

## **ASX** Announcement

21 November 2023

## Robic to join IPH

#### **Investor Presentation**

**Attached** is a copy of a Presentation providing details of Robic joining the IPH Group.

IPH is hosting a conference call covering this topic at 10:00 am (AEDT) today (Tuesday, 21 November 2023). To access the conference call, please use the following link: <a href="https://s1.c-conf.com/diamondpass/10035253-vyp78r.html">https://s1.c-conf.com/diamondpass/10035253-vyp78r.html</a>.

For more information, please contact:

### **Martin Cole**

Capital Markets Communications T. +61 403 332 977

E. martin.cole@capitalmarketscommunications.com.au

#### Authorised for release to ASX by:

The Board of Directors of IPH

#### About IPH Limited

IPH is an international intellectual property services group, comprising a network of member firms working in ten IP jurisdictions and servicing more than 25 countries. The group includes leading IP firms AJ Park, Griffith Hack, Pizzeys, Smart & Biggar, Spruson & Ferguson and online IP services provider Applied Marks. IPH employs more than 1,400 people working in Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.





# ROBIC to join IPH

Further expands IPH presence in Canadian IP market

21 November 2023

**Dr. Andrew Blattman**Managing Director & CEO, IPH Limited

iphltd.com.au



## Disclaimer

The following disclaimer applies to this presentation. Please consider its contents carefully. By accepting this presentation, you acknowledge that you are receiving it on the basis set out in the following paragraphs. This presentation has been prepared by IPH Limited (**IPH**).

#### **Currency of information**

The information contained in this presentation is current as at the date of this presentation or such earlier date as specified in this presentation.

#### **Summary information**

The information in this presentation is of a general nature only and does not purport to be complete.

#### Not an offer

This presentation is for information purposes only and does not constitute or form part of any offer or invitation to acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of, or issue, or any solicitation of any offer to sell or otherwise dispose of, purchase or subscribe for, any securities, nor does it constitute investment advice, nor shall it or any part of it nor the fact of its distribution form the basis of, or be relied on in connection with, any or contract or investment decision.

Without limiting the foregoing, this presentation does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities in the United States. The securities of IPH have not been, and will not be, registered under the *U.S. Securities Act* of 1933, as amended (**Securities Act**) or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered or sold in the United States except in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws or pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws.

#### Third party information

Certain market and industry data used in connection with this presentation may have been obtained from research, surveys or studies conducted by third parties, including industry or general publications. Neither IPH nor any of its related bodies corporate, directors, employees, agents or advisers have independently verified any such market or industry data.

#### **Historical information**

Past performance information in this presentation is given for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as, and is not, an indication of future performance.

#### Forward looking information

This presentation contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. IPH can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to be correct. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements due to many important factors, risks and uncertainties including, without limitation, risks associated with regulatory requirements and general economic uncertainty. IPH does not undertake any obligation to release any revisions to any "forward-looking statement" to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this presentation, except as may be required under applicable laws.

IPH uses certain measures to manage and report on its business that are not recognised under Australian Accounting Standards or International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

These measures are collectively referred to in this presentation as 'non-IFRS financial measures' under Regulatory Guide 230 'Disclosing non-IFRS financial information' published by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Management uses these non-IFRS financial measures to evaluate the performance and profitability of the overall business. Although IPH believes that these measures provide useful information about the financial performance of IPH, they should be considered as supplements to the income statement measures that have been presented in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and IFRS in IPH's audited financial statements released on the ASX and not as a replacement for them.

Financial information contained in this presentation relating to Robic is unaudited and not prepared in accordance with accounting standards.

#### Disclaimer

No representation or warranty, whether express or implied, is made by any person as to the fairness, accuracy, completeness or correctness of the information, opinions and conclusions contained in this presentation. You should carry out your own investigations and analysis of IPH and verify the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information contained in this presentation. Neither IPH nor any of its related bodies corporate, directors, employees, agents and advisers accept any responsibility for any loss arising from anyone acting or refraining from acting in reliance on the contents of this presentation.



ROBIC to join IPH

# ROBIC - Canadian IP firm to join the IPH group

IPH has reached agreement to acquire Canadian IP services firm ROBIC



Total purchase consideration for the transaction is approximately CAD 110.6m (approximately AUD 124m)

The transaction is IPH's third acquisition in Canada, further expanding the group's presence in the North American region and as a leading international IP services group

ROBIC will operate as IPH's 7th IP services brand

ROBIC is one of Canada's leading IP firms and the largest in Quebec

ROBIC is a well-known Canadian IP firm, with a team of approximately 220 high quality staff located in Quebec

In 2022, ROBIC filed in excess of 3,000 patents and 1,500 trade marks for its clients which include large multi-national corporations, universities, government agencies, start-ups and individual inventors

The transaction is expected to be underlying EPS accretive in the first full year of ownership

The transaction structure and consideration achieves ongoing alignment between vendor partners and the group including via share issuance and minimum term employment agreements (generally for four years)

