

## **DWS** Limited

Proposed Acquisition of SMS Management & Technology via Scheme of Arrangement

27 February 2017

### **Transaction Summary**

- DWS Limited (**DWS**) has executed an agreement to acquire SMS Management & Technology (**SMS**) via Scheme of Arrangement (**Scheme**)
- Offer of \$1.00 in cash (Cash Component) and 0.39 DWS shares (Scrip Component) for each SMS share (Scheme Consideration) agreed to as part of the Scheme
  - Implied value of the Scheme Consideration is \$1.66<sup>1</sup>
- In addition, SMS has declared an interim dividend of \$0.015 (fully franked) without reduction to the Scheme Consideration, providing additional value to SMS shareholders
- SMS has retained the discretion to declare a fully franked special dividend of up to 10.2 cents per SMS share, to enable franking benefits of approximately 4.4 cents per share to be distributed to SMS shareholders
  - Any special dividend paid will reduce the Cash Component of the Scheme Consideration on a dollar-for-dollar basis
- The Scheme Consideration offers attractive value to SMS shareholders, and represents:
  - a premium of 30% to SMS' undisturbed closing share price on 22 February 2017 (\$1.28);
  - a premium of 26% to SMS' undisturbed one month volume weighted average price<sup>2</sup> calculated at 22 February 2017;
  - an implied LTM EV / EBITDA multiple of 11.9x<sup>3</sup> for the year ended 31 December 2016
- The mix of cash and scrip in the Scheme Consideration provides SMS shareholders with immediate cash proceeds and the opportunity to participate in the ongoing performance of SMS, and the combined entity, going forward
- This Transaction will be transformational for DWS giving rise to significant benefits including material cost synergies, operational efficiencies and broader service offering for clients
  - Anticipated to deliver strong shareholder value through material earnings accretion from FY18 and significant growth opportunities
- The SMS Board believes the Transaction is in the best interests of SMS shareholders and unanimously recommends that SMS shareholders vote in favour of the Transaction (in the absence of a superior proposal emerging prior to the scheme meeting and subject to an Independent Expert concluding the Transaction is in the best interests of SMS shareholders)



Note: (1) Based on DWS' 5 day volume weighted average price to 24 February 2017 of \$1.70 (2) 31 calendar days to 22 February 2017 (\$1.32) (3) Implied Scheme Consideration of \$1.66 per SMS share (total issued shares of 68.5 million), SMS net debt of \$10.3 million as at 31 December 2016, and SMS EBITDA prior to significant items of \$5.4 million in 2H FY16 and \$5.0 million in 1H FY17



### **Transaction Highlights**

The transaction will be transformational for DWS and SMS

The combined entity will be a leading provider of integrated IT solutions across Australia, with additional scale in workforce, knowledge and client base

SMS shareholders will continue to have exposure to the upside in the combined businesses going forward through the Scrip Component

Material cost synergies are expected in the near-term, with additional efficiency and cross selling benefits expected over the medium-term



"Best of breed" approach will be adopted to integrating the two organisations to fully leverage the combined capabilities of the merged group





Attractive value provided to SMS shareholders under Scheme Consideration

Immediate cash proceeds with ability to participate in future value upside of combined businesses

Continued exposure to combined businesses, with substantial scale in workforce, knowledge and enlarged 'blue-chip' client base

Exposure to material synergy and operational benefits of the combined businesses



DWS' experienced management team to lead the combined businesses to deliver improved profitability





### **Transaction Overview**



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  - Implied value of the Scheme Consideration is \$1.66 based on DWS' 5 day volume weighted average price<sup>1</sup>
- SMS to pay an interim dividend of \$0.015 (fully franked) without a reduction in the Cash Component, providing additional value
- Fully funded offer supported by new debt facilities
- SMS has retained the discretion to declare a fully franked special dividend of up to 10.2 cents per SMS share, to enable franking benefits of approximately 4.4 cents per share to be distributed to SMS shareholders
  - Special dividend paid will reduce the Cash Component of the Scheme Consideration on a dollar-for-dollar basis
  - SMS intends to apply to the ATO in respect of any special dividend

#### **Key Conditions**

- SMS shareholder approval of the scheme of arrangement
- An independent expert issuing its report which concludes the Transaction is in the best interests of SMS shareholders
- Court approval of the Scheme of Arrangement
- No SMS or DWS Prescribed Occurrences
- No SMS or DWS Material Adverse Change
- Relevant ASX and ASIC approvals

