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Online • Trade shows • Magazines • Research (NASDAQ-GS: GSOL)

Investor Presentation

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Business at a Glance

A leading B2B media company facilitating China trade

Total Solution

- Online marketplaces
- Trade shows
- Digital and print magazines
- Private Sourcing Events

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- Established 1971
- HQ: Hong Kong
- 2,900 team members
- 60 locations, 40 in Greater China

Financial Strength

- Revenue of \$204M*
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$42M^{#*}
- \$146M Cash and Securities**
- No debt**

Revenue Sources*

- 97% for marketing services
- By media:
 - > 48% online
 - 42% exhibitions
 - ▶ 7% print
 - > 3% miscellaneous
- 83% China
 - * TTM ending September 30, 2013
 - ** As of September 30, 2013
 - # See reconciliation in the appendix





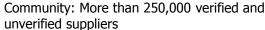
Media for Global Trade



19 Consumer Product Categories



Community: More than 1 million active buyers worldwide (certified with Ernst & Young)















Media for China Trade



Community: More than 4 million registered online users and magazine readers

Community: Overseas manufacturers of semi-conductors and electronics equipment; luxury consumer brands; domestic suppliers of fashion and electronic products







Fully Integrated Offering



- Addressing all stages of the buying process
- Each media plays a different role. Examples:
 - Online is effective earlyto search and make inquiries
 - Trade shows & Private Sourcing Events enable negotiation, supplier selection, and ordering





Large, Professional Buyers



- 80:20 rule generally applies where 80% of imports come from 20% of the buyers^{1,2}
- Professional buyers typically require experienced, financially sound exporters with manufacturing facilities
- In 2012, Private Sourcing Events were held for some 320 sourcing teams, creating more than 1,500 high-quality, one-on-one selling opportunities for suppliers

1 Source: U.S. Customs & Border Control

2 Source: Global Sources estimate from U.S. Customs data





Income Statement

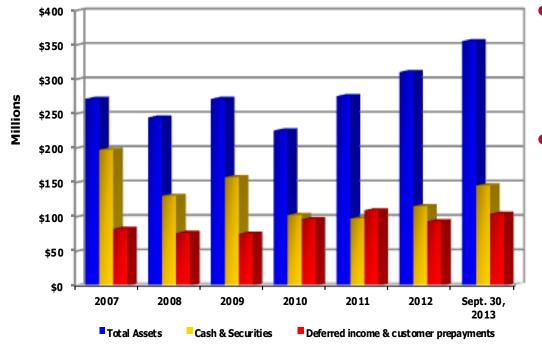
			YTD SEPT	YTD SEPT
(in US\$ millions except number of shares and per share data)	Q3 2013	Q3 2012	2013	2012
Revenues				
Online	22.0	30.0	69.7	90.9
Print	3.4	4.1	9.9	12.9
Exhibitions	17.6	23.3	52.4	56.1
Miscellaneous	1.7	1.6	5.5	5.0
Total revenue	44.8	59.1	137.5	164.8
Operating expenses	(36.4)	(47.4)	(120.7)	(140.0)
Profit on sale of property	0.0	0.0	15.4	0.0
Profit from Operations	8.4	11.7	32.2	24.8
Interest income	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.7
Share of loss of associate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Impairment loss on investment in associate	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.3)
Profit before Income Taxes	8.8	12.0	33.3	25.2
Income Tax Expense	(1.7)	(1.5)	(4.3)	(2.1)
Net profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(1.8)	(2.3)	(1.2)	(2.1)
IFRS Net Profit	5.3	8.2	27.8	21.0
IFRS Net Profit per diluted share	0.15	0.23	0.77	0.59
Total shares used in diluted net profit per share				
calculations (IFRS Net Profit)	36,186,254	35,862,759	36,045,545	35,718,965





Strong Balance Sheet





- No debt*
- Cash and securities: \$146M*
 - > 41% of total assets
- Deferred income \$105M*
 - > 51% of TTM revenue

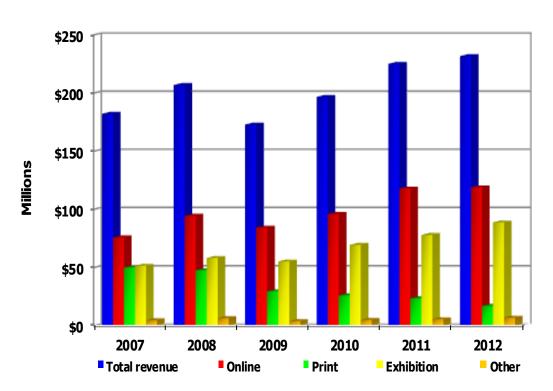




^{*} As of September 30, 2013

Revenue

Total Revenue & Revenue Mix



- Online accounted for 51% of total revenue in 2012
- Exhibitions becoming a greater proportion of total revenue
- \$89M of exhibition revenue in 2012, 14% YOY growth



