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**Explanatory Note:** The following is a transcript of the earnings release conference call and webcast held by Amcor plc on February 4, 2025.

# PK Opening Script – Q2 FY25

Thank you, Tracey. And thank you to all who have joined us for today's call.

Amcor had a very active second quarter and we are progressing well on three clear priorities:

- One, deliver on the base business;
- Two, complete the work required to close the announced merger with Berry Global; and
- Three, make sure we are well prepared for a fast start on integration.

With the base business, we start as always with safety on **Slide 3**. I am incredibly proud of the commitment our teams demonstrate to safety every day. The safety and wellbeing of our people will always be our top priority and we are constantly looking for opportunities to improve. In fiscal 2025 to-date, we have continued to deliver outstanding results. We achieved an industry leading total recordable incident rate, or TRIR, of point three zero and 79% of our sites remained injury free for more than a year.

Our key messages for today are on **slide 4**. Q2 results were in-line with the expectations we set in October as we continued to execute and deliver across key financial metrics. We are pleased to report a return to sales growth in Q2, albeit modest, supported in part by our fourth consecutive quarter of sequential volume improvement. Margins also continued to improve, helping drive a 5% increase in both adjusted EBIT and EPS on a comparable basis. This solid performance leaves us on track to deliver against our full year guidance which we are reaffirming again today. And finally, as we continue to execute well on the underlying business, we are also highly focused on the unique opportunity we have to accelerate growth and enhance earnings and cash generation, through the previously announced combination with Berry.

Turning to **slide 5**. On our Q1 earnings call in October, I outlined my strategy for Amcor to deliver consistent, sustainable organic growth in the low to mid-single digit range through an unwavering focus on our customers, on sustainability and on our portfolio mix. I also shared my future vision for Amcor to become the global packaging partner of choice.

The merger with Berry is directly aligned with this strategy and moves us further towards our vision. **Slide 6** highlights the compelling rationale behind this combination.

One of the most powerful and transformational long term benefits of this merger is the opportunity to drive stronger, more consistent and sustainable volume-driven organic growth and to further improve margins. There are a number of growth unlocks that will become available, with two of the most significant shown on this slide.

- First, the combined company will be a better business with a broader primary packaging portfolio at scale across
  consumer goods and healthcare end markets. In the context of a stronger, larger scale company, Amcor will be uniquely
  positioned to further refine and prune our portfolio mix to focus even more on attractive higher value, faster growing end
  markets. This journey is already underway with Berry's recent divestitures of its HHNF and Tapes businesses, which have
  significantly enhanced their product mix while reducing cyclicality. As a result of further pruning we will increase average
  growth rates, margins and cash generation across the remaining portfolio.
  - Second, this combination creates exceptional capabilities in material science and innovation. We will drive growth through innovation and more sustainable packaging solutions by effectively and efficiently leveraging our combined resources. Bringing together more than 1,500 R&D professionals and annual R&D investment of \$180 million will allow us to optimize and redirect R&D spend, providing capacity to focus on solving the most complex functionality and sustainability challenges faced by our customers and consumers.
- Accelerated growth combined with significant synergies, means this combination will drive compelling near and long term value for all shareholders.

Moving to **Slide 7.** You've seen this slide before, but let me recap a few of the drivers behind the significant and sustainable financial value we are creating. We continue to pressure test our assumptions and are confident in the \$650 million in total cost, growth and financial synergies we've identified and will deliver. We expect to realize 40%, or \$260 million, of total synergies in the first year and the full run rate in year three, with an additional \$280 million of one-time cash benefits from working capital improvements which will fund cost to achieve synergies. Including synergies, this combination is expected to deliver significant cash EPS accretion of over 35% and annual cash flow in excess of \$3 billion. This will allow us to maintain a strong investment grade balance sheet and deploy additional cash to invest in organic growth and M&A. We expect to increase long term EPS growth and take the outcomes under our shareholder value creation model to a new and higher level.

