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## Fluence Strategic Repositioning



#### > MABR

- ✓ 219 MABR systems sold fast adoption for a new wastewater treatment technology
- ✓ Focus now on sales to China and Southeast Asia: strongest near-term potential
- ✓ Additional sales channels via strategic partnerships in USA

#### Nirobox

- √ 115 Nirobox desalination units sold systems are proven and fast to deploy
- ✓ Focus now on sales to Middle East and Southeast Asia

### Ivory Coast

- ✓ Ivory Coast project cash flow helps enable repositioning
- ✓ Keep improving operating efficiencies to drive profitable growth

### Change in CEO

✓ Henry has stepped down as MD & CEO and Richard becomes Chairman & CEO

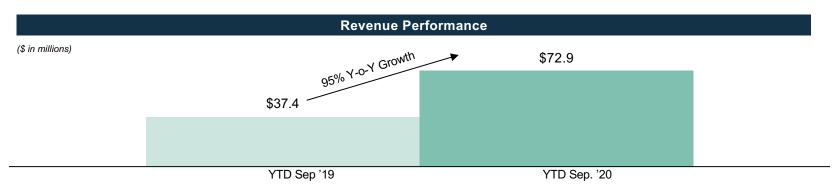
### Q3 Summary



- ✓ **Ivory Coast Project** conditions precedent met, notice-to-proceed received, construction commencing and advance payment received
- ✓ Revenue of US\$15.6M, up 13% on pcp and up 50% vs Q2 2020
- ✓ **Reduction of SG&A** by more than 16% on pcp and down 22% year-to-date on pcp
- ✓ **Gross bookings** of US\$7.5M
- ✓ Cash balance of US\$31.2M as at 30 September 2020
- ✓ Additional payments from the Ivory Coast Project to be received in Q4
- **✓** FY2020 Public Guidance reaffirmed:
  - ✓ Smart Products Solutions US\$32.0M
  - ✓ Recurring revenue US\$9.0M
  - ✓ EBITDA positive for year

## First nine months 2020 Key Highlights





- ✓ Employees, partners and customers kept safe during global pandemic
- ✓ Operating revenue up 95% to \$72.9m\*
- ✓ SG&A continued to decline, down ~22%
- ✓ EBITDA positive, and expected to remain positive
- ✓ **Recurring revenue up 63%** to \$5.7m from BOOT and O&M contracts
- ✓ Smart Products Solutions (SPS) growth of 41% year-to-date ⇒incl. China growth of 39%
- ✓ SPS New Orders up 22% year-to-date
- ✓ Achieved Conditions Precedent, received Notice-to-Proceed and €23.1m Advance Payment received for the Ivory Coast Project
- ✓ Secured debt facility of \$20m from Upwell Water
- ✓ **Total cash flow positive US \$4.3m** for the first nine months, **cash balance of \$31.2m** at September 30, 2020
- ✓ **Backlog of \$215m** as at September 30, 2020 (\$156m related to the Ivory Coast project)

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### **Ivory Coast Project: Construction Commences**



- ✓ Final conditions precedent for the €165 million (approx. US\$194 million) Ivory Coast water treatment plant ("Project") have been met
- ✓ The Ivory Coast Government finance facility covers project cost
- ✓ €23.1 million Advance Payment received, additional payments in Q4
- ✓ Construction starting: 150,000 m3/day water treatment plant outside of Abidjan within 24 months – water for 1 million people
- ✓ Opportunity to bid on long-term operations & maintenance contract after construction





# Global Water Scarcity is a Growing Challenge: Fluence Provides Innovative, Compelling Solutions



THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

- Meet growing global water demand forecast to double by 2050\*
- Manage environmental threats from untreated wastewater
- Traditional approach is often unaffordable and impractical 2/3 of the capex is infrastructure outside the plant



THE RESPONSE

- Low cost, fast-to-deploy water and wastewater treatment solutions
- Smaller treatment plants simplify infrastructure and reduce risks
- Easily and quickly enhance existing large centralised water treatment infrastructure



FLUENCE SOLUTIONS

- Proprietary, patented, proven MABR technology enables rapid, low cost decentralised wastewater treatment solutions; as well as quality and capacity improvements for centralised wastewater treatment plants
- Smart Products Solutions rapidly solve local water challenges

