

2017 Preliminary Results

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Key messages

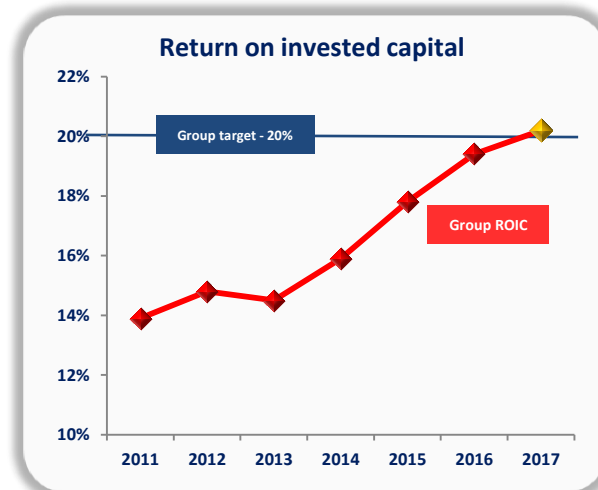
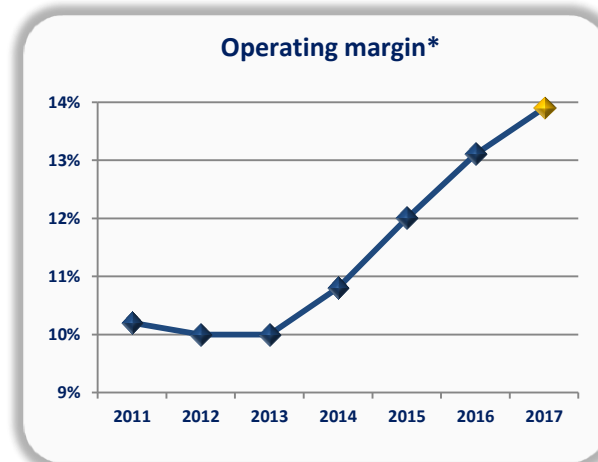
➤ Another excellent year

- Record revenue & profitability
- Organic revenue growth 4% (at constant currency)
- Operating profit* up 12% (at constant currency)

➤ Consistent and proven strategy driving growth and returns

- Operating margin* 13.9%, up 80bps
- ROIC 20.2%, up 80bps

➤ Positive outlook



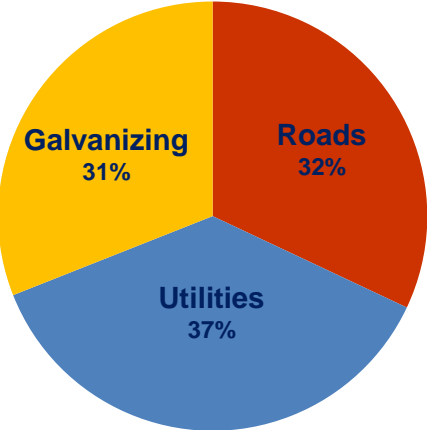
Proposed final dividend 20.6p, up 15%

Results summary

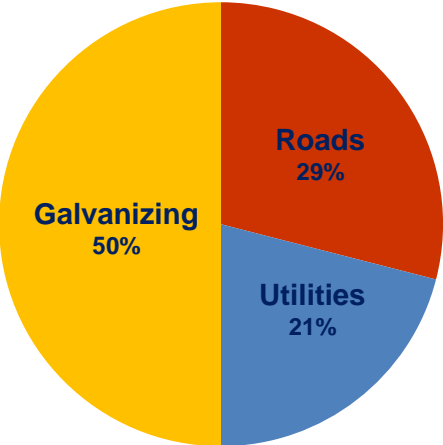
	2017	+/-	2016	
				FX impact: - Revenue +ve £14.4m - Operating profit +ve £2.1m
Revenue (£m)	585.1	↑ 8%	540.1	Organic growth 4% (at constant currency)
Operating profit (£m)	81.3	↑ 15%	70.6	Organic growth 7% (at constant currency)
Operating margin (%)	13.9	↑ 80bps	13.1	Consistent and proven strategy driving returns
Profit before tax (£m)	78.5	↑ 15%	68.0	
Earnings per share (p)	75.9	↑ 15%	65.9	Interest and tax broadly neutral
Dividend (p)	30.0	↑ 14%	26.4	Progressive dividend policy maintained – 15 th successive year

