are generally not a source of differentiation in the market
- Separating these assets into a subsidiary model will improve this utilisation through increased tenancy, while delivering cost efficiencies as Spark expands coverage across Aotearoa
- There will be no change for our customers, and we will continue to invest in modernising our mobile network and improving coverage for Aotearoa

#### **EXPLORING THE INTRODUCTION OF THIRD PARTY CAPITAL**

- Spark intends to commence a process in H2 FY22 to explore the introduction of third party capital into Spark TowerCo
- If third party capital is introduced, Spark intends to retain a shareholding and will be a key anchor tenant, with appropriate agreements in place on arms-length terms for operations and services
- No decision has been made to introduce third party capital and there is no certainty that a transaction will proceed. The process is expected to take a number of months and we will update the market at the conclusion of this process

## Spark TowerCo - Business snapshot

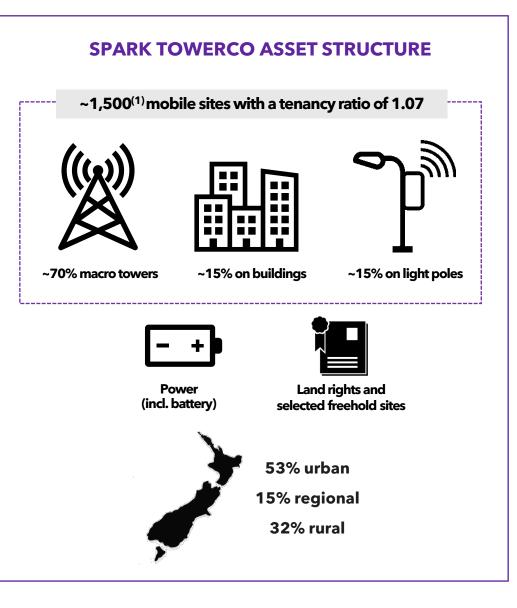
#### SPARK TOWERCO ASSET SCOPE

- Spark TowerCo will:
  - Manage a significant portfolio of critical infrastructure assets, and own the passive infrastructure associated with ~1,250 of these sites
  - Provide passive equipment facilities such as power and will hold some freehold property sites
  - Deliver a significant build-to-suit ("BTS") program for Spark to support its network expansion and densification requirements – with demand for data and expanding WBB base expected to drive tower growth

#### SPARK TOWERCO KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• Well positioned to:

- Improve asset utilisation through, coverage expansion, future service innovation and increased tenancy
- Achieve efficiencies in build, maintenance, technology, and lease costs
- Support Spark's network densification objectives driven by increasing mobile data use and Spark's wireless broadband objectives
- Maintain safety and reliability of tower assets



Approximately 250 sites relate to outbound co-location on third party owned infrastructure (e.g. Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) 1 sites)

## Summary

Benefits of three-year strategy flowing through to better customer outcomes and market differentiation

Strong momentum in established markets

Future markets making a significant contribution to overall revenue growth

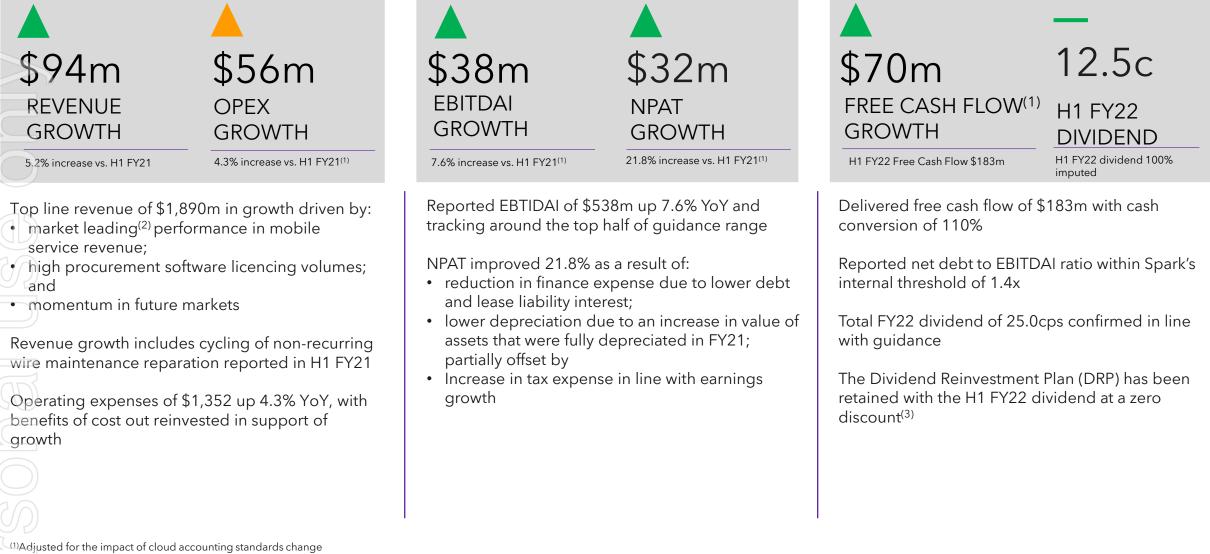
Strategic infrastructure investments supporting future growth, while Spark TowerCo will improve utilisation and efficiency of passive mobile

Growth underpinned by long-term focus on ESG outcomes and building a high-performance culture

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## H1 FY22 Financial Performance Summary

Revenue, EBTIDAI and NPAT in growth generating free cash flow to support sustainable dividend



<sup>(2)</sup>Market share estimates sourced from IDC

<sup>(3)</sup>Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) has been retained for the H1 FY22 dividend. Shares issued under the DRP will be issued at prevailing market price as determined around the time of issue(2)

## **Financials**

|   | H1 FY21 <sup>(1)</sup><br>\$m | H1 FY22<br>\$m | CHANGE  |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Operating revenues and other gains        | 1,796                         | 1,890          | 5.2%    |
| Operating expenses                        | (1,296)                       | (1,352)        | 4.3%    |
| EBITDAI                                   | 500                           | 538            | 7.6%    |
| Finance income                            | 17                            | 14             | (17.6%) |
| Finance expense                           | (43)                          | (37)           | 14.0%   |
| Depreciation and amortisation             | (262)                         | (257)          | 1.9%    |
| Net investment income                     | -                             | (1)            | NM      |
| Net earnings before tax expense           | 212                           | 257            | 21.2%   |
| ax expense                                | (65)                          | (78)           | (20.0%) |
| Net earnings after tax expense            | 147                           | 179            | 21.8%   |
| Capital expenditure <sup>(2)</sup>        | 190                           | 218            |         |
| ree cash flow                             | 113                           | 183            |         |
|   |                               |                |         |
| EBITDAI margin                            | 27.8%                         | 28.5%          |         |
| Effective tax rate                        | 30.7%                         | 30.4%          |         |
| Capital expenditure to operating revenues | 10.6%                         | 11.5%          |         |
| Earnings per Share                        | 8.0                           | 9.6            |         |
| Total Dividend per Share                  | 12.5c                         | 12.5c          |         |

<sup>(1)</sup>Adjusted for the impact of cloud accounting standards change <sup>(2)</sup>Excluding expenditure on mobile spectrum

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## H1 FY22 Operational Performance Summary

Solid first half financial performance - tracking around the top half of FY22 guidance



- Secured ~60% of total market mobile service revenue growth<sup>(2)</sup>, up \$21m or 5.0% YoY
- Total cloud, security and service management growth of \$7m or 3.2% with cloud growth reflecting ongoing shift towards public cloud. Service management growth impacted by site access restrictions due to COVID-19
- Strong growth in procurement revenue primarily driven by national health software licence contract
- Growth in other operating revenue includes Spark
   Sport, Spark IoT and Qrious
- Broadband revenue decline due to competitive market intensity with refreshed plans stabilising connection base; and
- Lower rate of voice revenue decline due to nonrecurring H1 FY21 wire maintenance charges (underlying decline of ~15% in line with previous trends)