The transaction is expected to be completed in mid December

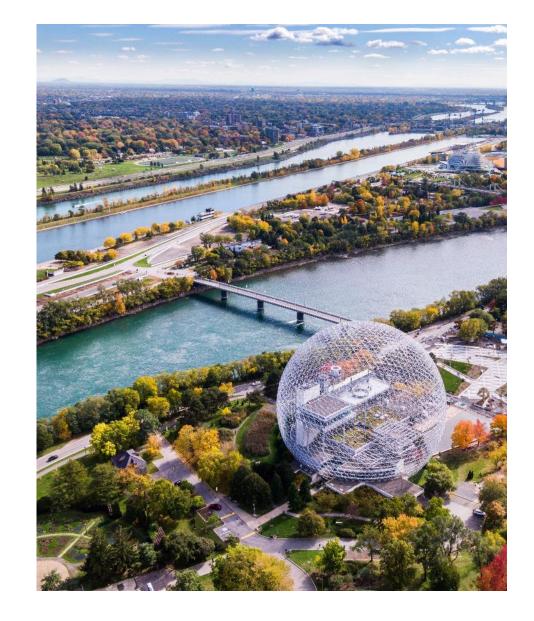
## Transaction summary

One of Canada's leading IP firms, ROBIC further expands IPH's presence in the Canadian IP market

## ROBIC

- ROBIC is one of Canada's leading IP firms and the largest in Quebec
- In 2022, ROBIC filed in excess of 3,000 patents and 1,500 trade marks for its clients, which
  include large multi-national corporations, universities, government agencies, start-ups and
  individual inventors
- IPH will undertake the transaction by acquiring a new Quebec limited partnership that will
  conduct the IP agency practice of ROBIC and will own an interest in a new Quebec limited
  liability partnership formed by former ROBIC partners that will acquire the legal practice of
  ROBIC, in compliance with Quebec regulation

Year founded	• 1892
Core services	<ul><li>Patent</li><li>Industrial design</li><li>Trademark</li><li>IP legal services</li></ul>
Patent filings (CY2022)	• >3,000
Patent filing market share (local market)	• 6%



## Transaction summary (continued)

## Consideration

- The consideration for the acquisition is approximately CAD 110.6m (approximately AUD 124m)
- Represents a multiple of approximately 9x pro forma adjusted EBITDA of ROBIC for the 12 months to August 2023<sup>1,2</sup>

Cash consideration	<ul> <li>Upfront cash consideration of approximately CAD 68.3m (65% of upfront consideration)</li> </ul>
IPH share issuance	<ul> <li>Initial issue of 6m new IPH shares with a value of approximately CAD 36.8m (35% of upfront consideration) escrowed for two years<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
Deferred earn-out consideration	<ul> <li>Deferred, earn-out consideration of up to CAD 5.6m (approx. AUD 6m), mix of cash and IPH shares dependent on ROBIC outperforming threshold broadly in-line with earnings level in the 12 months to March 2023</li> </ul>

## Financial impact

- The transaction is expected to be underlying EPS accretive in the first full year of ownership
- ROBIC's unaudited revenue for the 12 months to August 2023 was CAD 56.5m (approximately AUD 63m) and pro forma adjusted EBITDA was CAD 12.5m (approximately AUD 14m)<sup>2</sup>
- The transaction consideration will be funded from debt facilities, existing cash reserves and the issuance of IPH shares to the vendors
- Following the transaction, IPH's pro forma leverage ratio will be approximately 2.2 times<sup>4</sup>. IPH targets a leverage ratio of 1.5 – 2.0 times through the cycle, and may exceed 2x for strategic acquisitions such as ROBIC with the Group's strong cash flow generation to support deleveraging to the target range in due course, expected by approximately December 2024
- At completion of the transaction IPH intends to enter into additional interest rate hedges (consistent with our approach on Smart & Biggar) and will be substantially hedged in the near term which will provide greater certainty for the Group's interest rate expense

<sup>1)</sup> Calculated as the purchase price plus estimated lease liabilities divided by pro forma adjusted EBITDA for ROBIC for the 12 months to August 2023

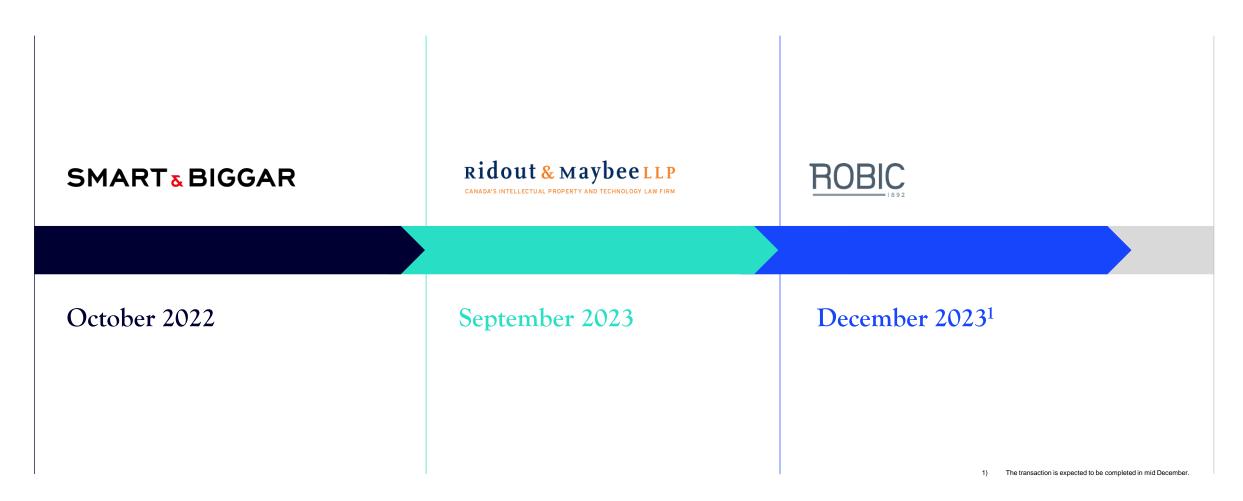
<sup>2)</sup> Pro forma adjusted EBITDA is calculated as ROBIC's unaudited earnings before depreciation and amortisation and before partner draws (on a pre-IFRS-16 basis), adjusted for estimated pro forma partner salaries (excluding any incentive payments), the estimated impact of IFRS-16 and non-recurring items.