## **Accelerating Shift to Decentralised Systems**



Estimated \$13 billion global market for decentralised systems utilising pre-engineered water and wastewater treatment products\*



- Costly to build and operate years to deploy
- Infrastructure heavy two-thirds of CAPEX before the plant (piping, pumping)
- Overdesigned for growth = lower ROI
- Mainly for developed urban areas
- ➤ Hard to upgrade existing plants



- ✓ Requires minimal infrastructure
- ✓ Improved use of existing water reuse saves drinking water
- ✓ Lower, just-in-time CAPEX easily upgradable
- ✓ Easy and low cost to operate and maintain

### Fluence's Innovative Solutions



Focused Solutions for Decentralised Water, Wastewater and Reuse Markets

Wastewater Products
219 Systems Serve 500,000 people

Use proprietary MABR wastewater technology



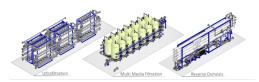


Water Treatment Products
115 Units Serve 700,000 people









- ✓ **Installed in weeks, not years:** pre-engineered, modular plants
- ✓ Substantially lower energy use and operating costs
- ✓ Mostly unattended operation
- ✓ **Minimizes expensive** in-ground **infrastructure** & civil works
- ✓ Meets highest regulatory standards & enables reuse
- ✓ Vastly reduces process and related risks
- ✓ Simple to maintain and upgrade
- ✓ Proven and accepted for operations in excess of 5 years

### Why Fluence's MABR Wins



One of the Top 10 Water Tech Inventions of the Decade\*

#### Fluence Beats Alternatives Even in Tough China Market\*\* for Decentralised Plants

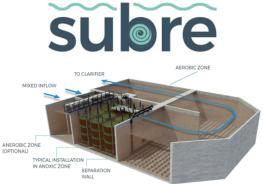




Plant Treatment Options	Fluence MABR	Option 1: MBBR	Option 2: MBR	Option 3: FMBR
Capex vs Fluence	-	+21%	+120%	+65%
Opex vs Fluence	-	+50%	+179%	+71%
Energy vs Fluence	-	+46%	+171%	+67%

Serves 30 – 30,000 people/day

### Fluence Offers Path to Savings on Upgrades\*\*\* for Centralised Plants



Typically serves	10,000++	people/day

Upgrade option	Fluence MABR	Option 1: MBBR	Option 2: MBR
Opex change	-9%	+21%	+61%
Energy change	-8%	+36%	+50%
Chemical use	-30%	+13%	0%

SUBRE upgrades can increase treatment capacity by up to 30%.

<sup>\*</sup> According to Global Water Intelligence, issue January 20, 2020, page 6

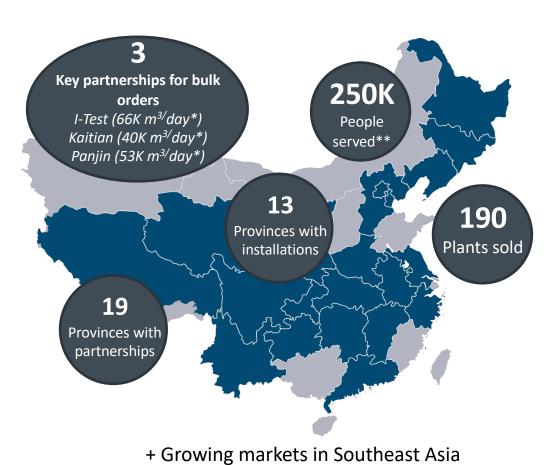
<sup>\*\*</sup> Compared to 1,000 m3/day plant; tech option 2 – A30-MBBR; tech option 3 – MBR; tech option 4 – FMBR. All based on Fluence analysis from existing plants in China.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Compared to 1 MGD plant based on Fluence analysis for existing plant in Israel

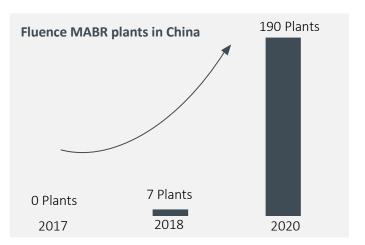
## MABR Wastewater Deployments in China



China's 13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan to add rural wastewater treatment for 440M people ~\$15 billion in government funding