4.3% increase vs. H1 FY21<sup>(1)</sup>

- Operating expenses up YoY, however, excluding procurement are broadly flat
- Disciplined focus on cost-out continues with gross cost out benefits reinvested in support of scaling future market businesses
- Increase in product costs driven by higher procurement volumes and growth in cloud and collaboration
- Reduction in other operating expenses driven by precision marketing savings partially offset by a return to normal levels of bad debt expense due to COVID-19 provision reversal in prior year
- Increase in net labour costs due to investment in future market businesses and talent scarcity
- Targeting further cost reductions in H2 to provide flexibility and optionality



- EBITDAI up \$38m or 7.6% YoY reflecting targeted return to revenue growth
- Prior period includes \$17m of non-recurring wire maintenance reparations. Other one off items are broadly consistent across the periods
- During H2 there will continue to be reinvestment in support of revenue growth
- EBITDAI margin of 28.5% and on track to achieve annual aspiration of 31%

(1)Adjusted for the impact of cloud accounting standards change (2)Market share estimates sourced from IDC

## H1 FY22 Capital investment and free cash flow

\$218m

\$183m

CASH FLOW

61.9% increase vs. H1 FY21<sup>(2)</sup>

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14.7% increase vs. H1 FY21<sup>(2)</sup>

- Phasing of capital investment in line with prior year with 55% of spend incurred in H1 FY22
- Uplift in mobile RAN investment in support of accelerated 5G rollout
- Increased investment in IT systems in support of:
  - Spark ERP system replacement;
  - End of life IT infrastructure refresh; and
  - Deep customer insight capability to unlock further data driven marketing opportunities
- Prioritised capital investment plan in line with guidance of ~\$400m

- Free cash flow up \$70m YoY driven by improvement in working capital, EBITDAI growth and lower tax
- Improvement in working capital includes:
  - timing of software license payments with revenue collected in H1 FY22 and payment due in H2 FY22; and offset by
  - additional inventory and prepayments to mitigate against supply chain disruption
- H2 FY22 free cash flow growth expected to be driven by EBITDAI growth and capital expenditure in line with plan
- On track to achieve FY22 free cash flow aspiration of \$420m-\$460m sufficient to fund FY22 dividend of 25.0cps

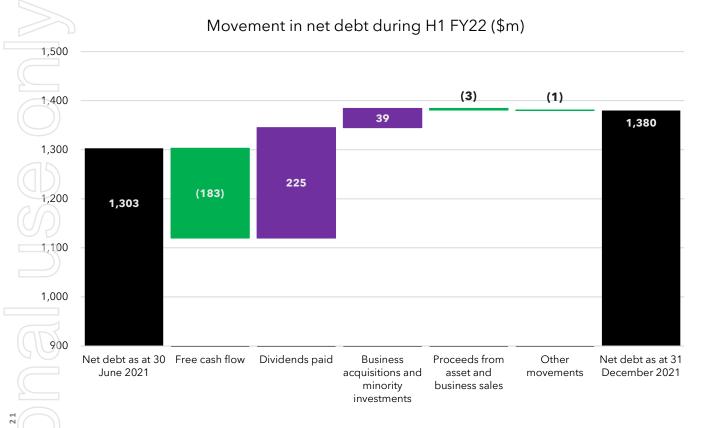
<sup>(1)</sup>Excluding expenditure on mobile spectrum <sup>(2)</sup>Adjusted for the impact of cloud accounting standards change

### **Net Debt**

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Reported net debt up \$77m, including long-term investments in SX Next and rural connectivity



- Reported net debt to EBITDAI ratio of 1.2x<sup>(1)</sup> consistent with S&P A- credit rating
- Sufficient debt headroom to execute strategy and fund strategic investments
- Established three Sustainability-Linked Loans totalling NZ\$425 million in the half further demonstrating commitment to sustainability

<sup>(1)</sup> Spark's internal capital management policy is to ensure that on a long-run basis reported net debt to EBITDAI does not exceed 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's internal threshold of 1.4x; which Spark estimates is approximately equivalent to S&P's 1.7x adjusted net debt to EBITDA threshold Spark's 1.7x adjusted net debt to



|                                    | FY21 Actual <sup>(2)</sup>      | FY22 Guidance  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| EBITDAI                            | \$1,119m                        | \$1,130m-\$1,160m<br>Expected to be around top half of range |
| Capital expenditure <sup>(3)</sup> | \$349m                          | ~\$400m  |
| Dividend per share                 | Total 25.0cps<br>(100% imputed) | Total 25.0cps <sup>(4)</sup><br>(100% imputed)               |

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<sup>(1)</sup>Subject to no adverse change in operating outlook
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# REPORTING DATE CHANGE

Spark<sup>nz</sup>

## **FY22 Results**

Wednesday 24 August 2022 10.00am

Sn ppendix Cloud accounting standards changes

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## **Cloud Accounting Standards Changes**

#### Implementation of the IFRS interpretations Committee (IFRIC) agenda decision

During the six months ended 31 December 2021, Spark revised its accounting policy in relation to configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing Software-as-a-Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements. This was in response to the IFRIC agenda decision, issued in April 2021, clarifying its interpretation of how current accounting standards apply to these types of arrangements. The IFRIC decision clarified that because SaaS arrangements are service contracts that provide Spark with the right to access the cloud provider's application software over the contract period, costs to configure or customise this software should be recognised as operating expenses when the services are received.

Spark had previously recorded these configuration and customisation costs as part of the cost of an intangible asset and amortised these costs over the useful life of the software assets. A summary of the impact of the change in accounting policy on Spark's historical statement of profit or losses provided below. Further detail is provided in note 3 of the interim financial statements.

| Adjustments                           | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | FY20 | FY21 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|
|                                       | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m  | \$m  |
| Operating revenues and other gains    |         |         |         |         |      |      |
| Operating expenses                    | (3)     | (3)     | (2)     | (3)     | (6)  | (5)  |
| EBITDAI                               | (3)     | (3)     | (2)     | (3)     | (6)  | (5)  |
| Finance income                        |         |         |         |         |      |      |
| Finance expense                       |         |         |         |         |      |      |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | 1       | -       | 1       | 1       | 1    | 2    |
| Net investment income                 |         |         |         |         |      |      |
| Net earnings before income tax        | (2)     | (3)     | (1)     | (2)     | (5)  | (3)  |
| Tax expense                           | -       | 1       | -       | -       | 1    | -    |
| Net earnings for the period           | (2)     | (2)     | (1)     | (2)     | (4)  | (3)  |
| net currings for the period           |         | (=/     | (-)     | (=)     |      |      |

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#### Group result - reported