Segment and geographical analysis

Revenue: £585.1m
By segment

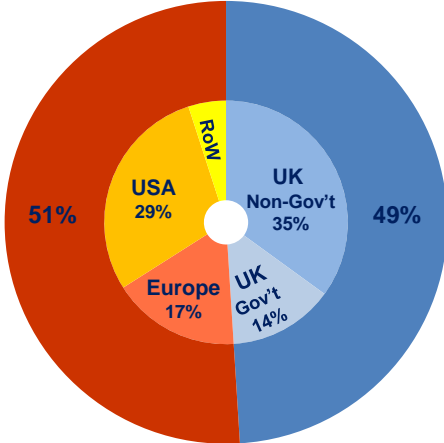


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By segment

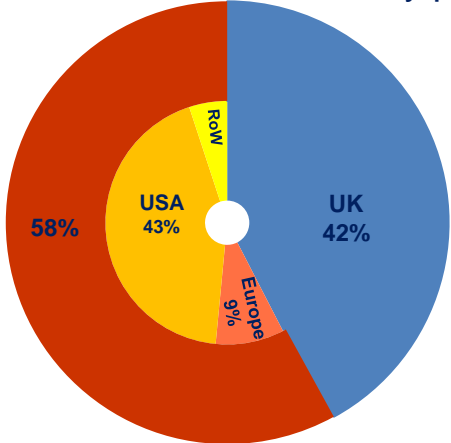


A well balanced business:
products,
markets &
geographies

Revenue: £585.1m
By end market geography



Operating Profit: £81.3m
By plant location



Utilities

	2017	2016	Organic Growth
Revenue (£m)	215.7	207.6	1%
Operating profit (£m)	16.8	13.0	7%
Operating margin	7.8%	6.3%	150bps

- **Operating margin increased to 7.8%**
 - Active portfolio management
 - Now within ‘target range’
- **Growth in US composites**
 - Good organic revenue and profit progression
 - Two acquisitions enhance product offering
- **Pipe Supports**
 - US margin improvement on restructured cost base
 - Strong performance in expanded Indian operation

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2016	207.6	13.0
F/X	4.8	0.5
M&A	15.5	1.3
Non-US Pipes	(14.8)	1.0
Organic	2.6	1.0
2017	215.7	16.8

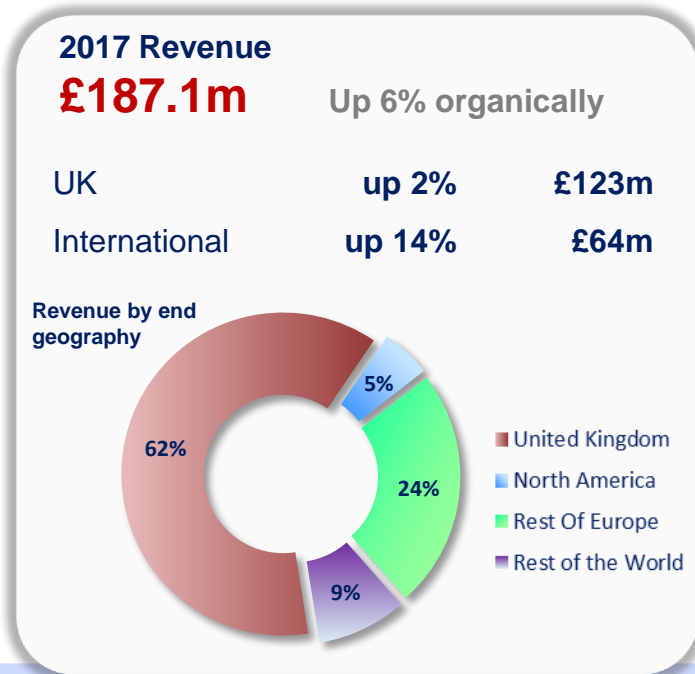


Roads

	2017	2016	Organic Growth
Revenue (£m)	187.1	168.1	6%
Operating profit (£m)	23.6	19.6	15%
Operating margin	12.6%	11.7%	90bps

- **UK 66% of revenue (2016: 70%)**
 - Government’s Road Investment Strategy spend as expected
 - Good utilisation of temporary rental barrier in H1, lower in H2
 - Growing demand for HVM service and product offering
- **International 34% of revenue (2016: 30%)**
 - Scandinavia back on track
 - Record volumes of temporary barrier sold in Australia / USA
- **Portfolio Management**
 - CA Traffic (non-core) disposed in April
 - Closure of Indian roads business
 - VMS: Rationalisation of manufacturing footprint

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2016	168.1	19.6
F/X	3.3	0.1
M&A	5.6	1.0
Organic	10.1	2.9
2017	187.1	23.6