- Aspiral<sup>™</sup> and SUBRE meet high Chinese treatment standards at lowest cost
- Key partnerships secure bulk orders, accelerating the sales ramp
- Wider MABR product line serves even larger market from clusters of homes to cities
- MABR manufacturing at our own Chinese plant meets global demand



<sup>\*</sup> Estimated maximum treatment capacity deployment under the current agreements

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on 150 l/person/day

# **Smart Products Solutions: Desalination Solutions Targeting Middle East and Southeast Asia**



#### **Containerised desalination plants**

- Fresh water for 10,000 people supplied by one 40foot container
- Fast to deploy, remote operation, energy efficient
- Estimated 1/3 construction time and ~40% less
   CAPEX than typical custom desalination plant
- Scalable from 3,000 500,000 people
- Easily upgradable: just-in-time capacity



#### **Targeting Middle East and Southeast Asian markets**

- Middle East driven by Egypt JV and potential new partners
- Philippines Existing and future direct sales through existing MABR sales channels
- Cambodia By leveraging initial MABR sale
- Other ASEAN countries

### Deployments To Date



More than 700,000 people served\*

# Fluence's Environmental Benefits and Sustainability Impact



#### **Committed to UN SDGs**

- Fluence's innovative solutions contribute to the conservation of resources, energy savings, generation of energy and reuse of water
  - Fluence technologies are highly energy efficient (MABR, desalination) and waste to energy solutions (W2E)
  - ➤ A decentralized approach using Fluence MABR to solve the world's wastewater needs would result in increased access to clean water and wastewater → Potential annual energy savings of >1M GWh, equivalent to >700 M Tons CO<sub>2</sub>
- Fluence operations and solutions delivering on 10/17 of UN SDGs
- Fluence is committed to the overall ESG guidelines



#### Sustainability Impact from Fluence's Installations

#### **MABR & NIROBOX**





19 GWh / year
in energy savings compared to
conventional technologies
Equivalent to
13,500 Tons CO<sub>2</sub> / year

#### Waste-to-Energy





121 GWh / year
clean energy generated from
converting biomass to biogas
Equivalent to
85,730 Tons CO<sub>2</sub> / year

#### Reuse



8.7Bn Liters Water Recycled / year

#### Water



121Bn Liters Water Drinking Water Produced / year

#### Wastewater



187Bn Liters Wastewater Treated / year

Fluence's MABR installations remove >500 Tons of excess nutrient pollution / year

# Fluence Board and Leadership



#### **Key Management**





Tony Hargrave

 Over 30 years' water industry management experience



Richard Irving
Chairman & CFO

- 35 years' tech and Venture Capital experience
- US\$3B value created



Paul Donnelly Independent Lead Director

 Over 30 years' international financial services experience



**Francesco Fragasso** CFO

 20 years' finance experience in renewable energy and water treatment



**Spencer D. Smith** CLO

- Over 15 years' corporate law and M&A experience
- Former GC of RWL Water



Rengarajan Ramesh Non-executive Director

- Former CTO of GE Water
- 30 years' operating, acquisition and tech experience



**Arnon Goldfarb**Non-executive Director

 Over 30 years' industrial experience



Ross Haghighat
Non-executive Director

- 30 years' tech and Venture Capital experience
- · US\$4B value created



Ross Kennedy Company Secretary

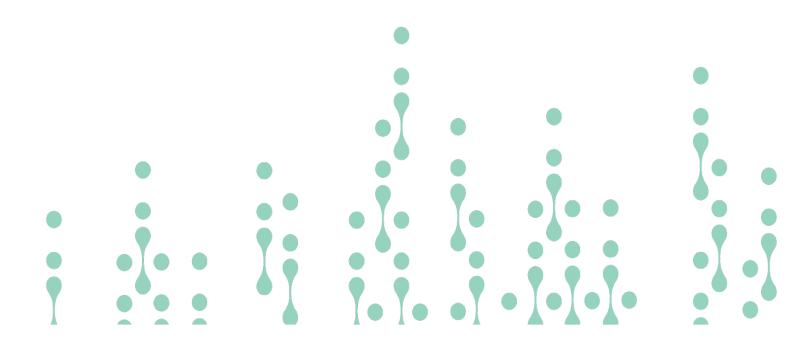
 Over 30 years' experience as Company Secretary