|          |   | H1 FY20<br>\$m           | H2 FY20<br>\$m               | H1 FY21<br>\$m          | H2 FY21<br>\$m          | H1 FY22<br>\$m          | H1 FY21<br>\$m          | H1 FY22<br>\$m          | H1 FY21 v<br>\$m              | H1 FY22<br>%  |
|----------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| $\geq$   | Operating revenues and other gains                  | 1,824                    | 1,799                        | 1,796                   | 1,797                   | 1,890                   | 1,796                   | 1,890                   | . 94                          | 5.2%          |
|          | Operating expenses                                  | (1,327)                  | (1,189)                      | (1,296)                 | (1,178)                 | (1,352)                 | (1,296)                 | (1,352)                 | (56)                          | (4.3%         |
|          | EBITDAI   | 497                      | 610                          | 500                     | 619                     | 538                     | 500                     | 538                     | 38                            | 7.6%          |
|          | Finance income                                      | 18                       | 18                           | 17                      | 17                      | 14                      | 17                      | 14                      | (3)                           | (17.6%        |
|          | Finance expense                                     | (46)                     | (48)                         | (43)                    | (38)                    | (37)                    | (43)                    | (37)                    | (3)                           | 14.0%         |
|          | Depreciation and amortisation expense               | (237)                    | (250)                        | (262)                   | (259)                   | (257)                   | (262)                   | (257)                   | 5                             | 1.9%          |
|          | Net investment income                               | (1)                      | (230)                        | (202)                   | (1)                     | (1)                     | (202)                   | (1)                     | (1)                           | NM            |
|          | Net earnings before income tax                      | 231                      | 332                          | 212                     | 338                     | 257                     | 212                     | 257                     | 45                            | 21.2%         |
|          | Tax expense   | (69)                     | (78)                         | (65)                    | (104)                   | (78)                    | (65)                    | (78)                    | (13)                          | (20.0%)       |
|          | Net earnings for the period                         | <u>(05)</u><br>162       | 254                          | <u>(03)</u><br>147      | 234                     | 179                     | <u> </u>                | 179                     | 32                            | 21.8%         |
|          |   | 102                      | 254                          | 147                     | 234                     | 1/9                     | 147                     | 1/9                     | 52                            | 21.0/0        |
|          | Capital expenditure                                 | 244                      | 124                          | 190                     | 159                     | 218                     | 190                     | 218                     | 28                            | 14.7%         |
|          | Free cash flows                                     | 50                       | 388                          | 113                     | 320                     | 183                     | 113                     | 183                     | 70                            | 62.6%         |
|          |   |                          |                              | -                       |                         |                         | -                       |                         |                               |               |
|          | Reported EBITDAI margin                             | 27.2%                    | 33.9%                        | 27.8%                   | 34.4%                   | 28.5%                   | 27.8%                   | 28.5%                   | 0.7%                          |               |
|          | Reported effective tax rate                         | 29.9%                    | 23.5%                        | 30.7%                   | 30.8%                   | 30.4%                   | 30.7%                   | 30.4%                   | (0.3%)                        |               |
|          | Capital expenditure to operating revenues           | 13.4%                    | 6.9%                         | 10.6%                   | 8.8%                    | 11.5%                   | 10.6%                   | 11.5%                   | 0.9%                          |               |
|          | Reported basic and diluted earnings per share (cent |                          | 13.9                         | 8.0                     | 12.5                    | 9.6                     | 8.0                     |                         | 1.6                           | 20.0%         |
|          | Mobile<br>Voice                                     | <b>\$m</b><br>405<br>123 | H2 FY20<br>\$m<br>424<br>119 | <b>\$m</b><br>407<br>87 | <b>\$m</b><br>430<br>93 | <b>\$m</b><br>437<br>86 | <b>\$m</b><br>407<br>87 | <b>\$m</b><br>437<br>86 | H1 FY21 v<br>\$m<br>30<br>(1) | 7.4%<br>(1.1% |
|          | Broadband   | 175                      | 166                          | 166                     | 173                     | 166                     | 166                     | 166                     | -                             | -%            |
|          | Cloud, security and service management              | 173                      | 175                          | 179                     | 179                     | 176                     | 179                     | 176                     | (3)                           | (1.7%         |
|          | Procurement and partners                            | 20                       | 25                           | 20                      | 23                      | 26                      | 20                      | 26                      | 6                             | 30.0%         |
|          | Managed data, network and services                  | 70                       | 68                           | 72                      | 73                      | 65                      | 72                      | 65                      | (7)                           | (9.7%         |
|          | Other product                                       | 15                       | 33                           | 28                      | 42                      | 33                      | 28                      | 33                      | 5                             | 17.9%         |
| <i> </i> | Total product gross margin                          | 981                      | 1,010                        | 959                     | 1,013                   | 989                     | 959                     | 989                     | 30                            | 3.1%          |
|          | Other gains   | 4                        | 31                           | 4                       | 24                      | 16                      | 4                       | 16                      | 12                            | NM            |
|          | Total gross margin                                  | 985                      | 1,041                        | 963                     | 1,037                   | 1,005                   | 963                     | 1,005                   | 42                            | 4.4%          |
|          | Connections   |                          |                              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                               |               |
|          |   |                          | H2 FY20                      |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | H1 FY21 v                     |               |
|          | 1   | 000's                    | 000's                        | 000's                   | 000's                   | 000's                   | 000's                   | 000's                   |                               | %             |
|          | Mobile connections <sup>1</sup>                     | 2,500                    | 2,519                        | 2,431                   | 2,421                   | 2,445                   | 2,431                   | 2,445                   | 14                            | 0.6%          |
|          | Voice connections by type <sup>2</sup>              |                          |                              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                               |               |
|          | POTS & ISDN   | 288                      | 220                          | 197                     | 168                     | 140                     | 197                     | 140                     | (57)                          | (28.9%        |
|          | VoIP  | 54                       | 61                           | 69                      | 69                      | 69                      | 69                      | 69                      | -                             | -%            |
|          | Voice over wireless                                 | 26                       | 24                           | 23                      | 24                      | 20                      | 23                      | 20                      | (3)                           | (13.0%        |
|          |   | 368                      | 305                          | 289                     | 261                     | 229                     | 289                     | 229                     | (60)                          | (20.8%        |
|          | Broadband connections                               |                          |                              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                               |               |
|          | Conner  | 211                      | 196                          | 157                     | 121                     | 112                     | 157                     | 112                     |                               | (28 0%)       |

|  | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 H | 1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
|  | \$m       | \$m      | %       |
| Mobile                                 | 405     | 424     | 407     | 430     | 437     | 407     | 437       | 30       | 7.4%    |
| Voice                                  | 123     | 119     | 87      | 93      | 86      | 87      | 86        | (1)      | (1.1%)  |
| Broadband                              | 175     | 166     | 166     | 173     | 166     | 166     | 166       | -        | -%      |
| Cloud, security and service management | 173     | 175     | 179     | 179     | 176     | 179     | 176       | (3)      | (1.7%)  |
| Procurement and partners               | 20      | 25      | 20      | 23      | 26      | 20      | 26        | 6        | 30.0%   |
| Managed data, network and services     | 70      | 68      | 72      | 73      | 65      | 72      | 65        | (7)      | (9.7%)  |
| Other product                          | 15      | 33      | 28      | 42      | 33      | 28      | 33        | 5        | 17.9%   |
| Total product gross margin             | 981     | 1,010   | 959     | 1,013   | 989     | 959     | 989       | 30       | 3.1%    |
| Other gains                            | 4       | 31      | 4       | 24      | 16      | 4       | 16        | 12       | NM      |
| Total gross margin                     | 985     | 1,041   | 963     | 1,037   | 1,005   | 963     | 1,005     | 42       | 4.4%    |

|  | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| /                                      | 000's     | %       |
| Mobile connections <sup>1</sup>        | 2,500   | 2,519   | 2,431   | 2,421   | 2,445   | 2,431   | 2,445   | 14        | 0.6%    |
| Voice connections by type <sup>2</sup> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| POTS & ISDN                            | 288     | 220     | 197     | 168     | 140     | 197     | 140     | (57)      | (28.9%) |
| VoIP                                   | 54      | 61      | 69      | 69      | 69      | 69      | 69      | -         | -%      |
| Voice over wireless                    | 26      | 24      | 23      | 24      | 20      | 23      | 20      | (3)       | (13.0%) |
|  | 368     | 305     | 289     | 261     | 229     | 289     | 229     | (60)      | (20.8%) |
| Broadband connections                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| Copper                                 | 211     | 186     | 157     | 131     | 113     | 157     | 113     | (44)      | (28.0%) |
| Fibre                                  | 340     | 367     | 381     | 395     | 402     | 381     | 402     | 21        | 5.5%    |
| Wireless                               | 141     | 156     | 165     | 175     | 187     | 165     | 187     | 22        | 13.3%   |
|  | 692     | 709     | 703     | 701     | 702     | 703     | 702     | (1)       | (0.1%)  |

<sup>1</sup> Mobile connections excluding MVNO connections but including legacy machine to machine and SIM based SmartWatch connections

<sup>2</sup> Voice connections include all voice technology types, including POTS, ISDN, VoIP and wireless voice. Voice connections exclude connections where Spark also provide a bundled broadband service, but include all wholesale voice connections (including those where the underlying customer has a bundled broadband service).