Key Trends



- Cost pressures on manufacturers
 - Materials, components, labor, Yuan
- Weakening and shifting demand
 - Weak demand from Europe
 - Growing importance of emerging markets
- Incidents of fraud
 - Heightened appreciation of quality content and trusted content providers
- Trade shows becoming more digital
 - Serving buyers before, at and after the physical shows



Strategy



Four foundations:

- Strengthen position in core, export-focused business
- New product and market development
- Expansion in China's domestic B2B market
- Acquisitions, joint ventures, and alliances



Export Market Penetration

Objectives:

- Leverage the combined strengths of GlobalSources.com and the China Sourcing Fairs
- Help customers penetrate emerging markets
- Help customers differentiate and boost their image



- Find Them and Meet Them initiative aims to integrate the best of online with the best of and shows
- Adding Product Showcases to China Sourcing Fairs to include additional suppliers and featured products



New Product and Market Development

- Plans include:
 - New geographies
 - New verticals
 - Site and search UI development







- Launched China Sourcing Fairs in Brazil in August 2012
- Mobile and Wireless show scheduled to launch in 2014 -- along with magazine and online vertical
- New "one-row" has become buyers' preferred search format



Expansion in China's Domestic B2B Market

- Currently over 4 million registered online users and magazine readers
- Positions in the semiconductor, optoelectronic, fashion and management sectors





- Further development of organic and acquired businesses
- Expanding into new verticals



Acquisitions and/or Alliances

- Strategy to seek complementary businesses, technologies or products that will help us maintain or achieve market leading positions
- Priorities include acquiring media properties that will extend and enhance existing brands









- 2013: Entered agreement to acquire Shenzhen International Machinery Manufacturing Industry Exhibition
- 2012: Acquired *China (Shenzhen)*International Brand Clothing and
 Accessories Fair
- **2011**: Acquired EDN-China and EDN-Asia
- **2009**: Acquired *China International Optoelectronic Expo*





Guidance: 2H 2013 vs. 2H 2012

- Revenue \$101M to \$103M
 - Compared to \$126M
- IFRS EPS \$0.32 to \$0.36
 - ➤ Compared to \$0.54
- Non-IFRS EPS \$0.36 to \$0.40
 - Compared to \$0.63

Board of Directors



Merle Hinrichs

Executive Chairman

Founder; Member of Board of Trustees of Thunderbird School of Global Management; Board Member of Economic Strategy Institute; Masters Degree in International Trade from Thunderbird; and Honorary Doctorate Degrees from the University of Nebraska and Thunderbird.



Sarah Benecke *Director* Chief Executive Officer from 1994 to 1999; launched flagship website *Global Sources Online*; consultant for *China Sourcing Fairs* launch, development and expansion; and former Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention Industry Association.



Eddie Heng *Director* Former Chief Financial Officer; Singapore CPA and Member of Singapore Institute of CPAs; Fellow Member of UK Association of Chartered Certified Accountants; Director and Audit Committee Chairman of Prison Fellowship Singapore; and former Regional Financial Controller of Hitachi Data Systems.



Roderick Chalmers *Independent Director*

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Member of Audit, Compensation & Executive Sessions Committees; former Partner in Linklaters law firm, London and Hong Kong; former Director & Group General Counsel of Jardine Matheson Group, Hong Kong; Audit Committee Member of Jardine Cycle & Carriage Ltd., MCL Land Ltd. and Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Ltd.; Audit Committee Chairman of Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation Ltd.



Peter Yam *Independent Director*

Former President of Emerson Greater China and Chairman of Emerson Electric (China) Holdings Co., Ltd.; non-executive director of ISG Asia Investment (HK) Ltd.; a director of the Executive Committee of Foreign Investment Companies in Beijing from 2003 to 2008; and a non-executive director of Sun Life Hong Kong Limited and affiliates from 2003 to 2010.