### **Investment Highlights**



- ✓ Only global, pure play water and wastewater treatment company delivering standardized solutions to a growing, global, decentralised market
- ✓ Fast to deploy, lower cost, lower risk way to meet tightening regulatory standards
- ✓ Driving growth by selling proven proprietary MABR wastewater solutions to rapidly growing markets: China and Southeast Asia
- ✓ Driving growth by selling proven Nirobox fresh water solutions to high need markets: Middle East and Southeast Asia
- ✓ Strong progress lowering operating costs continue to drive down as percentage of revenue
- ✓ Cash balance of US\$31.2M as of 30 September 2020 Ivory Coast revenues and cashflows will underpin the business through the strategic re-positioning
- ✓ Experienced Board and management team

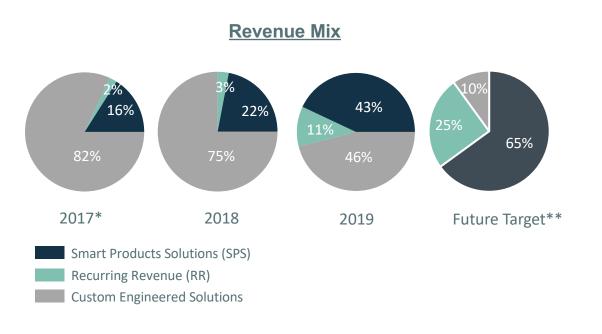
# Financial Overview



### **Revenue and Product Mix**



#### Focused shift towards higher margin Smart Products Solutions and Recurring Revenue





- Smart Products Solutions (SPS) accounted for 43% of total revenue in 2019 (16% in 2017\*)
- 2020 Guidance:
  - SPS revenue expected to grow to at least US\$32.0 million, a more than 20% increase from FY 2019 (FY 2017: US\$10.0 million, FY 2018: US\$22.0 million and FY 2019: US\$26.5 million)
  - Recurring revenue expected to continue to grow by 30% to US\$9.0 million (FY 2019: US\$7.0 million)
  - Expect to achieve and maintain EBITDA positive in FY 2020

<sup>\* 2017</sup> pro-forma (consolidation of 12 months of RWL Water)

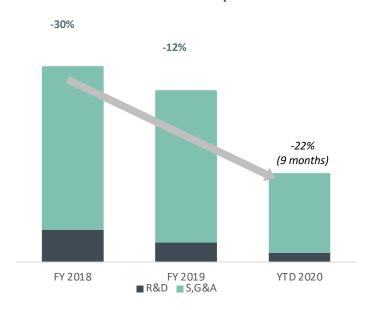
<sup>\*\*</sup> Expected after Ivory Coast project completion

## **Growing Margins While Reducing Opex**



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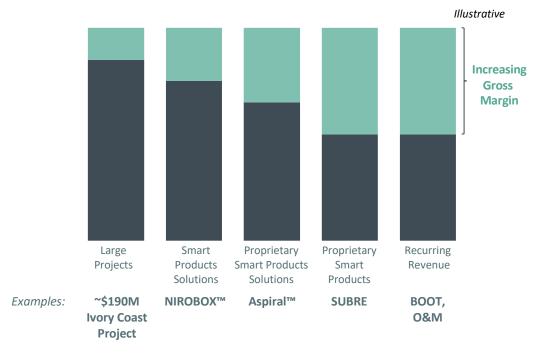
#### Fixed Costs Reduction vs. same period of Prior Year\*



#### Corporate overhead has been reduced through global reorganization initiatives. SG&A is anticipated to reduce further in 2020 in absolute terms and as a percentage of revenue.

 Strong backlog of projects to drive revenue growth in 2020 (\$215m backlog at then end of Q3)

#### **Transition Towards Higher Margin Revenue**



- Smart Products Solutions and Recurring Revenue drive transition towards higher margin revenue
- Path towards continued EBITDA expansion
- Continue company transformation towards a standardized products-based business with reduction of fixed costs