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#### Group FTE's

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|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|
|                 | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | #         | %              |
| FTE permanent   | 5,119   | 4,983   | 4,961   | 4,889   | 4,921   | 4,961   | 4,921   | (40)      | (0.8%)         |
| FTE contractors | 200     | 146     | 121     | 150     | 190     | 121     | 190     | 69        | 57.0%          |
| Total FTE       | 5,319   | 5,129   | 5,082   | 5,039   | 5,111   | 5,082   | 5,111   | 29        | 0.6%           |
|                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |                |

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|                                      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                                      | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | \$        | %       |
| Ordinary dividends (cents per share) | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | -         | -%      |
| Special dividends (cents per share)  |         | -       | -       | -       | -       |         | -       | -         | NM      |
|                                      | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | 12.50   | -         | -%      |

#### Group operating revenues and other gains

|  | H1 FY20 | 12 FY20 | H1 FY21 | 12 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 H | 1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
|  | \$m       | \$m      | %       |
| Operating revenues                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |          |         |
| Mobile                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |          |         |
| Service revenue                          | 425     | 423     | 420     | 432     | 441     | 420     | 441       | 21       | 5.0%    |
| Non-service revenue                      | 228     | 212     | 231     | 228     | 237     | 231     | 237       | 6        | 2.6%    |
|  | 653     | 635     | 651     | 660     | 678     | 651     | 678       | 27       | 4.1%    |
| Voice                                    |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |          |         |
| Access                                   | 95      | 85      | 62      | 67      | 57      | 62      | 57        | (5)      | (8.1%   |
| Calling                                  | 79      | 81      | 71      | 67      | 70      | 71      | 70        | (1)      | (1.4%   |
| Other voice revenue                      | 23      | 23      | 21      | 20      | 19      | 21      | 19        | (2)      | (9.5%   |
|  | 197     | 189     | 154     | 154     | 146     | 154     | 146       | (8)      | (5.2%   |
| Broadband                                | 345     | 335     | 337     | 333     | 324     | 337     | 324       | (13)     | (3.9%   |
| Cloud, security and service management   | 209     | 211     | 217     | 226     | 224     | 217     | 224       | 7        | 3.2%    |
| Procurement and partners                 | 207     | 200     | 236     | 178     | 301     | 236     | 301       | 65       | 27.6%   |
| Managed data, network and services       | 134     | 143     | 140     | 142     | 140     | 140     | 140       | -        | -%      |
| Other operating revenue                  | 75      | 55      | 57      | 80      | 61      | 57      | 61        | 4        | 7.0%    |
| Total operating revenues                 | 1,820   | 1,768   | 1,792   | 1,773   | 1,874   | 1,792   | 1,874     | 82       | 4.6%    |
| Other gains                              | 4       | 31      | 4       | 24      | 16      | 4       | 16        | 12       | NM      |
| Total operating revenues and other gains | 1,824   | 1,799   | 1,796   | 1,797   | 1,890   | 1,796   | 1,890     | 94       | 5.2%    |

| Operating revenues and other ga    | ains by custor | ner se  | gment   |         |         |         |         |           |         |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                                    | H1 FY20        | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY2  |
| Operating revenues and other gains | \$m            | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m       | 9       |
| Consumer                           | 825            | 757     | 769     | 781     | 788     | 769     | 788     | 19        | 2.5%    |
| Business                           | 915            | 927     | 947     | 912     | 1,037   | 947     | 1,037   | 90        | 9.5%    |
| Wholesale and other                | 110            | 142     | 106     | 132     | 100     | 106     | 100     | (6)       | (5.7%   |
| Eliminations                       | (26)           | (27)    | (26)    | (28)    | (35)    | (26)    | (35)    | (9)       | (34.6%  |
|                                    | 1,824          | 1,799   | 1,796   | 1,797   | 1,890   | 1,796   | 1,890   | 94        | 5.2%    |
| Finance income                     |                |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
|                                    | H1 FY20        | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| Finance income                     | \$m            | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m     | \$m       | %       |
| Finance lease interest income      | 7              | 6       | 6       | 7       | 6       | 6       | 6       | -         | -%      |
| Other interest income              | 11             | 12      | 11      | 10      | 8       | 11      | 8       | (3)       | (27.3%  |
|                                    | 18             | 18      | 17      | 17      | 14      | 17      | 14      | (3)       | (17.6%  |

|   | H1 FY20 H | 2 FY20 H | 1 FY21 H | 2 FY21 H | 1 FY22 | H1 FY21 H | 1 FY22 H | 1 FY21 v F | 11 FY22 |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|
| Net investment income                               | \$m       | \$m      | \$m      | \$m      | \$m    | \$m       | \$m      | \$m        | %       |
| Dividend income                                     | -         | -        | -        | -        | -      | -         | -        | -          | NM      |
| Share of associates' and joint ventures' net losses | (1)       | 2        | -        | (1)      | (1)    | -         | (1)      | (1)        | NM      |
|   | (1)       | 2        | -        | (1)      | (1)    | -         | (1)      | (1)        | NM      |

#### **Revenue classification changes**

As part of the ongoing revision of the Agile business model, the management of certain customer segment lines have been reallocated from one part of the business to another. The details of the key change and the associated impact on revenue reporting are as follows: **Product line** Services provided Previous customer product Current customer product Internet of Things (IoT) Reclassification of IoT products to algin Wholesale and other **Business** with business alike segments from consumer. This exlcudes Wholesale IoT

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#### Group operating expenses