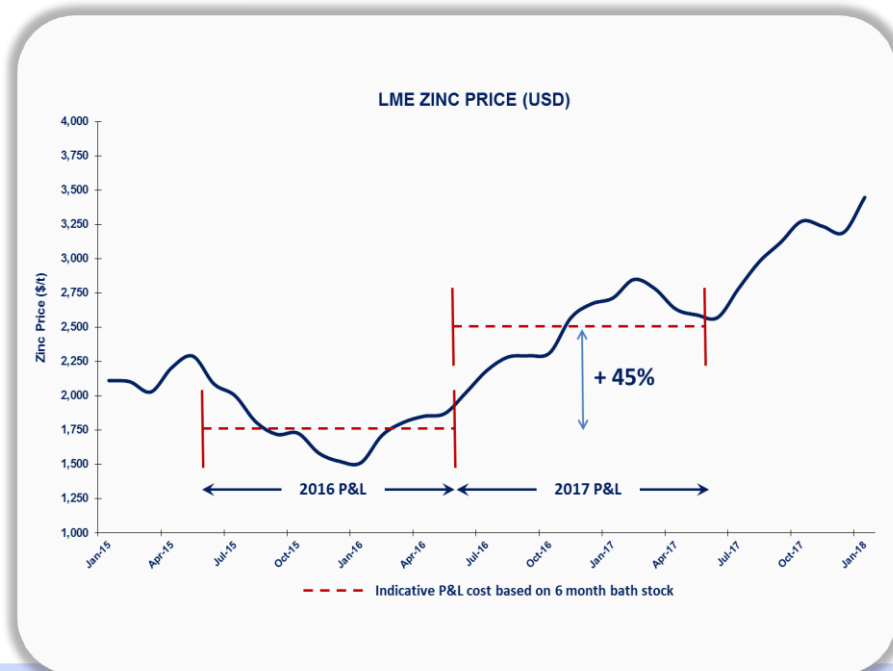


Galvanizing

	2017	2016	Organic Growth
Revenue (£m)	182.3	164.4	7%
Operating profit (£m)	40.9	38.0	4%
Operating margin	22.4%	23.1%	-70bps

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2016	164.4	38.0
F/X	6.3	1.5
Organic	11.6	1.4
2017	182.3	40.9

- **Overall**
 - Margin still strong despite zinc cost challenges
 - New profitability benchmarks in UK and USA
- **UK: 205,000 tonnes ↑ 4%** (H1 ↑ 6%; H2 ↑ 2%)
 - Wider infrastructure investment driving growth
 - Focus on returns driving improved profitability
- **France: 123,000 tonnes ↑ 1%** (H1 ↓ 2%; H2 ↑ 5%)
 - Presidential elections impacted H1
 - Market challenging, but good growth in H2
- **USA: 160,000 tonnes ↓ 9%** (H1 ↓ 16%; H2 ↓ 2%)
 - LNG and solar projects not repeated in 2017
 - Day-to-day volumes stronger in H2; utilities/OEM key drivers
 - Well positioned for any further US infrastructure investment



Foreign exchange sensitivities

	2017	2016	Change
Average rates			
Euro	1.14	1.22	↓ 7%
US\$	1.29	1.35	↓ 4%
Closing rates			
Euro	1.13	1.17	↓ 3%
US\$	1.35	1.23	↑ 10%

Ready reckoner for translation impact of movement in FX rates

Sensitivity to +/- 1 cent move in:	Revenue	Operating profit
Euro	+/- £0.6m	+/- £50k
US\$	+/- £1.3m	+/- £280k

Impact on FY 2017	Revenue	+ve £14.4m or 3%
	Operating profit	+ve £2.1m or 3%

Projection for FY 2018*	Revenue	-ve £15.6m or 3%
	Operating profit	-ve £3.3m or 4%

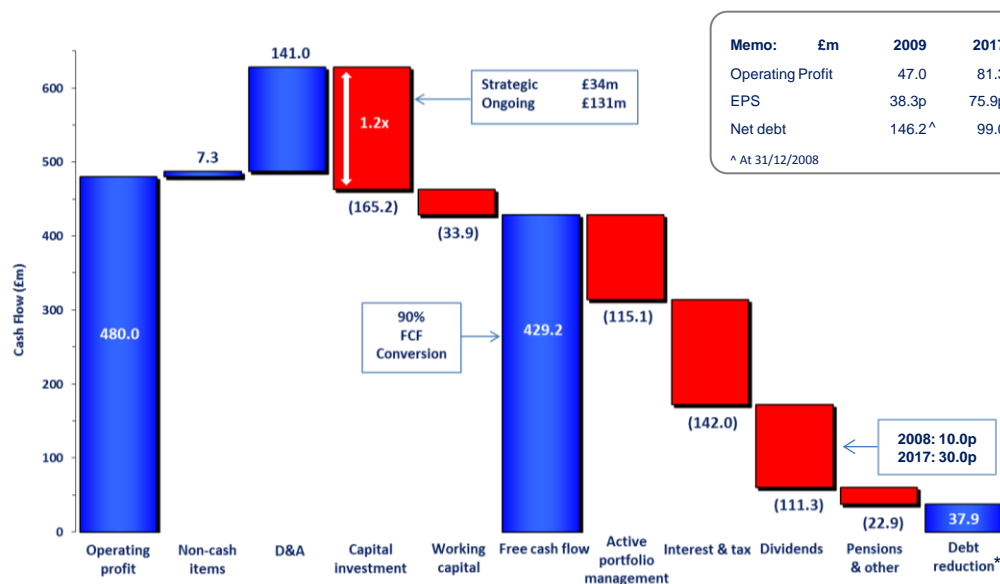
* Compares impact on 2017 results of using exchange rates at 23 February 2018 (£1 = \$1.40 and £1 = €1.14) versus average exchange rates for 2017

