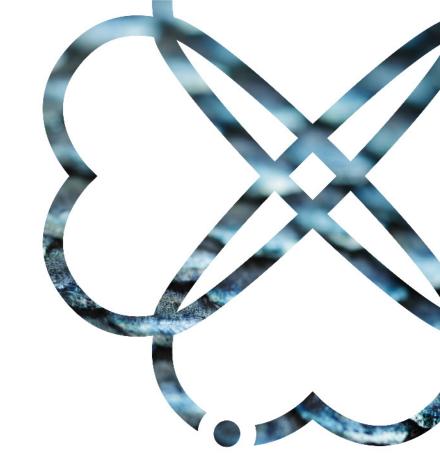
# Managing Director's Report 6 Months to 31 January 2024

20 March 2024





# Vision, Values and Purpose Statement

#### Vision

To optimise the health and development of adults, infants and children.

# Values Respect, Response, Responsibility

#### **Purpose**

In collaboration with key market participants, Clover develops customised high value nutritional ingredients that enhance the wellbeing and dietary needs of their customers.

# Half Year Performance Highlights

- \$27.3m down 39% on the record 1H23 \$44.4m essentially in line with 1H FY22.
- Net Loss after tax \$0.6m

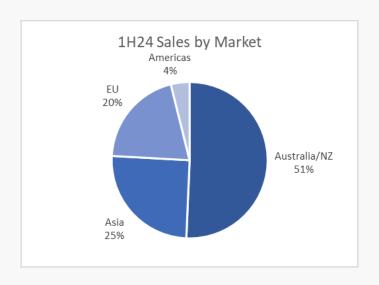
  down on 1HFY23 \$3.6m.

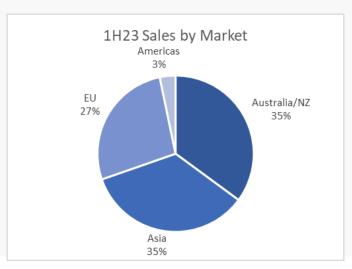
  Excluding market development &

  Melody Dairies the underlying
  business would have generated a
  break-even result.
- Operating Expenses
  \$7.1m down 7.3% (1H23 \$7.6m) impacted by reduced travel and cost reduction focus.

- Building new customers and products to continue diversifying the revenue base
- Inventory at \$34.0m decreased \$2.9m on the FY23 position (\$36.9m)
- Balance Sheet remains strong with cash of \$8.1m
- Nil interim dividend to focus on capital management priorities and key projects.

# Sales by Geography





#### **MEA EU**

- European sales have declined with impacted by local and export demand.
- Middle East sales declined with high levels of inventory needing to be addressed.

#### **Asia ANZ**

- China demand has been impacted by the move of manufacturers to Algae sources of DHA, away from Tuna.
- ANZ has maintained demand year on year with both food and infant formula performing well.

## Half Year 2024 Results

| AUD million      | 4D Reported<br>31 Jan 2024 | 4D Reported<br>31 Jan 2023 |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Revenue          | \$27.3                     | \$44.4 *                   |  |
| EBITDA           | \$0.3                      | \$5.7                      |  |
| NPBT             | (\$0.7)                    | \$5.0                      |  |
| Тах              | \$0.1                      | (\$1.4)                    |  |
| NPAT             | (\$0.6)                    | \$3.6                      |  |
| EPS              | (0.4) cps                  | 2.2 cps                    |  |
| ROE (annualised) | (1.2%)                     | 9.1%                       |  |

<sup>\* 1</sup>H FY22 - \$29.7m

- ♣ 39% comparative revenue decrease. EU/Middle East growth slowed with high inventory and general weakness in infant formula sales.
- Expense management has been controlled through travel and personnel, offset by a focus on R&D
- Melody Dairy
  - \$0.3m of equity accounted losses and \$0.3m of margin impact relating to Take or Pay.
- ♣ NPAT impacted by continued investment in new market development (\$0.4m) supporting future growth and mitigating supply chain risk.
- Underlying NPAT result of breakeven.