|      |  | H1 FY20            | 12 FY20    | H1 FY21                   | H2 FY21   | H1 FY22               | H1 FY21      | H1 FY22 H    | 11 FY21 \  | / H1 FY2 |
|------|--|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|
|      |  | \$m                | \$m        | \$m                       | \$m       | \$m                   | \$m          | \$m          | \$m        | 9        |
|      | duct costs   |                    |            |                           |           |                       |              |              |            |          |
|      | Nobile   | 248                | 211        | 244                       | 230       | 241                   | 244          | 241          | (3)        | (1.2%    |
|      | /oice  | 74                 | 70         | 67                        | 61        | 60                    | 67           | 60           | (7)        | (10.4%   |
|      | Broadband  | 170                | 169        | 171                       | 160       | 158                   | 171          | 158          | (13)       | (7.6%    |
|      | Cloud, security and service management                               | 36                 | 36         | 38                        | 47        | 48                    | 38           | 48           | 10         | 26.3%    |
|      | rocurement and partners  | 187                | 175        | 216                       | 155       | 275                   | 216          | 275          | 59         | 27.3%    |
|      | Aanaged data, network and services                                   | 64                 | 75         | 68                        | 69        | 75                    | 68           | 75           | 7          | 10.3%    |
| O    | Other product costs  | 60                 | 22         | 29                        | 38        | 28                    | 29           | 28           | (1)        | (3.4%    |
|      |  | 839                | 758        | 833                       | 760       | 885                   | 833          | 885          | 52         | 6.2%     |
| Lab  | our  | 268                | 245        | 256                       | 237       | 263                   | 256          | 263          | 7          | 2.7%     |
| Oth  | ner operating expenses   |                    |            |                           |           |                       |              |              |            |          |
| N    | letwork support costs  | 37                 | 32         | 44                        | 42        | 44                    | 44           | 44           | -          | -%       |
| c    | Computer costs   | 49                 | 49         | 51                        | 50        | 55                    | 51           | 55           | 4          | 7.8%     |
| A    | accommodation costs  | 33                 | 30         | 32                        | 35        | 30                    | 32           | 30           | (2)        | (6.3%    |
| / Α  | dvertising, promotions and communication                             | 47                 | 31         | 44                        | 28        | 34                    | 44           | 34           | (10)       | (22.7%   |
| В    | ad debts   | 7                  | 10         | (1)                       | (6)       | 3                     | (1)          | 3            | 4          | NM       |
| 5 Ir | mpairment expense  | -                  | 2          | -                         | 2         | 2                     | -            | 2            | 2          | NM       |
| 0    | Other  | 47                 | 32         | 37                        | 30        | 36                    | 37           | 36           | (1)        | (2.7%    |
|      |  | 220                | 186        | 207                       | 181       | 204                   | 207          | 204          | (3)        | (1.4%    |
| Tot  | al operating expenses  | 1,327              | 1,189      | 1,296                     | 1,178     | 1,352                 | 1,296        | 1,352        | 56         | 4.3%     |
|      | ance expense   |                    |            |                           |           |                       |              |              |            |          |
| / Fi | inance expense on debt   | 25                 | 28         | 21                        | 22        | 23                    | 21           | 23           | 2          | 9.5%     |
| 0    | Other interest and finance expense                                   | 7                  | 5          | 6                         | 4         | 4                     | 6            | 4            | (2)        | (33.3%   |
| ι L  | ease interest expense  | 15                 | 16         | 15                        | 11        | 10                    | 15           | 10           | (5)        | (33.3%   |
| L.   | eased customer equipment interest expense                            | 3                  | 3          | 4                         | 4         | 3                     | 4            | 3            | (1)        | (25.0%   |
|      |  | 50                 | 52         | 46                        | 41        | 40                    | 46           | 40           | (6)        | (13.0%   |
| c    | Capitalised interest   | (4)                | (4)        | (3)                       | (3)       | (3)                   | (3)          | (3)          | -          | -%       |
|      |  | 46                 | 48         | 43                        | 38        | 37                    | 43           | 37           | (6)        | (14.0%   |
|      | preciation and amortisation expense                                  |                    |            |                           |           |                       |              |              |            |          |
|      | Depreciation - property, plant and equipment                         | 119                | 114        | 124                       | 118       | 116                   | 124          | 116          | (8)        | (6.5%    |
|      | Depreciation - right-of-use assets                                   | 28                 | 36         | 35                        | 42        | 40                    | 35           | 40           | 5          | 14.3%    |
|      | Depreciation - leased customer equipment assets                      | 15                 | 12         | 19                        | 17        | 18                    | 19           | 18           | (1)        | (5.3%    |
| A    | mortisation of intangibles   | 75                 | 88         | 84                        | 82        | 83                    | 84           | 83           | (1)        | (1.2%    |
|      |  | 237                | 250        | 262                       | 259       | 257                   | 262          | 257          | (5)        | (1.9%    |
| Ex   | penses restatement   |                    |            |                           |           |                       |              |              |            |          |
|      | Interpretation is accounting policy in relation to configurat        | ion and customisa  | tion costs | incurred                  | in implem | enting Se             | oftware-as-a | a-Service (' | 'SaaS') cl | oud      |
| con  | nputing arrangements. This was in response to the IFRS               | Interpretations Co | mmittee    | ('IFRIC') a               | igenda de | cision, iss           | ued in April | 2021, clar   | ifying its |          |
|      | erpretation of how current accounting standards apply t<br>duct line |                    | •          | ents. Deta<br>classificat |           | ey chang<br>Current p |              | ow:          |            |          |
|      | nfiguration and customisation costs incurred in impleme              |                    |            |                           |           |                       | etwork sup   | nort costs   | and Oth    | ۹r       |
|      | a-Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements                      |                    |            | ,                         |           |                       | expenses     |              |            | -        |
|      |  |                    |            |                           |           | per atmp              | enpended     |              |            |          |

| luct costs                                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |         |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| obile   | 248   | 211   | 244   | 230   | 241   | 244   | 241   | (3)  | (1.2%)  |
| ice   | 74    | 70    | 67    | 61    | 60    | 67    | 60    | (7)  | (10.4%) |
| oadband                                       | 170   | 169   | 171   | 160   | 158   | 171   | 158   | (13) | (7.6%)  |
| oud, security and service management          | 36    | 36    | 38    | 47    | 48    | 38    | 48    | 10   | 26.3%   |
| ocurement and partners                        | 187   | 175   | 216   | 155   | 275   | 216   | 275   | 59   | 27.3%   |
| anaged data, network and services             | 64    | 75    | 68    | 69    | 75    | 68    | 75    | 7    | 10.3%   |
| her product costs                             | 60    | 22    | 29    | 38    | 28    | 29    | 28    | (1)  | (3.4%)  |
|   | 839   | 758   | 833   | 760   | 885   | 833   | 885   | 52   | 6.2%    |
| ur  | 268   | 245   | 256   | 237   | 263   | 256   | 263   | 7    | 2.7%    |
| er operating expenses                         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |         |
| etwork support costs                          | 37    | 32    | 44    | 42    | 44    | 44    | 44    | -    | -%      |
| mputer costs                                  | 49    | 49    | 51    | 50    | 55    | 51    | 55    | 4    | 7.8%    |
| commodation costs                             | 33    | 30    | 32    | 35    | 30    | 32    | 30    | (2)  | (6.3%)  |
| lvertising, promotions and communication      | 47    | 31    | 44    | 28    | 34    | 44    | 34    | (10) | (22.7%) |
| d debts                                       | 7     | 10    | (1)   | (6)   | 3     | (1)   | 3     | 4    | NM      |
| pairment expense                              | -     | 2     | -     | 2     | 2     | -     | 2     | 2    | NM      |
| her   | 47    | 32    | 37    | 30    | 36    | 37    | 36    | (1)  | (2.7%)  |
|   | 220   | 186   | 207   | 181   | 204   | 207   | 204   | (3)  | (1.4%)  |
| l operating expenses                          | 1,327 | 1,189 | 1,296 | 1,178 | 1,352 | 1,296 | 1,352 | 56   | 4.3%    |
| nce expense                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |         |
| nance expense on debt                         | 25    | 28    | 21    | 22    | 23    | 21    | 23    | 2    | 9.5%    |
| her interest and finance expense              | 7     | 5     | 6     | 4     | 4     | 6     | 4     | (2)  | (33.3%) |
| ase interest expense                          | 15    | 16    | 15    | 11    | 10    | 15    | 10    | (5)  | (33.3%) |
| ased customer equipment interest expense      | 3     | 3     | 4     | 4     | 3     | 4     | 3     | (1)  | (25.0%) |
|   | 50    | 52    | 46    | 41    | 40    | 46    | 40    | (6)  | (13.0%) |
| pitalised interest                            | (4)   | (4)   | (3)   | (3)   | (3)   | (3)   | (3)   | -    | -%      |
|   | 46    | 48    | 43    | 38    | 37    | 43    | 37    | (6)  | (14.0%) |
| reciation and amortisation expense            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |         |
| preciation - property, plant and equipment    | 119   | 114   | 124   | 118   | 116   | 124   | 116   | (8)  | (6.5%)  |
| preciation - right-of-use assets              | 28    | 36    | 35    | 42    | 40    | 35    | 40    | 5    | 14.3%   |
| preciation - leased customer equipment assets | 15    | 12    | 19    | 17    | 18    | 19    | 18    | (1)  | (5.3%)  |
| nortisation of intangibles                    | 75    | 88    | 84    | 82    | 83    | 84    | 83    | (1)  | (1.2%)  |
|   | 237   | 250   | 262   | 259   | 257   | 262   | 257   | (5)  | (1.9%)  |
|   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |         |

| Configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing Software- Capex (IT systems) | Labour, Network support costs and Other |
|---|---|
| as-a-Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements  | operating expenses                      |
|   |   |