Free cash flow and net debt

£m	2017	2016
Underlying Operating Profit	81.3	70.6
Depreciation and amortisation	19.2	18.4
Underlying EBITDA	100.5	89.0
Other non-cash items	1.8	1.4
Working capital	(19.1)	(3.8)
Capital expenditure (net)	(19.5)	(20.9)
Underlying operating cash flow	63.7	65.7
Restructuring spend	(2.2)	(1.5)
Provisions/Pension	(2.8)	(2.3)
Interest paid (net)	(2.8)	(2.8)
Tax paid	(16.7)	(15.7)
Statutory free cash flow	39.2	43.4
Dividends	(20.7)	(16.2)
Acquisitions/disposals	(6.4)	(39.2)
Share issues/other (net)	(2.4)	(1.6)
Net cash flow	9.7	(13.6)
Note: F/X impact	3.3	(6.9)
Net debt	99.0	112.0

- Underlying cash conversion 78%; 9-year average 90%
- Working Capital
 - Zinc price c.£7m impact on inventories
 - Cost inflation
 - Stock build in advance of 2018 projects c.£6m
- Gross Capex £20.7m, 1.1 times DA
 - 2018 guidance c.£25m (1.2 times)
- Net debt: EBITDA 1.0 times (2016: 1.2 times)

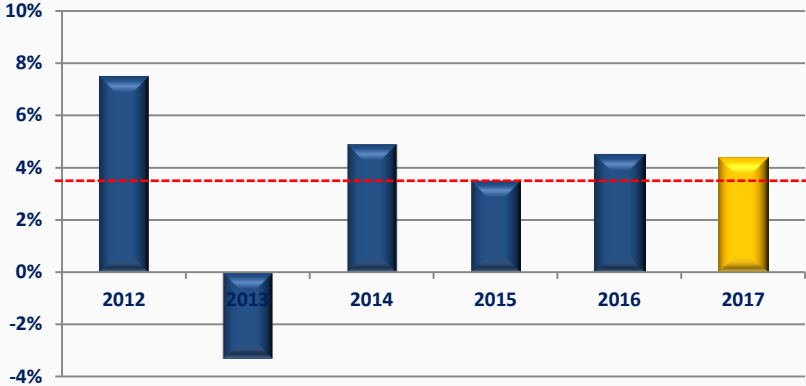
Cumulative cash flow 2009-2017



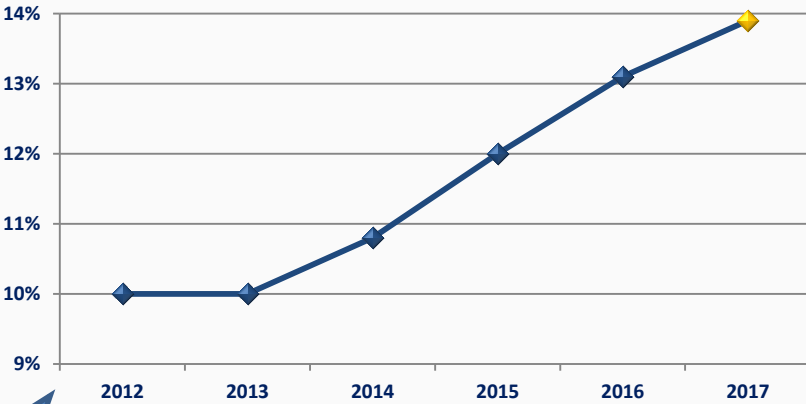
* Total Net debt reduction £47.2m including £9.3m F/X