# **Summary Financials**



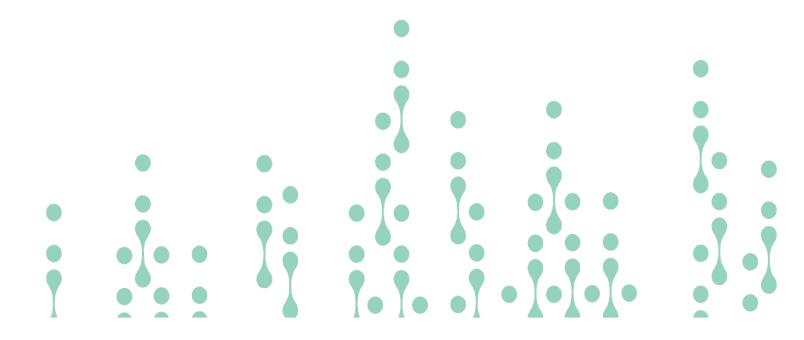
Segment Revenue (\$m)	2017(1)	2018(2)	2019 <sup>(2)</sup>	2020 to Q3 <sup>(3)</sup>		Comments
CES	45.5	72.7	27.4	49.1	$\rightarrow$	Backlog of \$189m over 2 years, underpinned by Ivory Coast
SPS	11	21.8	26.5	18.2	$\rightarrow$	Q4 revenue underpinned by existing backlog of \$23m over the next 12 months
- China SPS	0.3	2.8	12.8	6.8	$\rightarrow$	Underpinned by 3 bulk partnerships in China worth > \$100m over 3 years
Service/Recurring Revenue	1.5	6.4	7.0	5.7	$\rightarrow$	Expected to grow in line with installed base and completion of Peru project
Total Revenue	58.0	100.9	60.9	72.9	$\rightarrow$	\$215m from backlog as of 09/30/2020 (incl. Ivory Coast)
SPS Growth (y/y)		98%	21%	41%		
China SPS Growth (y/y)		833%	364%	39%	$\rightarrow$	Strong pipeline of additional China distribution partners
Recurring Growth (y/y)		327%	11%	63%		

<sup>(1) 2017</sup> pro-forma (consolidation of 12 months of RWL Water)

<sup>(2)</sup> Audited Financials

<sup>(3)</sup> Preliminary Financials based on 4E (unaudited)

# Appendix



# **Corporate Overview**



Capital Structure*					
Ordinary Shares on issue	624.9M				
Options on issue	35.3M				
Share Price	A\$0.265				
Undiluted Market Capitalization	A\$166M				
Cash and term deposits at 30 Sept 2020	US\$31.2M				
External debt (except non-recourse project debt) at 30 Sept 2020	US\$22.7M				
Liquidity (average shares traded per day for the 3 months to 3 Nov 2020)	611,571				

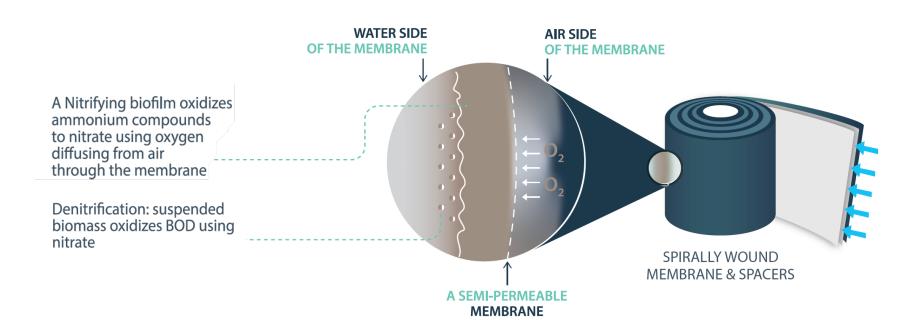
Top Holders ASX: FLC 3 Nov 2020	Shares (M)	% of FLC
RSL Investments	165.4	26.5
Clearpath Foundation	61.6	9.9
Pond Ventures Nominees and Richard Irving	37.3	6.0
Alceon Group	22.7	3.6
Other top 20	127.1	20.3
Top 20 total	414.1	66.3

<sup>\*</sup>All numbers as at November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 unless indicated otherwise

### **MABR** – Innovative and Proprietary



MABR = Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor
Patented technology that provides lower-cost, reliable, quality wastewater treatment



- Clear advantages over other wastewater solutions that use large amounts of force to power treatment
- Allows up to 90% reduction in energy consumption and up to 50% reduction in OPEX
- Protected by family of patents
- Scalable to provide wastewater solutions for populations of hundreds to hundreds of thousands

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