Turning to **slide 8** and an update on the steps we have taken towards closing... We are moving very quickly from a process perspective to complete the work required to bring the merger to close. On January 23 we filed the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus with the SEC, and shareholder meetings are scheduled to take place on February 25. Initial materials required to secure regulatory approvals across nearly all required jurisdictions have been submitted and the first approvals have been received. The composition of the Board of Directors has been finalized and our path to completion is well advanced.

From an integration preparedness perspective, we are also well positioned. We have focused on building our teams, filling key roles and ensuring we will make a fast start upon close with clearly defined plans for the first 100-days, in-line with our proven integration playbook. We have a strong track record of successfully executing on large transactions and our teams have significant experience in integrating sizeable businesses.

Moving to Slide 9 for a summary of our financial results.

As noted earlier, delivering on the base business is a top priority and we continue to execute well, with second quarter results in line with expectations. Our differentiated value proposition resonates with customers, supporting a return to overall sales growth in Q2, as net sales of \$3.2 billion were slightly ahead of last year. Overall volumes grew by 2.3%, improving on the first quarter and more than offsetting an unfavorable impact of price/mix. This was the fourth consecutive quarter of sequential improvement in volumes. As expected, destocking continued in healthcare and demand remained soft in the North America beverage business, impacting mix and unfavorably impacting overall volumes by more than 1%. Across the balance of the business, overall volumes growth was consistent with the first quarter, up approximately 4%.

Improving volume trends and continued proactive cost and productivity actions more than offset unfavorable price/mix headwinds, leading to another quarter of solid earnings growth. Adjusted EBIT increased by 5% compared with last year and adjusted EBIT margin expanded year over year by 40 basis points . Adjusted earnings per share of 16.1 cents also grew by 5% on a comparable basis and cash generation was above the prior year, positioning us to reaffirm our fiscal year guidance.

TIL now turn the call over to Michael to cover the result and outlook in more detail.

Michael: Thanks, PK. Hello, everyone.

Beginning with the **Flexibles segment on Slide 10** and focusing on our fiscal Q2 performance. Q2 volumes were up 3% compared with last year reflecting ongoing solid growth across all key geographies and a number of important end markets.

Net sales also returned to growth, increasing by 1% on a comparable constant currency basis.

Higher volumes more than offset unfavorable price/mix of approximately 2%, primarily related to lower healthcare volumes. As expected, and discussed in our last two earnings calls, continued destocking in healthcare in North America and Europe pharmaceuticals resulted in a headwind of approximately 1% to overall segment volumes. Compared to the fiscal first quarter, destocking abated and the related price/mix headwind improved. Exiting the second quarter, we believe healthcare destocking is now largely behind us. Across the balance of our flexibles

portfolio, volumes were up approximately 4%, reflecting solid demand across regions and in many product categories.

In North America and Europe, second quarter demand remained solid, with volumes increasing mid-single digits in both regions, despite the negative impact of healthcare destocking. Top line growth was strong across the Asian region, reflecting price/mix benefits and mid-single digit volume growth, supported by strong demand in China and across South East Asia. In Latin America, volumes were broadly in line with last year's second quarter, with good growth in Colombia and Peru offset by softer demand in Argentina.

From a product category standpoint, ready meals and premium coffee showed strong growth, and dairy, meat, liquids and pet care were up low to mid-single-digits. In healthcare, medical returned to growth, however, pharma volumes continued to be down low double digits compared with last year as a result of destocking, which as I mentioned earlier is now largely behind us.

Good earnings leverage continued and adjusted EBIT for the quarter of \$322 million grew by 4% on a comparable constant currency basis. Higher volumes, combined with strong cost performance and the benefits from restructuring led to another quarter of margin expansion with adjusted EBIT margins up 20 basis points to 12.8%.

Turning to Rigid Packaging on Slide 11.

The Rigids business continues to advance its performance and the trajectory of overall segment volumes improved for the fourth consecutive quarter. Net sales were approximately 1% lower than last year reflecting an unfavorable impact from price/mix of approximately 2%, partly offset by a return to volume growth with overall volumes up approximately 1%.