#### Analysis & KPI's - Mobile

|   | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Mobile revenue by type (Consumer and Business)    | \$m       | %       |
| Mobile service revenue                            | 421     | 419     | 415     | 427     | 435     | 415     | 435     | 20        | 4.8%    |
| Mobile non-service revenue <sup>1</sup>           | 216     | 197     | 223     | 221     | 229     | 223     | 229     | 6         | 2.7%    |
|   | 637     | 616     | 638     | 648     | 664     | 638     | 664     | 26        | 4.1%    |
| Wholesale and other customer segment mobile       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| revenue <sup>2</sup>                              | 16      | 19      | 13      | 12      | 14      | 13      | 14      | 1         | 7.7%    |
| Total mobile revenue                              | 653     | 635     | 651     | 660     | 678     | 651     | 678     | 27        | 4.1%    |
| Mobile product costs <sup>3</sup>                 | (248)   | (211)   | (244)   | (230)   | (241)   | (244)   | (241)   | 3         | 1.2%    |
| Mobile gross margin                               | 405     | 424     | 407     | 430     | 437     | 407     | 437     | 30        | 7.4%    |
| Mobile gross margin %                             | 62.0%   | 66.8%   | 62.5%   | 65.2%   | 64.5%   | 62.5%   | 64.5%   | 2.0%      |         |
|   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| )   |         | H2 FY20 |         |         |         |         |         | H1 FY21 v |         |
| Total mobile revenue by customer segment          | \$m       | %       |
| Consumer  | 443     | 419     | 438     | 441     | 454     | 438     | 454     | 16        | 3.7%    |
| Business  | 194     | 197     | 200     | 207     | 210     | 200     | 210     | 10        | 5.0%    |
| Wholesale and other                               | 16      | 19      | 13      | 12      | 14      | 13      | 14      | 1         | 7.7%    |
|   | 653     | 635     | 651     | 660     | 678     | 651     | 678     | 27        | 4.1%    |
| Average revenue per user (ARPU) - 6 month active  | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| Consumer and Business                             | \$ per    |         |
|   | month     | %       |
| Total ARPU  | 28.48   | 28.05   | 28.51   | 29.66   | 30.19   | 28.51   | 30.19   | 1.68      | 5.9%    |
| Pay-monthly ARPU                                  | 42.82   | 41.19   | 39.97   | 40.31   | 40.17   | 39.97   | 40.17   | 0.20      | 0.5%    |
| Prepaid ARPU                                      | 13.28   | 13.37   | 14.36   | 15.42   | 16.26   | 14.36   | 16.26   | 1.89      | 13.2%   |
| Number of mobile connections at period end - 6    | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| month active - Consumer and Business <sup>4</sup> | 000's     | %       |
| Pay-monthly connections                           | 1,287   | 1,330   | 1,355   | 1,386   | 1,416   | 1,355   | 1,416   | 61        | 4.5%    |
| Prepaid connections                               | 1,181   | 1,161   | 1,047   | 1,008   | 1,001   | 1,047   | 1,001   | (46)      | (4.4%)  |
| Internal connections                              | 4       |         | 4       | 4       | 4       | 4       | 4       | -         | -%      |
| Total mobile connections                          | 2,472   | 2,495   | 2,406   | 2,398   | 2,421   | 2,406   | 2,421   | 15        | 0.6%    |

<sup>1</sup> Mobile non-service revenue includes handset sales and mobile interconnect.

<sup>2</sup> Includes MVNO revenue.

<sup>3</sup> Includes handset, interconnect and cellphone tower access costs.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes MVNO connections but includes SIM based SmartWatch connections.

#### Analysis & KPI's - Voice

|                                      | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Revenue by type                      | \$m       | %       |
| Access                               | 95      | 85      | 62      | 67      | 57      | 62      | 57      | (5)       | (8.1%)  |
| Calling                              | 79      | 81      | 71      | 67      | 70      | 71      | 70      | (1)       | (1.4%)  |
| Other voice revenue                  | 23      | 23      | 21      | 20      | 19      | 21      | 19      | (2)       | (9.5%)  |
| Total voice revenue                  | 197     | 189     | 154     | 154     | 146     | 154     | 146     | (8)       | (5.2%)  |
| Voice product costs <sup>1</sup>     | (74)    | (70)    | (67)    | (61)    | (60)    | (67)    | (60)    | 7         | 10.4%   |
| Voice gross margin                   | 123     | 119     | 87      | 93      | 86      | 87      | 86      | (1)       | (1.1%)  |
| Voice gross margin %                 | 62.4%   | 63.0%   | 56.5%   | 60.4%   | 58.9%   | 56.5%   | 58.9%   | 2.4%      |         |
|                                      | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| Voice connections by type            | 000's     | %       |
| POTS and ISDN                        | 288     | 220     | 197     | 168     | 140     | 197     | 140     | (57)      | (28.9%) |
| VoIP                                 | 54      | 61      | 69      | 69      | 69      | 69      | 69      | -         | -%      |
| Voice over wireless                  | 26      | 24      | 23      | 24      | 20      | 23      | 20      | (3)       | (13.0%) |
| Total voice connections <sup>2</sup> | 368     | 305     | 289     | 261     | 229     | 289     | 229     | (60)      | (20.8%) |
| Voice connections by customer        | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| segment                              | 000's     | %       |
| Consumer                             | 93      | 49      | 58      | 60      | 47      | 58      | 47      | (11)      | (19.0%) |
| Business                             | 161     | 157     | 149     | 138     | 132     | 149     | 132     | (17)      | (11.4%) |
| Wholesale and other                  | 114     | 99      | 82      | 63      | 50      | 82      | 50      | (32)      | (39.0%) |
| Total voice connections <sup>2</sup> | 368     | 305     | 289     | 261     | 229     | 289     | 229     | (60)      | (20.8%) |

<sup>1</sup> Includes voice access (baseband), interconnect, and international calling costs.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Cloud Telephony which has been moved to Managed Networks.

#### Analysis & KPI's - Broadband

|                                      | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                                      | \$m       | %       |
| Total broadband revenue              | 345     | 335     | 337     | 333     | 324     | 337     | 324     | (13)      | (3.9%)  |
| Broadband product costs <sup>3</sup> | (170)   | (169)   | (171)   | (160)   | (158)   | (171)   | (158)   | 13        | 7.6%    |
| Broadband gross margin               | 175     | 166     | 166     | 173     | 166     | 166     | 166     | -         | -%      |
| Broadband gross margin %             | 50.7%   | 49.6%   | 49.3%   | 52.0%   | 51.2%   | 49.3%   | 51.2%   | 1.9%      |         |
|                                      | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| Broadband connections by technology  | 000's     | %       |
| Copper                               | 211     | 186     | 157     | 131     | 113     | 157     | 113     | (44)      | (28.0%) |
| Fibre                                | 340     | 367     | 381     | 395     | 402     | 381     | 402     | 21        | 5.5%    |
| Wireless                             | 141     | 156     | 165     | 175     | 187     | 165     | 187     | 22        | 13.3%   |
| Total broadband connections          | 692     | 709     | 703     | 701     | 702     | 703     | 702     | (1)       | (0.1%)  |
|                                      | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
| Broadband connections by segment     | 000's     | %       |
| Consumer                             | 591     | 605     | 597     | 592     | 592     | 597     | 592     | (5)       | (0.8%)  |
| Business                             | 100     | 103     | 103     | 105     | 105     | 103     | 105     | 2         | 1.9%    |
| Wholesale and other                  | 1       | 1       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 3       | 5       | 2         | 66.7%   |
| Total broadband connections          | 692     | 709     | 703     | 701     | 702     | 703     | 702     | (1)       | (0.1%)  |

<sup>3</sup> Includes broadband access (UBA/UCLL/Fibre), modem and e-mail platform support costs.

