### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of July 2014

1-15240 (Commission File Number)

### JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Europa House, Second Floor Harcourt Centre Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland (Address of principal executive offices)

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#### Forward-Looking Statements

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 31 July 2014

#### James Hardie Industries plc

By: /s/ Natasha Mercer Natasha Mercer Company Secretary

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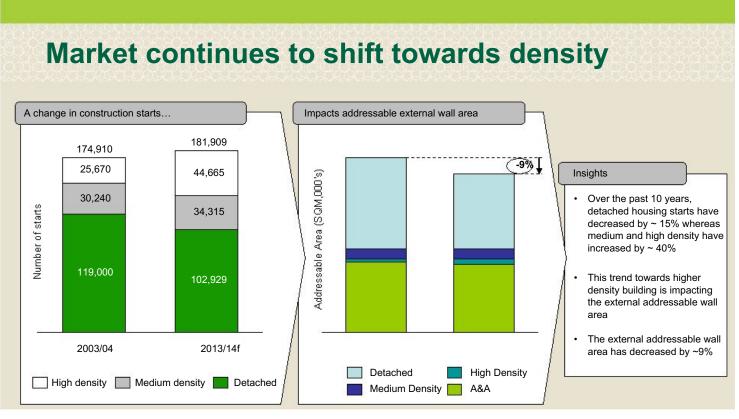


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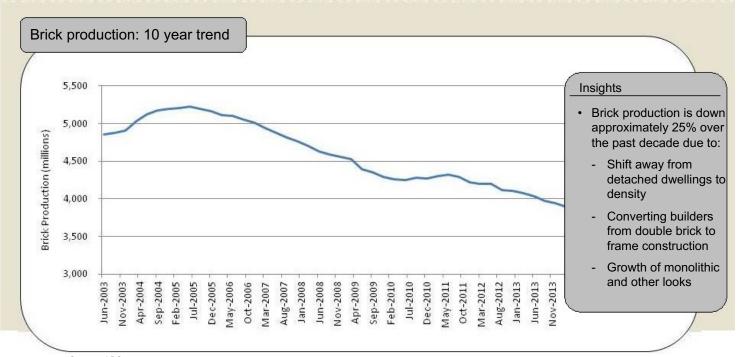


Source: ABS, HIA



Source: Abraham Akra - JH Market Analyst

## **Decline of brick**





# Several elements are impacting market dynamics

### Market demographics

- Population fragmenting
  - baby boomers downsizing
  - Non traditional families now the norm, different requirements
  - Land cost and availability mean developers looking to maximize yield



#### First time home buyers

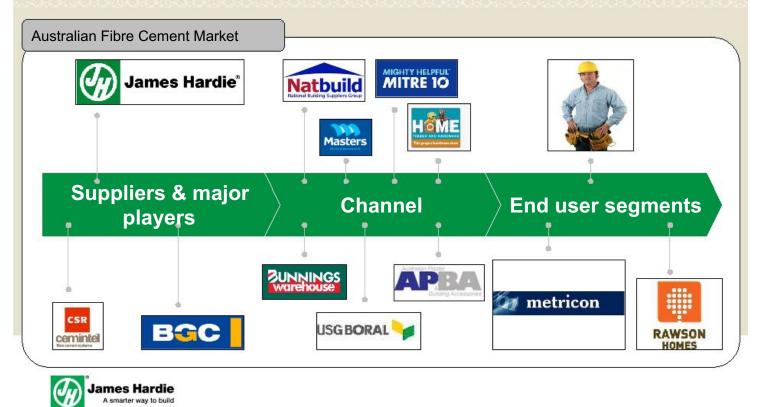
- First time home buyers are at an all time low
- Relative cost of house
   and land increasing
- Credit still relatively tight for low income earners
- Low interest rates driving increased investor activity –local and overseas