Strategic KPI's

Organic revenue growth

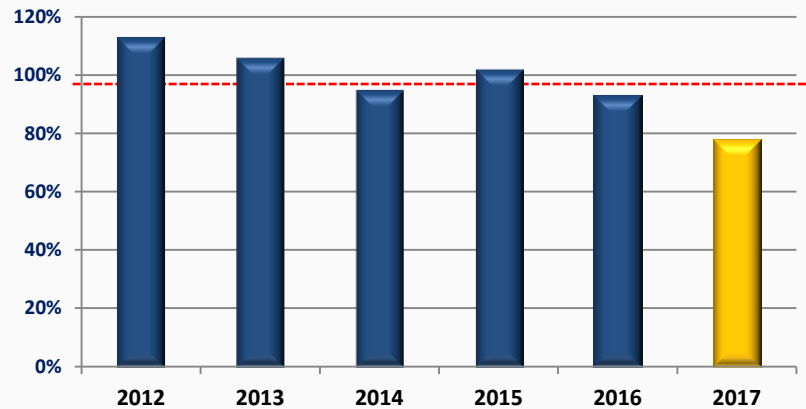


Operating margin



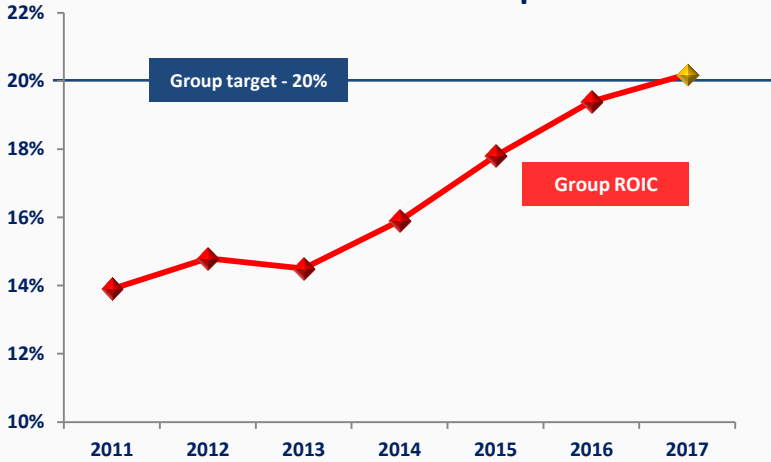
Driving Returns

Underlying cash conversion*



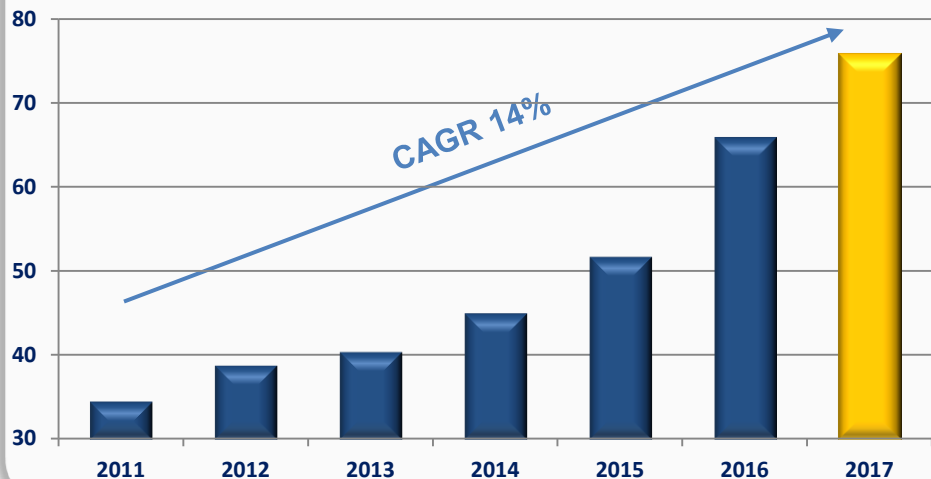
*excluding strategic capex

Return on invested capital



Earnings and Dividend

Earnings per share (p)



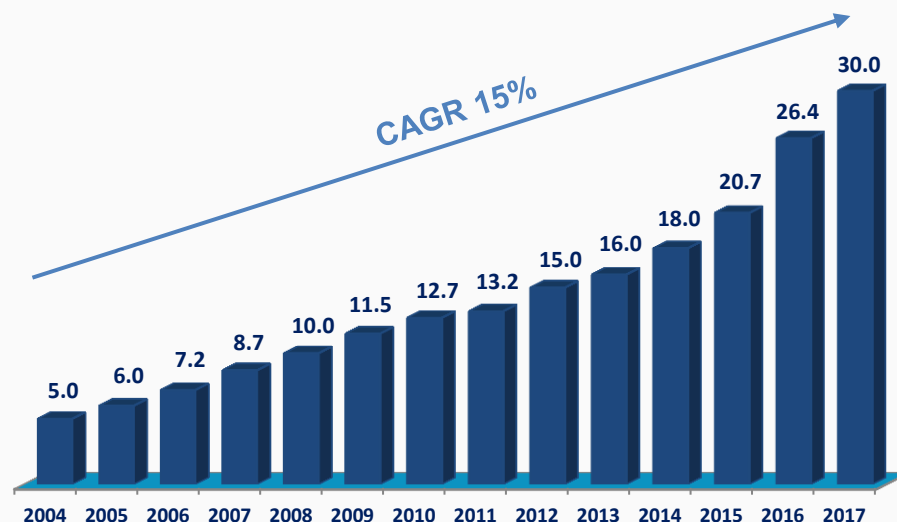
Dividend (p)

	2017	2016		
Interim dividend per share	9.4p	8.5p	↑	11%
Final dividend per share	20.6p	17.9p	↑	15%
Total dividend per share	30.0p	26.4p	↑	14%

Dividend

- 15 successive years of dividend growth
- Central to strategy and TSR ethos
- UEPS increase of 15% - dividend up 14%
- Target cover ratio c.2.5 times

CAGR 15%



Organic & Legislative Growth

- Focus on growing revenue and margin in existing markets through product development and innovation
- Identify Governmental legislation that creates opportunities to deliver innovative products and services

- Highways England RIS1 and RIS2 to 2025
- Hinkley Point, HS2, AMP6, Control Period 6
- Energy policy - offshore wind farms
- USA FAST Act, wider Industrial Policy

Geographical Expansion

- Introduce proprietary products to UK & US specification into new geographies
- Countries with new and ageing infrastructure requirements
- Utilise manufacturing capacity for other Group products