<sup>3)</sup> IPH shares issued as a part of the upfront consideration will be escrowed for two years from completion (subject to certain exceptions). These shares will be issued at a price of AUD 6.9 per share being the 20 day VWAP to 17 November 2023.

<sup>4)</sup> Pro forma leverage is calculated as IPH drawn debt net of cash at June 2023 plus additional debt drawn in relation to acquisitions, divided by underlying EBITDA for IPH for the 12 months to June 2023 adjusted to reflect a full year contribution from Smart & Biggar and unaudited pro forma adjusted EBITDA for Ridout & Maybee and ROBIC, on a pre AASB-16 basis, consistent with IPMS debt facilities.

# IPH acquisitions in Canada

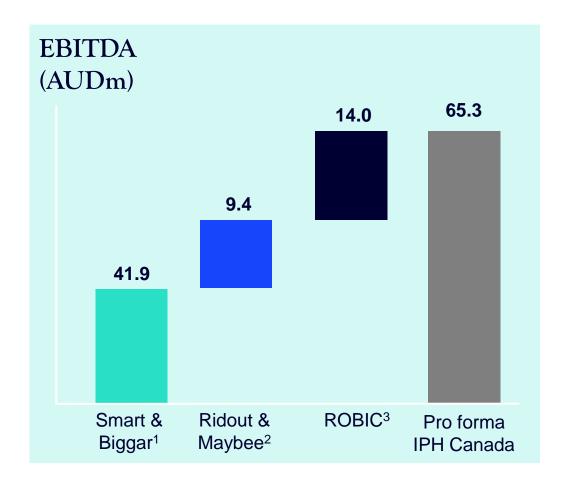
Strengthening IPH's presence in key secondary IP market

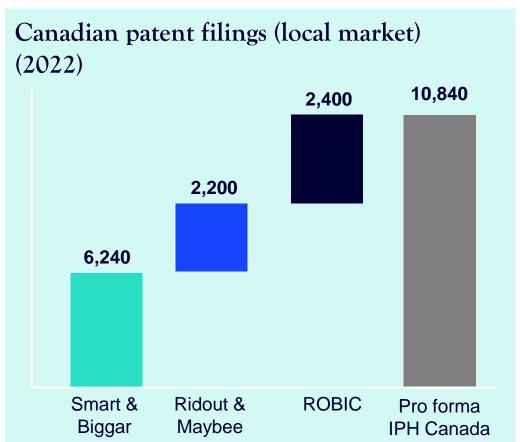




## IPH's growing presence in Canada

ROBIC will add to IPH's strong and growing presence in the Canadian market and provides further diversification to our business as expansion into global secondary markets continues in line with our strategic direction





Smart & Biggar's underlyin EBITDA for FY2023, adjusted to approximate a full year contribution.
 Ridout & Maybee's unaudited, pro forma adjustec EBITDA for the 12 months to December 2022.
 ROBIC's unaudited, pro forma adjusted EBITDA for the 14 months to December 2022.

# About the IPH Group

A leading international IP services group

Patent group

in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Singapore<sup>2</sup>

Trade mark group

in Australia and New Zealand<sup>3</sup>

IP jurisdictions

1,600+ Employees1

36k+ Annual patent filings4

14k+ Annual trade mark filings4

- YTD April as at 20/7/23), New Zealand (FY23 as at 6/7/23), Canada (1HCY22 as at 27/6/23).
- 4) Cases filed or instructed to be filed worldwide based on IPH internal data for FY23, including Smart & Biggar, Ridout &

7 brands

**AJPark** 



GRIFFITH-HACK

**PIZZEYS** 



SMART BIGGAR









# Thank you

ABN 49 169 015 838

Level 22, Tower 2 Darling Park, 201 Sussex St Sydney NSW 2000 Australia Mail to: GPO Box 3898 Sydney 2001, Australia **P.** +61 2 9393 0301 **F.** +61 2 9261 5486

info@iphltd.com.au

iphltd.com.au