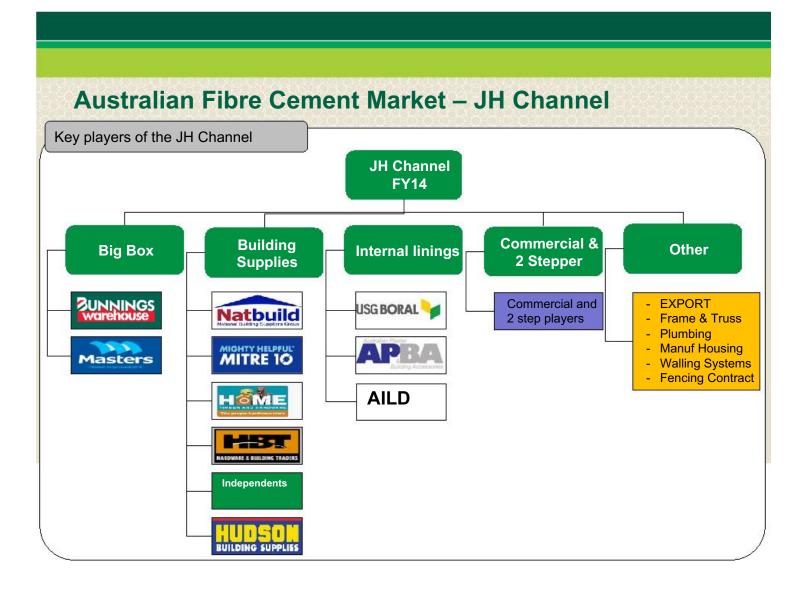
#### Density shift

- Shift away from single detached housing to medium & high density
- Medium to high density currently sitting at 43% of all starts
- Will increase to above 50% in the next few years in large metro centers
- Increase toward inner city living

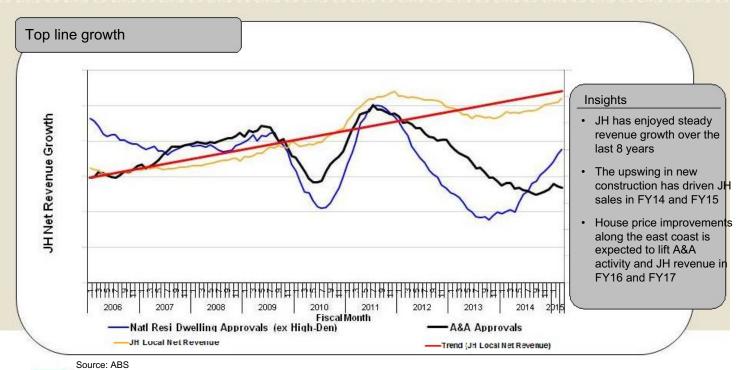
Competitive intensity increasing i.e. More players, less to go after...

# Key elements of the Australian fibre cement market





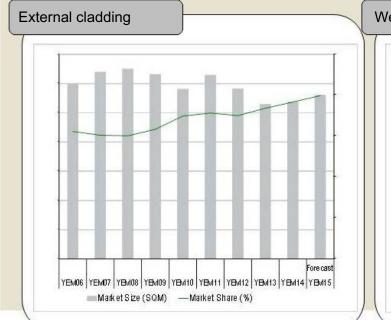
# **JH Top Line Growth**

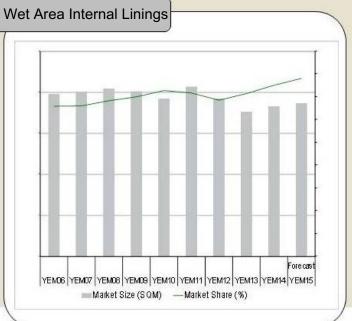


James Hardie

A smarter way to build

## **Addressable JH Market Share**





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## Australian growth model

### Australian growth model

- Our model for growth is unique and sustainable, but investment intensive
- Our model differs greatly from other manufacturers or importers
  - Large market opportunity
  - Superior value proposition
  - Proprietary and/or protected technology
  - Ongoing commitment to research and development
  - Significant organisational advantages
  - Focused strategy and organisational effort
  - Scale