- Rental products into Scandinavian roads
- Zoneguard USA and Australia/NZ
- HVM products to Middle East
- Pipe Supports into Far East Power Generation

Strategic Acquisition

- Acquisitions adding value by creating synergies with existing businesses, extending our product portfolio and geographical coverage

- Composite and power utility products in USA
- Road products in countries with legislative spend
- Galvanizing in existing geographies
- Developing off-site modular build capability

Highways England: Road Investment Strategy ('RIS')



Temporary Safety Barrier



Crash Cushions



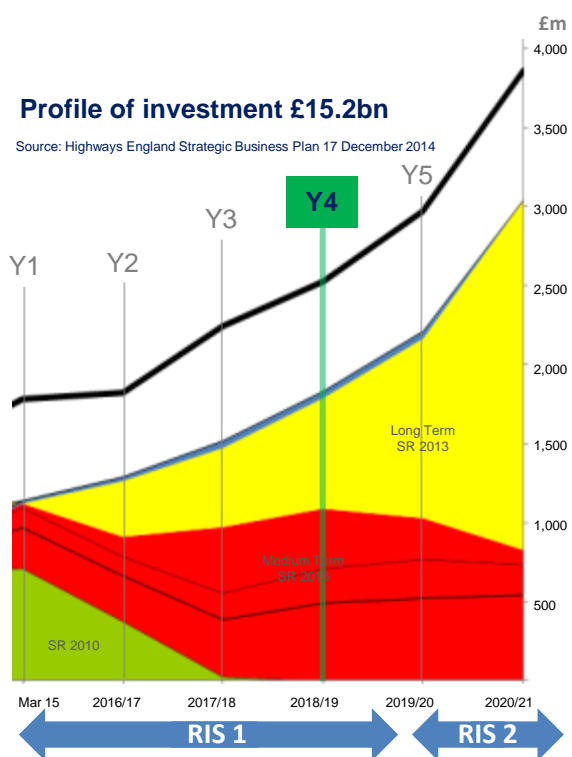
Permanent Safety Barrier



Variable Message Signs



ROTTM Sign



Major improvement schemes	
Scheme	Start
M1 junctions 13-19	Current
M6 junctions 16-19	Current
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon	Current
M1 junctions 23-25	Current
M20 junction 10a	Q2 18
M4 junctions 3-12	Q3 18
M6 junctions 2-4	Q1 18
M6 junctions 13-15	Q1 18
M20 junctions 3-5	Q2 18
M23 junctions 8-10	Q2 18
M27 junctions 4-11	Q3 18
M62 junctions 10-12	Q3 18

Highways England (HE) could receive as much as £30bn for the next Road Investment Strategy (RIS2)

- HE has publicly provided annual figures of £4bn capital in total and £1bn revenue for RIS2 from 2020-2025 (2017 spend c.£2.4bn)
- Coincides with new funding system - Vehicle Excise Duty will be ring-fenced for the Strategic Road Network (SRN) and proposed major road network
- Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling: "We are planning to spend more than ever before to upgrade England's motorways and major A roads from 2020 through to 2025."

Source: Highways Magazine Dec 2017

Source: Highways England Delivery Plan 2017-2018

UK Infrastructure

ENERGY

- Offshore wind - landing platforms
- Biogas anaerobic digestion
- Energy from Waste
- Hinkley Point - nuclear



RAIL

- CP6 – 2019 to 2024 expected spend £47bn
- New train depots for new rolling stock
- HS2 construction commences 2018
- Security upgrade on electrification



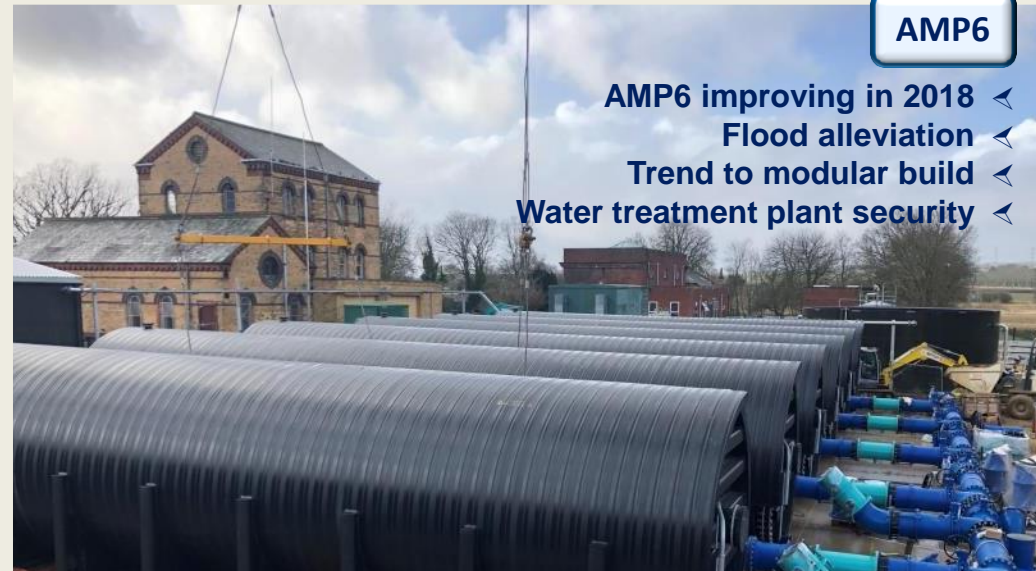
SECURITY

- Increased demand for HVM products
- Increased site security
 - government buildings
 - border security
 - data centres
 - outdoor events
 - oil & gas terminals
 - airports