#### **Connection classification changes**

As part of the ongoing revision of the Agile business model, the management of certain customer segment lines have been reallocated from one part of the business to another. The details of the key change and the associated impact on revenue reporting are as follows:

| Connection line | Services provided                       | Previous customer product | Current customer product |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Skinny Jump     | Reclassification of Skinny Jump         | Wholesale and other       | Consumer                 |
|                 | connections to algin with business alik | e                         |                          |
|                 | segments from consumer                  |                           |                          |

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#### Analysis & KPI's - Cloud, Security and Service Management

|   | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 H | 11 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|   | \$m       | \$m       | %       |
| Cloud Revenue   | 111     | 114     | 113     | 116     | 119     | 113     | 119       | 6         | 5.3%    |
| Security revenue                                      | 18      | 19      | 19      | 20      | 18      | 19      | 18        | (1)       | (5.3%)  |
| Service Management revenue                            | 80      | 78      | 85      | 90      | 87      | 85      | 87        | 2         | 2.4%    |
| Cloud, Security and Service management revenue        | 209     | 211     | 217     | 226     | 224     | 217     | 224       | 7         | 3.2%    |
| Cloud, Security and Service management product costs  | (36)    | (36)    | (38)    | (47)    | (48)    | (38)    | (48)      | (10)      | 26%     |
| Cloud, Security and Service management gross margin   | 173     | 175     | 179     | 179     | 176     | 179     | 176       | (3)       | (2%)    |
| Cloud, Security and Service management gross margin % | 82.8%   | 82.9%   | 82.5%   | 79.2%   | 78.6%   | 82.5%   | 78.6%     | (3.9%)    |         |
| Contribution margin (approximated) % <sup>1</sup>     | 34.4%   | 39.3%   | 34.6%   | 38.5%   | 34.8%   | 34.6%   | 34.8%     | 0.2%      |         |

<sup>1</sup> Contribution margin is defined as reported gross margin less labour and other costs that are directly attributable to the implementation and ongoing support of specific contract services.

| C  | oud KPI's  | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
|    | Number of IaaS clients                                 | 361     | 347     | 329     | 336     | 309     | 329     | 309     | (20)      | (6.1%)  |
|    | Power usage efficiency for dedicated data-centre sites |         |         | 1.50    | 1.48    | 1.49    | 1.50    | 1.49    | (0.01)    | (0.7%)  |
|    | Megawatt hours for combined data centre operations     |         |         | 22,091  | 22,874  | 21,664  | 22,091  | 21,664  | (427)     | (1.9%)  |
| Se | ecurity KPI's  | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|    | Number of security clients                             | 1,191   | 1,183   | 1,153   | 1,174   | 1,110   | 1,153   | 1,110   | (43)      | (3.7%)  |
|    | Average monthly revenue per security client            | 2,519   | 2,677   | 2,746   | 2,839   | 2,703   | 2,746   | 2,703   | (43)      | (1.6%)  |
| Se | ervice management KPI's                                | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|    | Number of service management clients                   | 681     | 730     | 671     | 772     | 712     | 671     | 712     | 41        | 6.1%    |
|    | Average monthly revenue per service management cli     | 19,579  | 17,808  | 21,113  | 19,430  | 20,365  | 21,113  | 20,365  | (748)     | (3.5%)  |

#### Recalculation of megawatt hours for combined data centre operations

The megawatt hours for combined data centre operations has been retrospectively updated following improvements in the caputring of all data centres electricity use, including racks hosed in shared sites. The calculation also include total usage over the entire 6 month period.

| Analysis & KPI's - Procurement and P    | artners |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|   | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 F | 11 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|   | \$m       | \$m       | %       |
| Procurement and partners revenue        | 207     | 200     | 236     | 178     | 301     | 236     | 301       | 65        | 27.6%   |
| Procurement and partners product costs  | (187)   | (175)   | (216)   | (155)   | (275)   | (216)   | (275)     | (59)      | (27.3%) |
| Procurement and partners gross margin   | 20      | 25      | 20      | 23      | 26      | 20      | 26        | 6         | 30.0%   |
| Procurement and partners gross margin % | 9.7%    | 12.5%   | 8.5%    | 13.0%   | 8.6%    | 8.5%    | 8.6%      | 0.1%      |         |

#### Analysis & KPI's - Managed data, network and services

|  | H1 FY20            | H2 FY20            | H1 FY21            | H2 FY21            | H1 FY22            | H1 FY21            | H1 FY22 H          | 11 FY21 v            | H1 FY22 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|
|  | \$m                  | %       |
| Collaboration  | 30                 | 35                 | 33                 | 35                 | 38                 | 33                 | 38                 | 5                    | 15.2%   |
| Managed data and networks  | 104                | 108                | 107                | 107                | 102                | 107                | 102                | (5)                  | (4.7%)  |
| Managed data, network and services revenue   | 134                | 143                | 140                | 142                | 140                | 140                | 140                | -                    | -%      |
| Managed data, network and services product costs <sup>2</sup>  | (64)               | (75)               | (68)               | (69)               | (75)               | (68)               | (75)               | (7)                  | (10.3%) |
| Managed data, network and services gross margin<br>Managed data, network and services gross margin % | <b>70</b><br>52.2% | <b>68</b><br>47.6% | <b>72</b><br>51.4% | <b>73</b><br>51.4% | <b>65</b><br>46.4% | <b>72</b><br>51.4% | <b>65</b><br>46.4% | <b>(7)</b><br>(5.0%) | (9.7%)  |

#### Statement of cash flows

|  | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | s H1 FY22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|  | \$m       | %         |
| Cash flows from operating activities                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Cash received from customers                         | 1,861   | 1,733   | 1,828   | 1,719   | 1,901   | 1,828   | 1,901   | 73        | 4.0%      |
| nterest receipts                                     | 17      | 17      | 16      | 16      | 13      | 16      | 13      | (3)       | (18.8%    |
| Dividend receipts                                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -         | NM        |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                  | (1,399) | (1,104) | (1,321) | (1,137) | (1,327) | (1,321) | (1,327) | (6)       | (0.5%     |
| Payments for income tax                              | (82)    | (58)    | (118)   | (70)    | (93)    | (118)   | (93)    | 25        | 21.2%     |
| Payments for interest on debt                        | (26)    | (26)    | (23)    | (23)    | (23)    | (23)    | (23)    | -         | -%        |
| Payments for interest on leases                      | (14)    | (16)    | (16)    | (10)    | (10)    | (16)    | (10)    | 6         | 37.5%     |
| Payments for interest on leased customer equipment   | (3)     | (3)     | (4)     | (4)     | (3)     | (4)     | (2)     | 1         | 25.0%     |
| assets   | (3)     | (3)     | (4)     | (4)     | (3)     | (4)     | (3)     | 1         | 25.0%     |
| Net cash flows from operating activities             | 354     | 543     | 362     | 491     | 458     | 362     | 458     | 96        | 26.5%     |
| Cash flows from investing activities                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment  | 13      | -       | -       | 6       | -       | -       | -       | -         | NM        |
| Proceeds from sale of business                       | -       | 23      | 8       | 22      | -       | 8       | -       | (8)       | (100.0%   |
| Proceeds from long-term investments                  | -       |         | -       | 6       | 3       | -       | 3       | 3         | NM        |
| Receipts from finance leases                         | 2       | 4       | 2       | 4       | 2       | 2       | 2       | -         | -%        |
| Payments for purchase of businesses                  | (11)    | -       | -       | (25)    | -       | -       | -       | -         | NM        |
| Payments for, and advances to, long-term investments | (30)    | (5)     | (4)     | (9)     | (39)    | (4)     | (39)    | (35)      | NM        |
| Payments for purchase of property, plant and         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| equipment, intangibles (excluding spectrum), and     | (270)   | (117)   | (212)   | (118)   | (216)   | (212)   | (216)   | (4)       | (1.9%     |
| capacity   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Payments for spectrum intangible assets              | -       | -       | -       | (51)    | -       | -       | -       | -         | NM        |
| Payments for capitalised interest                    | (4)     | (4)     | (3)     | (3)     | (3)     | (3)     | (3)     | -         | -%        |
| Net cash flows from investing activities             | (300)   | (99)    | (209)   | (168)   | (253)   | (209)   | (253)   | (44)      | (21.1%)   |
| Cash flows from financing activities                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Net proceeds from debt                               | 207     | (177)   | 100     | (138)   | 99      | 100     | 99      | (1)       | (1.0%     |
| Payments for dividends                               | (229)   | (230)   | (167)   | (163)   | (225)   | (167)   | (225)   | (58)      | (34.7%    |
| Payments for leases                                  | (19)    | (23)    | (20)    | (36)    | (33)    | (20)    | (33)    | (13)      | (65.0%    |
| Payments for leased customer equipment assets        | (13)    | (15)    | (16)    | (18)    | (25)    | (16)    | (25)    | (9)       | (56.3%    |
| Receipts from loans receivable                       | -       | -       | -       | 1       | -       | -       | -       | -         | NM        |
| Net cash flows from financing activities             | (54)    | (445)   | (103)   | (354)   | (184)   | (103)   | (184)   | (81)      | (78.6%    |
| Net cash flow  | -       | (1)     | 50      | (31)    | 21      | 50      | 21      | (29)      | (58.0%    |
| Opening cash position                                | 54      | 54      | 53      | 103     | 72      | 53      | 72      | 19        | 35.8%     |
| Closing cash position                                | 54      | 53      | 103     | 72      | 93      | 103     | 93      | (10)      | (9.7%)    |