As expected, customer and consumer demand in the North America Beverage business remained soft and variable through the quarter. While beverage volumes were down mid-single digits, this marks an improvement on the first quarter of approximately 4 percentage points.

Latin America volumes were down low single digits versus last year, reflecting weaker customer demand in Argentina and Colombia, which was partly offset by growth in other countries including Brazil. The specialty containers business delivered strong growth in spirits, wine and beer, with volumes down in healthcare due to destocking and volumes in the closures business were higher than last year.

From an earnings perspective, the business is executing well with another quarter of growth and margin expansion reflecting benefits from an ongoing focus on cost and productivity measures.

Adjusted EBIT of \$53 million in was up 10% on a comparable constant currency basis, with EBIT margin increasing by 70 basis points to 7.3%.

Finally, in late December we completed the sale of our 50% interest in the Bericap North America closures business which we announced in October. Proceeds of \$122 million were used to reduce debt, demonstrating our commitment to disciplined capital allocation.

Which takes us to cash flow and the balance sheet on slide 12.

On a year to date basis, the business generated a net cash outflow of \$38m which includes an inflow of more than \$350 million in cash flow in the second quarter, approximately \$80 million better than last year's second quarter, largely on the back of improvements in working capital.

Stronger quarterly cash flow and receipt of proceeds from the Bericap sale led to a reduction in net debt of approximately \$350 million compared with last quarter. Leverage also improved sequentially, coming in at 3.3 times, which is in-line with the expectations we provided on our October call. We expect leverage to further reduce through the second half of the fiscal year and we remain confident in meeting our expectation to exit fiscal 2025 with leverage at 3.0 times or lower.

Through the first six months of fiscal 2025, we returned approximately \$365 million in cash to shareholders through our quarterly dividend.

This brings me to the outlook on Slide 13.

As PK mentioned, based on our first half performance we remain confident in our outlook and we are again reaffirming our guidance for the fiscal year. For fiscal 2025, we continue to expect adjusted earnings to be in the range of \$0.72 to \$0.76 per share on a reported basis, representing comparable constant currency growth of 3% to 8%. We continue to expect to deliver strong growth in the underlying business for the year as earnings momentum continues to build. As we've pointed out previously, it's important to remember that this guidance includes an EPS headwind of approximately 4% related to more normalized levels of incentive compensation based on our expectations for improved annual financial results. Excluding this incentive normalization, we expect growth from the underlying business in the high single to low double-digit range.

We continue to assume overall volumes will increase in the low to mid-single-digit range for the year, with trading performance through January aligned with this expectation. We have updated our interest expense guidance to \$290 million and \$300 million, bringing the mid point modestly lower, to reflect a benefit in the second half related to Bericap proceeds being used to reduce debt. As a reminder, the overall impact of the Bericap sale on EPS for the year is relatively

neutral, taking into account the loss of earnings and the benefit of lower interest. Our effective tax rate range remains unchanged at 19% to 20%.

In terms earnings phasing through fiscal 2025, we expect this will be aligned with historical average, with the second half generating 55 to 58% of EPS based on our guidance range, and the fourth quarter typically being the strongest of the year.

And finally, we are affirming our expectations to generate strong adjusted free cash flow in the range of \$900 million to \$1 billion for the year, supporting our confidence in exiting the year with leverage back at 3x or lower as I noted earlier.

We are pleased with our continued execution across the underlying business, we are confident in our outlook for the year and we're excited about the additional opportunities we will have to accelerate future growth through our combination with Berry.

With that, I'll hand back to PK.

# PK close

A few closing remarks to summarize ahead of taking questions.

We are executing well on the underlying business and are confident our merger with Berry is a winning combination for all stakeholders. The path to completion is clear with meaningful milestones already behind us. We remain highly focused on next steps to ensure we are setting the organization up for success and we remain on track and confident the transaction will close around the middle of calendar year 2025.

Operator, we are ready to take questions

## PK Final comment

Thank you for your questions and your time today. We are pleased with our execution on the business and excited for our future combination with Berry. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with some of you at upcoming conferences. Enjoy your day.

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