AMP6

- AMP6 improving in 2018
- Flood alleviation
- Trend to modular build
- Water treatment plant security



UK Off-Site Modular Build

Suspended Internal Platform (SIP)



Weholite Manholes



US Infrastructure

HIGHWAYS

- Fixing America's Surface Transportation ('FAST') Act
- \$305bn five year bill to 2020
- Long-term funding certainty and project visibility
- Year 2 spending on track
- Further investment in Zoneguard fleet



OEM

Strong US economy driving day-to-day volumes



UTILITIES

- Steady pipeline of CCGT power plants
- Upgrades to waste water treatment plants
- Power transmission investment continues
- Increased substation renewal



BRIDGES

13,000 bridges need replacing
Active temporary bridge market
due to natural disasters



International Development

ATA Scandinavia



Bergen Pipe Supports India



2017 Acquisitions

Acquired 24 March 2017

Acquisition cost: £6.1m
Annual Revenue: £8m



Kenway Corporation, a specialist in technologically advanced composite design, manufacturing and field service work across a broad range of industries including marine, power, pulp and paper, transportation and renewable energy.

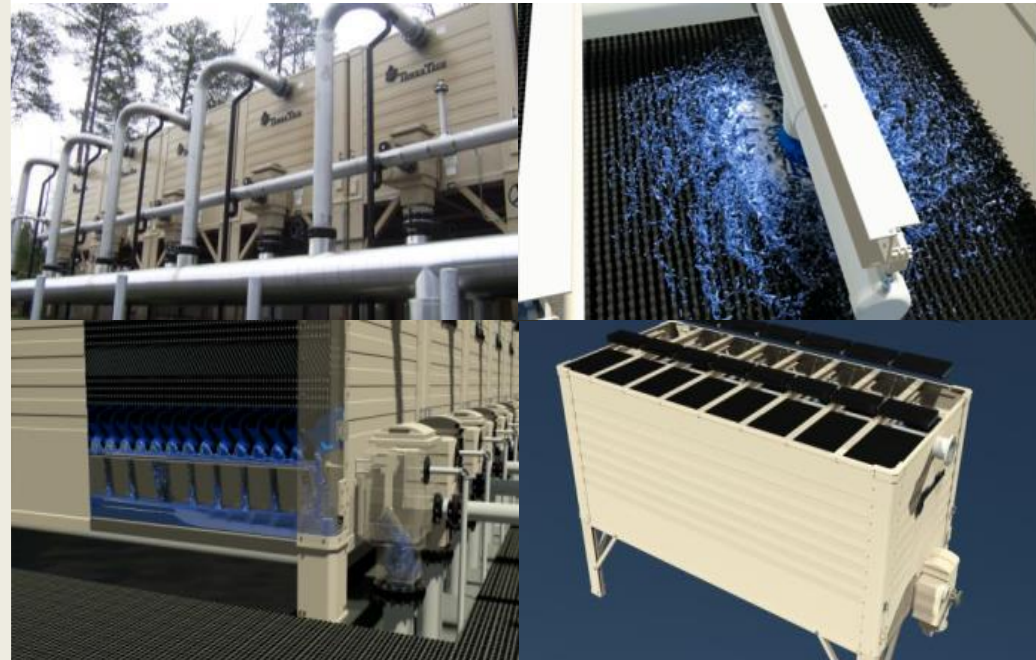


Acquired 15 August 2017

Acquisition cost: £2.4m
Annual Revenue: £12m



Tower Tech manufacture the world's most efficient modular cooling towers that are easy to install, provide ultra-low operating costs, exhibit excellent maintenance and safety characteristics, have unmatched redundancy and maintain a long service life.



US Composites

COMPOSITES GROUP

Creative Pultrusions

ET Techtonics



Tower Tech



Kenway



Access UK



- **Global pultruded composites market c.\$1.5bn (USA 50% of total*)**
- **Strong future growth >8% p.a. in many US market segments***
- **Growth driven by:**
 - increased awareness of potential applications
 - introduction of composite specifications into a higher number of structural construction standards
 - requirement for materials in OEM components to be more lightweight and corrosion resistant
 - long life with low maintenance
- **Fragmented market – opportunities to further enhance product offering of our Composites Group**

* Source: LEK Market Study

Outlook

UTILITIES

- US/UK infrastructure investment outlook strong
- Pipe Supports delivering improved profitability and returns

ROADS

- UK Road Investment Strategy gives certainty of spending
- Good organic growth opportunities from International businesses

GALVANIZING

- US/UK operations maximising opportunities from increased spend
- Recovery of end markets in France

OVERALL

- Positive outlook in core end markets

“...well positioned to again deliver another year of progress.”