Awards and Indexes



Gold Award for Social Responsibility and Investor Relations 2012



Titanium Award for Corporate Governance & Investor Relations 2009 & 2010



2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*, 2011



Forbes Asia's 200 'Best Under a Billion' 2007



Since June 2007



Highest listing requirements

*Best IR Website in China; Certificate of Excellence for Corporate Governance in Greater China; Certificate of Excellence for IR Websites in Asia-Pacific





Investment Highlights

- Large and attractive market opportunity primarily focused on China export and domestic B2B market
- Leading provider to the professional market
 - Deep relationships with the largest buyers
 - High quality community of verified suppliers
- Industry's broadest multi-channel platform driven by online marketplaces and trade shows
- Strong balance sheet and 43 year track record of profitability

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Thank You

IFRS to Non-IFRS Reconciliation

Management believes non-IFRS metrics are useful measures of operations and provides IFRS to non-IFRS reconciliation tables at the end of this press release. Global Sources defines non-IFRS net income as net income excluding non-cash, stock based compensation (SBC) expense or credit, amortization of intangibles as it relates to certain equity compensation plans, profits or losses on acquisitions and investments net of transaction costs and related tax expenses, and/or impairment charges, for all historical and future references to non-IFRS metrics. Non-IFRS EPS is defined as non-IFRS net income divided by the weighted average of diluted common shares outstanding.

In U.S. Dollars Thousands, Except Number of Shares and Per Share Data

	Three months ended September 30, 2013 2012			Nii	ne months endo	ed September 30, 2012		
IFRS EPS	\$	0.15	\$	0.23	\$	0.77	\$	0.59
IFRS Net Profit	\$	5,356	\$	8,205	\$	27,751	\$	21,029
Non-cash stock based compensation expense (Note 1)		609		683		1,562		1,807
Amortization of intangibles (Note 2)		167		221		594		604
Impairment loss on investment in associate		-		-		-		302
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles		-		-		2,531		-
Profit on sale of property, net of transaction costs & related tax expenses		-		-		(13,124)		-
Non-IFRS Net Profit	\$	6,132	\$	9,109	\$	19,314	\$	23,742
Non-IFRS diluted net profit per share	\$	0.17	<u>\$</u>	0.25	\$	0.54	\$	0.66
Total shares used in non-IFRS diluted net profit per share calculations		36,186,254		35,862,759		36,045,545		35,718,965

Notes

- (1) Actual SBC is calculated based on actual share price on date of the awards.
- (2) Amortization of intangible assets relating to certain non-compete agreements.





Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, stock-based compensation, impairment of goodwill and intangible assets, and profits or losses on acquisitions and investments net of transaction costs and related tax expenses.

In U.S. Dollars Thousands

		Three months end		led September 30, 2012		TTM ending September 30, 2013		Nine months endo		ed September 30, 2012	
IFRS profit from operations	\$	8,359	\$	11,724	\$	42,399	\$	32,182	\$	24,754	
Depreciation and amortization		2,038		2,875		8,671		6,487		6,928	
EBITDA		10,397		14,599		51,070		38,669		31,682	
Non-cash stock based compensation expense		609		683		2,164		1,562		1,807	
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles		-		-		3,920		2,531		-	
Profit on sale of property, net of transaction costs		-		-		(15,410)		(15,410)		-	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	11,006	\$	15,282	\$	41,744	\$	27,352	\$	33,489	





2014 Export Show Schedule

Location	Hon	Miami	Sao Paulo	Johannesburg	New Delhi				
Show Dates	Apr 12-15, 27-30	Oct 11-14, 18-21, 19-22 & 27-30	Jun 19-21	August 11-13	Nov 20-22	ТВС			
CSF: Electronics & Components		•				•			
CSF: Mobile & Wireless	•	•							
CSF: Electronics			•	•	•				
CSF: Security Products	•	•							
CSF: Solar & Energy Saving Products		•							
CSF: Gifts & Premiums	•	•	•	•	•				
CSF: Home Products	•	•	•		•	•			
CSF: Fashion Accessories	•	•	•		•				
CSF: Underwear & Swimwear	•	•							
CSF: Garments & Textiles	•	•	•	•	•				
CSF: Hardware & Building Materials				•	•	•			
ISF: Garments & Accessories	•	•							
KSF: Gifts & Premiums	•								
KSF: Electronics & Components	•	•							
KSF: Mobile & Wireless		•							
Korea Sourcing Fair			•						
Total (by show period)	11	12	6	4	6	3			
Total (by location)		23	6	4	6	3			
Total shows			42						
Legend: CSF = China Sourcing Fair ; ISF = India Sourcing Fair ; KSF = Korea Sourcing Fair									