# Australian primary demand model

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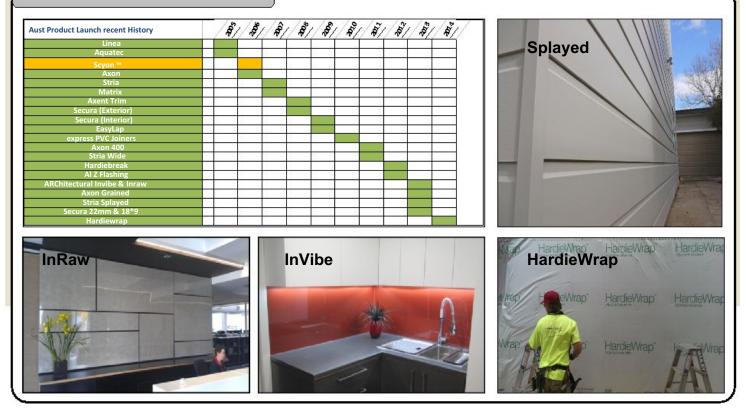
- Increase fibre cement penetration by creating "Smarter Way to Build" solutions
- Accelerate uptake of lightweight / composite construction
- Engage with developers, designers, architects, builders and industry associations
- Leverage the unique JH Eco-System to accelerate industry change in design and construction and create new selling opportunities for our aligned partners