Note: (1) Based on DW

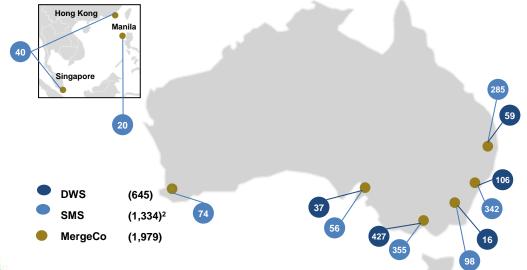


### **Strategic Rationale**

#### **Services overview**

Service	DWS	SMS	MergeCo
Consulting	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Solutions / Digital	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Managed Services		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recruitment		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

#### Geographic overview (billable staff and contractors)<sup>1</sup>



Brisbane

Coolangatta

Adelaide

Perth

Broad offering in IT solutions sector

Significant depth and experience in IT consulting and digital solutions

Complementary offering of recruitment (labour hire service) and managed services

Billable workforce of c.2,000<sup>(3)</sup> across all major Australian cities, including presence in South East Asia



Melbourne

Sydney

Canberra

Notes: (1) As at 31 December 2016. (2) Includes 64 Managed Service consultants (not shown in map). (3) Includes contractors. Does not include non-billable staff (e.g. head office staff).



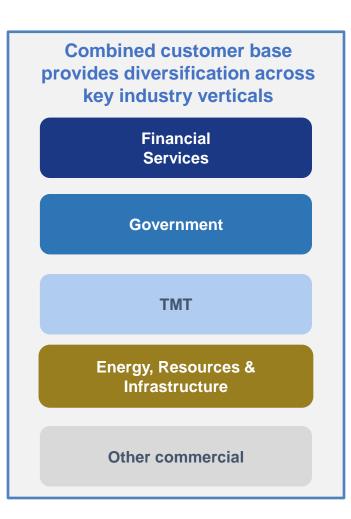
One of Australia's leading IT Solutions providers

Core client base of ASX-listed 'blue-chips'

Core competency in consulting, with broad range of complementary services

Strong presence in all key Australian cities

Opportunities for EBITDA uplift through improved margins and utilisation rates

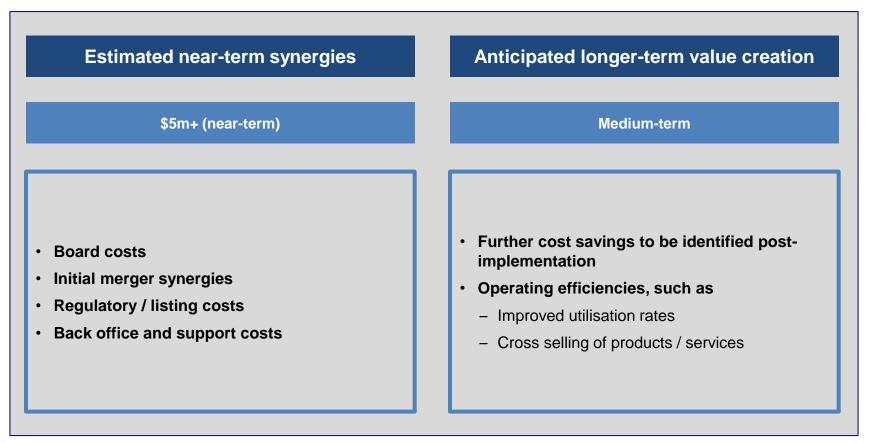






### **Potential Synergies and Long-term Value Creation**

Material cost-synergies, operational efficiencies and cross selling opportunities are anticipated for the combined DWS and SMS businesses.







### **Indicative Transaction Timeline**

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Announcement and execution of Scheme Implementation Agreement	27 Feb 17
First Court hearing	Late Apr 17
Scheme Booklet sent to SMS shareholders	Early May 17
Scheme Meeting	Early Jun 17
Second Court hearing	Mid Jun 17
Implementation Date	Late Jun 17
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# Appendix A: SMS Overview



SMS is a leading provider of IT advisory, technology services and contract recruitment.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION						
2000	Analytics & Insights					
	Customer Experience					
Go to Market Themes	Digital Automation					
+	ADVISORY	SOLUTIONS	MANAGED SERVICES	RECRUITMENT		
SMS Service Offerings	Digital Business Strategy	Web, Mobile & IoT Apps	Application Managed Services	Permanent Recruitment		
	Technology Strategy & Planning	Data Provisioning, Reporting & Analytics	Infrastructure Managed Services	Contract Recruitment		
	Design Thinking & Customer Experience	Process and Productivity Solutions	Cloud Orchestration	Talent Acquisition		
	Agile Transformation	Customer Solutions	Support Services	Retained Search		
	Information Management Strategy	Cloud Migration & Enablement				
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