# **Balance Sheet 31 January 2024**

| AUD                              | Reported<br>31 Jan 2024<br>\$M | Reported<br>31 Jul 2023<br>\$M | Movement<br>\$M |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash                             | 8.1                            | 9.4                            | (1.3)           |
| Trade Receivables                | 13.1                           | 12.0                           | 1.1             |
| Inventories                      | 34.0                           | 36.9                           | (2.9)           |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>      | 56.2                           | 60.0                           | (3.8)           |
| Fixed Assets                     | 28.7                           | 26.2                           | 2.5             |
| Total Assets                     | 84.9                           | 86.2                           | (1.3)           |
| Trade Payables                   | (1.7)                          | (4.6)                          | (2.9)           |
| <b>Current Borrowings</b>        | (3.4)                          | (1.7)                          | 1.7             |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b> | (6.5)                          | (8.3)                          | (1.8)           |
| Non-Current Borrowings           | (10.2)                         | (7.7)                          | 2.5             |
| Total Liabilities                | (19.6)                         | (19.1)                         | (0.5)           |
| Net Assets                       | 65.3                           | 67.1                           | (1.8)           |

- Strong Cash management amidst sales downturn
- Trade receivables impacted by a major customer who has not settled at the date of this report.
- Lower raw material inventory positions of crude oils and powder stocks with slowing of customer orders.
- Payables decreased in line with the timing of raw material purchases.

# An Update on Growth Platforms



#### New products driving future growth

#### Premneo

- Regulatory approval application continues with additional data requirements for safety to be developed. It is expected to take 12-24 months.
- Market research with key users and influencers has been conducted to understand Doctors acceptance and positioning of the product with positive results.
- Discussions with potential distribution partners has commenced.

#### Gelphorm

- A DHA emulsion for the fortification of UHT & ESL drinks
- Customer trials continue in Asia & USA
- ♣ The first non-dairy UHT product released is expanding their use and distribution reach in the USA.









#### New products driving future growth

#### Choline

- Clover has developed an encapsulation matrix for Choline, a product that is used in nutraceuticals and specified in infant formula.
- The new product is moving to scaled-up volumes to undergo shelf life testing normally 12-24 months.
- Clover's solution removes issues with the handling and blending of Choline.

#### Probiotics

- ♣ The company has developed a micro encapsulation system for Probiotics that removes the costly and difficult freeze drying process.
- ♣ The product is in its early stages of development with initial outcomes providing excellent results. The company expects to move to scale up production in 24-36 months.

New Product Development

#### Infant formula update

- The recovery of the infant formula market post COVID has been a slow process
- ♣ Global birth rates have declined in 2023 by 1.15% per 1000 people, with significant drops observed in the EU (5.9%) and China (2.3%)\* continuing the 5-year trend. Consequently, all stages of infant formula production, from birth to growing up milks, have declined.
- Clover had qualified its tuna DHA powder with major Chinese manufacturers and received initial orders.
- Following advice from the Chinese government to reconsider the use of tuna oil in infant formula post the Fukushima incident.

  Orders from China over the last 6 months have reduced.
- ♣ The reduction in infant formula manufacturing has intensified competition with Chinese competitors engaging in price-based competition. This competitive landscape has pressured Clover's margins.

Focus on Infant Formula









#### New market development

- Clover continues to work with manufacturers in the nutraceutical and food markets for new applications
- ♣ The Company has invested in oil sourcing operations to assure supply, quality and a competitive price position. The Anchovy market is experiencing severe shortages providing an opportunity for Clover to supply to the nutraceutical & pet food markets
- The Company has extended its distribution channels into Mexico & South America
- Clover has added technical resources to support customers in the application of its products in Asia
- Clover has launched a digital marketing campaign to broaden its reach to existing and potential new customers.







## **2HFY24 Priorities & Outlook**

- Clover remains committed to diversifying its customer base and exploring new markets and products.
- Initiatives include:
  - advancing encapsulated Choline for dry mix applications,
  - scaling up microencapsulated probiotics to enhance usability,
  - progressing regulatory approvals for Premneo, an emulsion that boosts the IQ of preterm infants, and
  - investing in facilities for fish oil sourcing.
- Looking to the full-year result, uncertainty persists regarding the recovery of Clover's infant formula segment and the market acceptance timeline for new products. Based on existing customer forecasts, Clover anticipates FY2024 revenue to range between \$60m to \$70m.

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