

RIDLEY ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE OCEANIA MEAT PROCESSORS

Ridley Corporation Limited ("**Ridley**") (**ASX: RIC**) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiaries (CSF Australia Subsidiary Pty Ltd and CSF Protein NZ Limited) have entered into an agreement to acquire Oceania Meat Processors NZ LP ("**OMP**") for NZ\$57.0 million (~A\$52.8 million). OMP is a premium producer of mechanically deboned meat frozen block products ("**MDM Products**") and other raw materials for the global pet food industry.

MDM Products are a key pillar of Ridley's Ingredient Recovery growth strategy and OMP is expected to make a meaningful contribution to this business segment and enhances Ridley's offering to suppliers and pet food customers.

Established in 2002, OMP is a leading supplier of premium inputs to the global pet food industry with approximately two-thirds produced at its operations in Melbourne, Australia (adjacent to Ridley's existing Ingredient Recovery facility in Laverton) and one-third at its operations in Timaru, New Zealand. The business produces multi species products, including lamb, beef, venison, and veal, and other ingredients which are supplied through established supply chains to domestic and international customers. Key management personnel will be secured as part of the transaction.

The acquisition price represents a multiple of 5.4 times EBITDA (LTM as at September 2023). Completion is expected to occur on 28 March 2024, subject to certain conditions. The acquisition will be fully funded from debt facilities and is expected to be EPS accretive in the first year post transaction.

Ridley's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Quinton Hildebrand, said,

"The acquisition of OMP represents a key milestone for Ridley's Ingredient Recovery business in the delivery of its FY23-25 growth plan – providing a meaningful contribution to Ridley's ambition to "climb the wall of value" by producing bespoke, higher value nutrients from existing and new raw material suppliers. The acquisition also significantly increases Ridley's capacity to service the domestic and international pet food industry.

We are extremely excited about the opportunities this acquisition provides to Ridley, our suppliers and customers, and look forward to the team at OMP joining the Ridley business."

An **Investor Briefing** will be held on **Monday 18 December** at **11am** – to listen to the event please use Audience URL: <u>https://webcast.openbriefing.com/ric-ann-2023/</u>.

A copy of the **Open Briefing Presentation** is **attached** to this Release.

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This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by the Ridley Board of Directors.

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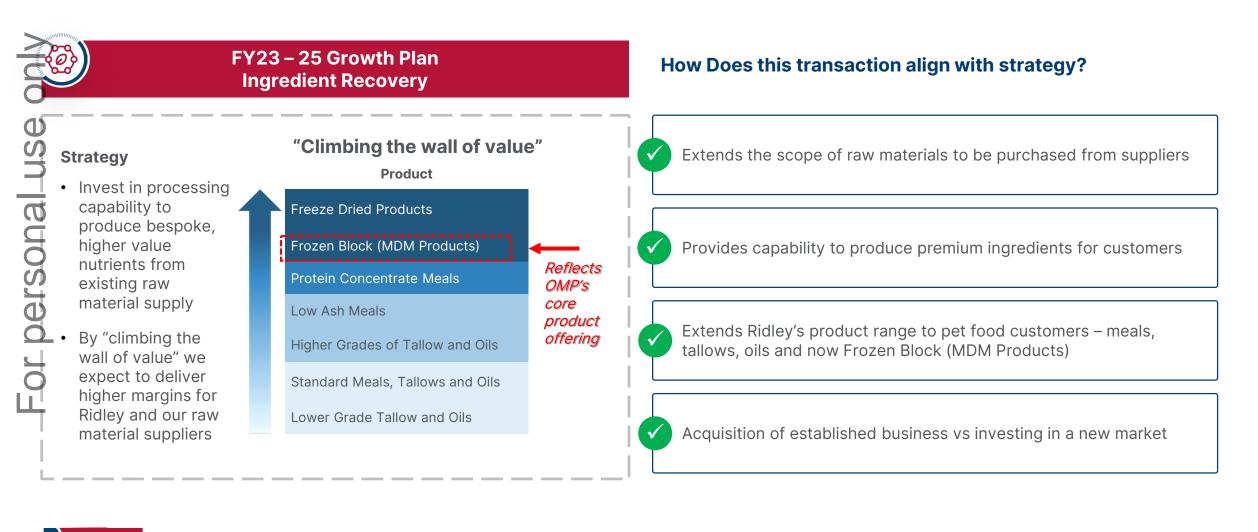
Transaction Overview

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	OMP overview	 OMP is a premium producer of mechanically deboned meat ("MDM") and other raw materials for global pet food customers OMP has processing facilities in Australia and New Zealand and an established North American supply chain
	Timing and conditions	 Transaction is subject to the satisfaction of key milestones and conditions, and is expected to complete by 28 March 2024 The transaction is not expected to require any formal regulatory approvals
L	Financial impact	 The transaction is expected to be EPS accretive in first year post acquisition Ridley pro-forma core net debt / EBITDA expected to be 0.7x at March 2024, below Ridley's target core debt range of 1.0–2.0x

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Alignment to Ridley's Strategy

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Overview of OMP



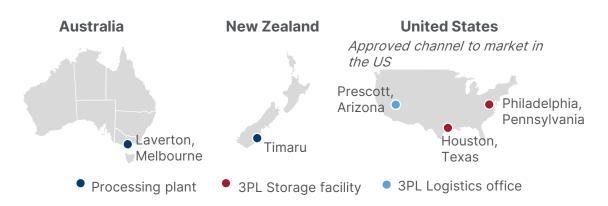
Business Snapshot

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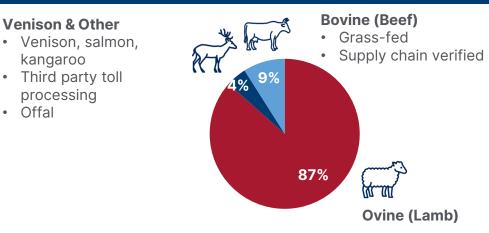
The business has grown rapidly since formation in 2002, with expansion into Australia, establishment of a North American supply chain, and multi-species diversification including lamb, beef, venison, veal, salmon and kangaroo

- Raw material is sourced from high quality Australian and New Zealand suppliers with:
 - two-thirds processed in the Melbourne, Australia facility (adjacent to Ridley's existing Ingredient Recovery facility in Laverton), and
- one-third processed in the Timaru, New Zealand facility
- OMP's USA footprint Arizona logistics office and 3PL storage infrastructure in Houston & Philadelphia, allows for nationwide delivery to pet food customers within three days

Location of Operating Facilities



Breakdown of Key Product Categories



Acquisition Rationale

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OMP provides Ridley the capability to "climb the wall of value" producing frozen block MDM Products (aligned to strategy)

OMP is a **provider of premium Australian and New Zealand products focused on novel proteins**, which are highly sought after by the global pet food industry

OMP has **long-standing relationships with blue-chip pet food customers**, which can be further built-upon by Ridley with co-selling opportunities



The acquisition enables Ridley to **optimise raw materials from our supplying abattoirs**



The acquisition is expected to be EPS accretive in the first year post acquisition





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