#### Spark New Zealand

#### Analysis & KPIs - Free cash flows and movement in working capital

|   | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 vs | 6 H1 FY22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|
|   | \$m        | 9         |
| EBITDAI   | 497     | 610     | 500     | 619     | 538     | 500     | 538     | 38         | 7.6%      |
| excluding                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |            |           |
| Impairments and Other Gains                     | 4       | 29      | 4       | 22      | 14      | 4       | 14      | 10         | NM        |
| EBITDAI excluding impairments and other gains   | 493     | 581     | 496     | 597     | 524     | 496     | 524     | 28         | 5.7%      |
| excluding                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |            |           |
| Cash capital expenditure                        | 274     | 121     | 215     | 121     | 219     | 215     | 219     | 4          | 1.9%      |
| Interest paid                                   | 26      | 28      | 27      | 21      | 23      | 27      | 23      | (4)        | (14.8%    |
| Tax payments                                    | 82      | 58      | 118     | 70      | 93      | 118     | 93      | (25)       | (21.2%    |
| Lease payments                                  | 30      | 34      | 34      | 50      | 56      | 34      | 56      | 22         | 64.7%     |
| Total Cash Capex, Interest, Tax, Lease payments | 412     | 241     | 394     | 262     | 391     | 394     | 391     | (3)        | (0.8%     |
| Underlying Free Cash Flow                       | 81      | 340     | 102     | 335     | 133     | 102     | 133     | 31         | 30.4%     |
| Change in                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |            |           |
| Receivables and related items                   | (12)    | (57)    | 23      | (46)    | 16      | 23      | 16      | (7)        | (30.4%    |
| Inventory                                       | 41      | (31)    | 11      | 23      | 29      | 11      | 29      | 18         | ` NM      |
| Payables and related items                      | 2       | 40      | (45)    | 38      | (95)    | (45)    | (95)    | (50)       | NM        |
| Total Change in Working Capital                 | 31      | (48)    | (11)    | 15      | (50)    | (11)    | (50)    | (39)       | NM        |
| Free Cash Flow                                  | 50      | 388     | 113     | 320     | 183     | 113     | 183     | 70         | 61.9%     |
| less  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |            |           |
| Spectrum  | -       | -       | -       | 51      | -       | -       | -       | -          | NM        |
| Free Cash Flow Including Spectrum               | 50      | 388     | 113     | 269     | 183     | 113     | 183     | 70         | 61.9%     |
| Cash conversion                                 | 94%     | 108%    | 102%    | 97%     | 110%    | 102%    | 110%    | 8%         |           |

#### Group capital expenditure

|   | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
|   | \$m       | %       |
| Cloud   | 16      | 8       | 9       | 11      | 7       | 9       | 7       | (2)       | (22.2%) |
| Converged Communications Network (CCN)  | 11      | 7       | 15      | 12      | 11      | 15      | 11      | (4)       | (26.7%) |
| International cable construction and capacity purchases   | -       | 11      | 1       | 8       | 1       | 1       | 1       | -         | -%      |
| IT systems  | 70      | 53      | 64      | 53      | 87      | 64      | 87      | 23        | 35.9%   |
| Mobile network  | 92      | 24      | 58      | 48      | 74      | 58      | 74      | 16        | 27.6%   |
| Core sustain and resiliency   | 50      | 15      | 34      | 22      | 35      | 34      | 35      | 1         | 2.9%    |
| Other   | 5       | 6       | 9       | 5       | 3       | 9       | 3       | (6)       | (66.7%) |
| Total capital expenditure (Excl. Mobile Spectrum and  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| property, plant and equipment transfers from finance lease receivables)   | 244     | 124     | 190     | 159     | 218     | 190     | 218     | 28        | 14.7%   |
| Total capital expenditure (Excl. Mobile Spectrum and  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| property, plant and equipment transfers from finance  | 13.4%   | 6.9%    | 10.6%   | 8.8%    | 11.5%   | 10.6%   | 11.5%   |           |         |
| lease receivables) to operating revenue and other gains   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| Mobile Spectrum   | -       | -       | -       | 51      | -       | -       | -       | -         | NM      |
| Property, plant and equipment transfers from finance lease receivables  | -       | -       | -       | 3       | 81      | -       | 81      | 81        | NM      |
| Total capital expenditure (Incl. Mobile Spectrum and property, plant and equipment transfers from finance   | 244     | 124     | 190     | 213     | 299     | 190     | 299     | 109       | 57.4%   |
| lease receivables)  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| Total capital expenditure (Incl. Mobile Spectrum and<br>property, plant and equipment transfers from finance<br>lease receivables) to operating revenue and other gains | 13.4%   | 6.9%    | 10.6%   | 11.9%   | 15.8%   | 10.6%   | 15.8%   |           |         |

Capital expenditure is presented on an accruals basis, and includes purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, capacity purchases (including Southern Cross) but excludes leased customer equipment assets.

#### Analysis & KPI's - Capital expenditure depreciation and amortisation

On adoption of NZ IFRS 16 Leases , assets associated with capacity arrangements which were previously recognised within intangible assets have been reclassified to right-of-use assets. Payments for capacity purchases remain within Spark's definition of capital expenditure. Total depreciation on property plant and equipment, depreciation on capacity right-of-use assets and amortisation of intangibles is reconciled below:

|   | H1 FY20 | H2 FY20 | H1 FY21 | H2 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 | H1 FY22 | H1 FY21 v | H1 FY22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
|   | \$m       | %       |
| Depreciation - property, plant and equipment            | 119     | 114     | 124     | 118     | 116     | 124     | 116     | (8)       | (6.5%)  |
| Depreciation - right-of-use assets <sup>1</sup>         | 10      | 11      | 11      | 11      | 11      | 11      | 11      | -         | -%      |
| Amortisation of intangibles                             | 75      | 88      | 84      | 82      | 83      | 84      | 83      | (1)       | (1.2%)  |
| Total capital expenditure depreciation and amortisation | 204     | 213     | 219     | 211     | 210     | 219     | 210     | (9)       | (4.1%)  |

<sup>1</sup> Includes depreciation on capacity right-of-use assets only as these are included within Spark's definition of capital expenditure.

#### **Expenses restatement**

Spark revised its accounting policy in relation to configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing Software-as-a-Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements. This was in response to the IFRS Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') agenda decision, issued in April 2021, clarifying its interpretation of how current accounting standards apply to these types of arrangements. Details of the key change listed below: ict li

|   | Product line  | Previous classification | Current product                         |  |  |  |
|---|---|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|   | Configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing Software-as- | Capex (IT systems)      | Labour, Network support costs and Other |  |  |  |
|   | a-Service ('SaaS') cloud computing arrangements                             |                         | operating expenses                      |  |  |  |
| Further details can be found in Note 3 of Spark's interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2021. |   |                         |   |  |  |  |

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