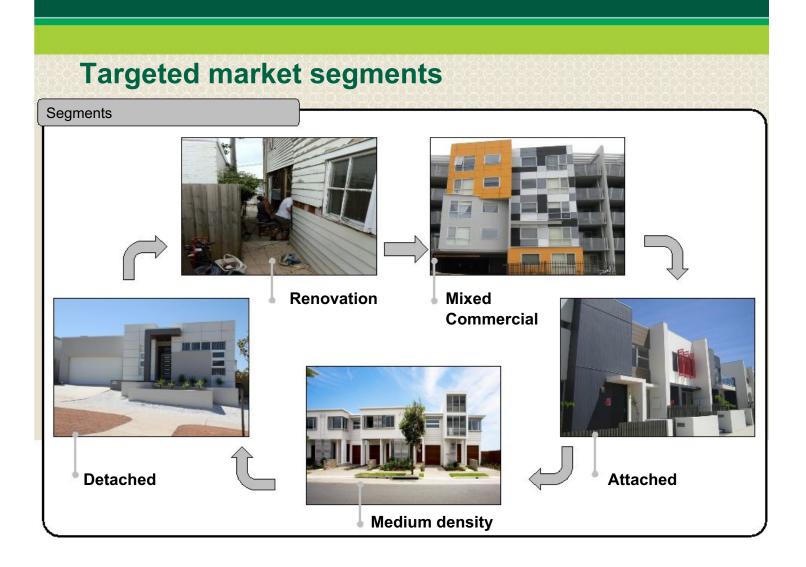


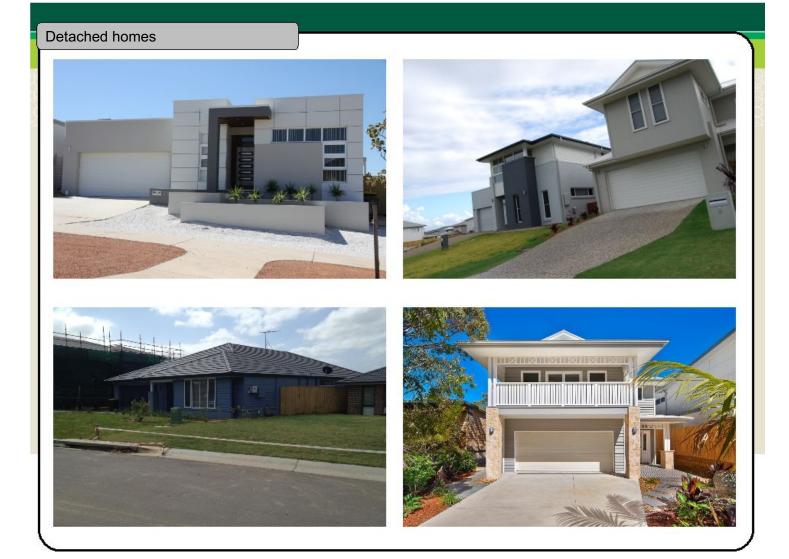
# **Driving Product Leadership**

### Recent products launched





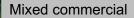






### Medium density







### Renovation





### Research & Development Steven Terzian

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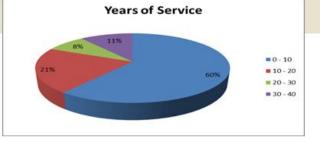
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## **Technology Organisation**

- Three Research Centers US and Australia
- Research: Core understanding of technologies and the science behind them
- Development: Focused organization around implementing new technology products
- Resources @ Rosehill
- Currently house 54 technologists
- Technical Discipline
  - Engineering Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical & Civil
  - Industrial Chemistry and Material Science
  - Chemistry







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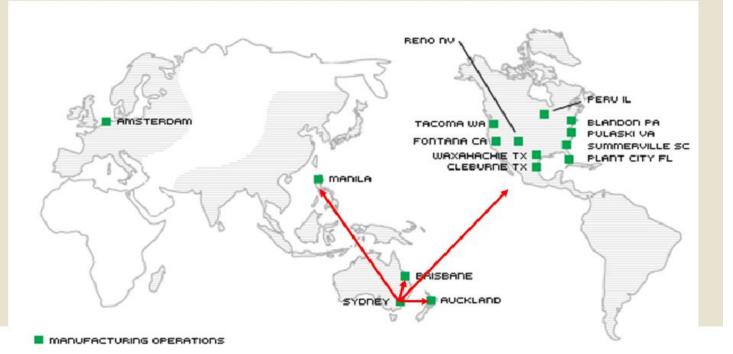


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# **Rosehill R&D – A Global Focus**



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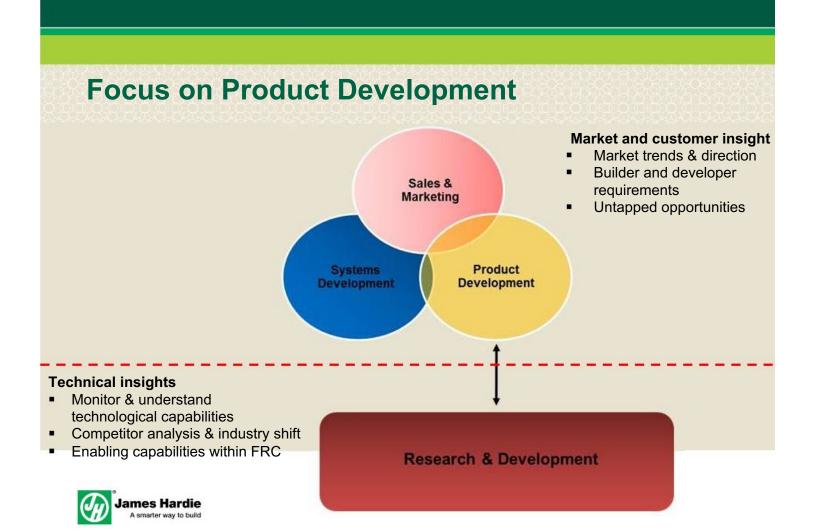
## **Technology Strategy**

- Enable James Hardie's Product Leadership Strategy
- Provide a continuous pipeline of innovative new products and technologies with sustainable advantages to achieve our category and market share goals
- Our role is to act as the technology pipeline for the organization









### **JH Innovation Process**

- Enable effective development and implementation of key initiatives
- Ensure continuous pipeline of new concepts and ideas