Appendices

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Business Segments

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hs UTILITIES

hs ROADS

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USA

FRANCE

UK



Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (“HVM”)



Segment analysis

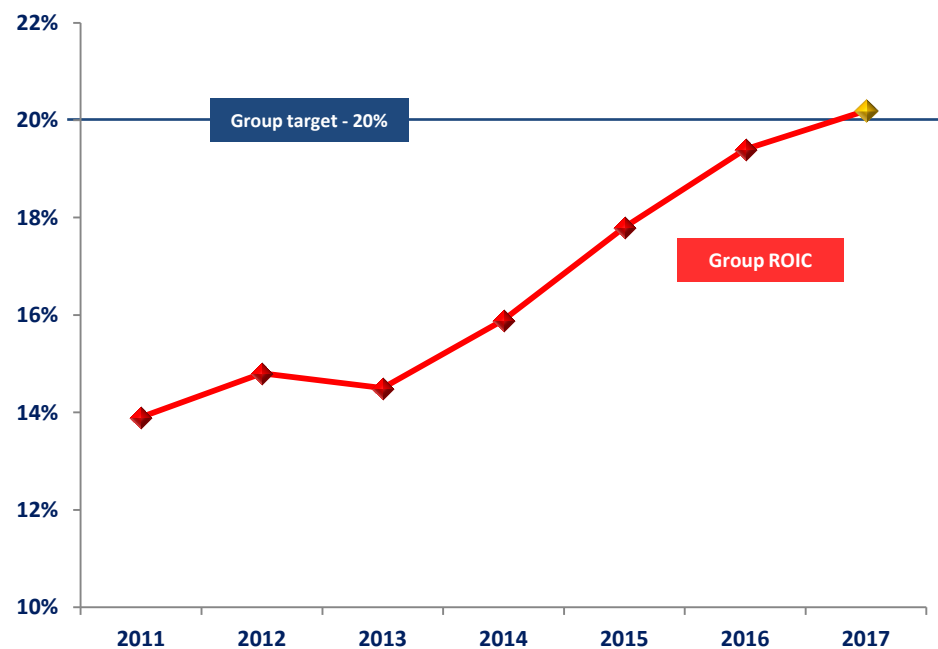
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Non-underlying items

£m	2017	2016
Operating items		
Business reorganisation costs	(2.8)	(10.5)
Acquisition costs	(0.6)	(1.8)
Amortisation of acquisition intangibles	(4.0)	(2.6)
Impairment of acquisition intangibles/other assets	(0.4)	(4.1)
Profit on sale of CA Traffic	0.6	-
Pension settlement gains	-	0.2
	(7.2)	(18.8)
Financing costs		
Net pension interest	(0.7)	(0.5)
Refinancing expense amortisation	(0.4)	(0.4)
	(8.3)	(19.7)
Cash in year (net)	1.8	(3.3)
Future cash	(1.8)	(2.1)
Non cash	(8.3)	(14.3)
	(8.3)	(19.7)

Return on Invested Capital

ROIC%
before tax



Group	2017	2016
Operating Profit (£m)	81.3	70.6
Av. Invested Capital (£m)	403.1	363.3
ROIC %	20.2	19.4

Divisional (%)	2017	2016
Utilities	17.5	15.3
Roads	22.0	21.7
Infrastructure Products	19.9	18.6
Galvanizing	20.4	20.2

Margin

	Margin		Target Range %
	2017 %	2016 %	
Infrastructure Products	10.0	8.7	8 – 11
- Utilities	7.8	6.3	7 – 10
- Roads	12.6	11.7	10 – 14
Galvanizing Services	22.4	23.1	19 – 22
Group	13.9	13.1	12 – 15

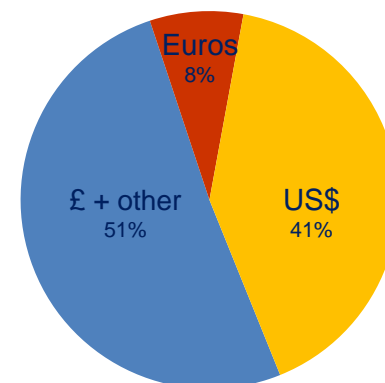
- Utilities improving and now within target range
- Further progression in Roads
- Galvanizing marginally ahead of target range

Availability and usage of debt facilities

£m	Net Debt	Facility
Committed	115.4	227.8
On demand	-	9.5
Cash	(16.4)	-
	99.0	237.3

Maturity		
On demand	2017 to 2020	2021
9.5	0.7	227.1

Net Debt by Currency



- Facilities provide significant headroom
 - Net debt : EBITDA 1.0 times (covenant 3 times); Interest cover 37 times (covenant 4 times)
 - Principal RCF committed to April 2021
- Target net debt : EBITDA range between 1.5 to 2.0 times