



# 2020 Preliminary Results

Creating sustainable infrastructure and safe transport through innovation

10 March 2021



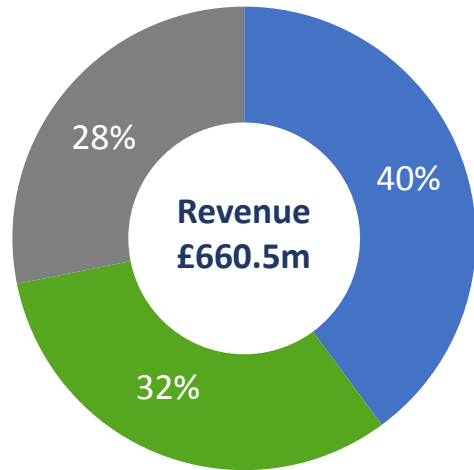
- **Safety, health and wellbeing of our employees remain our key priority**
- **Robust trading performance**
  - Good recovery in H2, approaching H2 2019 trading levels
  - US businesses performed well throughout the year
  - Security businesses continue to face challenges
- **Strong cash generation**
  - £69.1m reduction in net debt
  - Repayment of UK furlough monies
- **Total 2020 dividend 26.7p per share**
- **Long term outlook for infrastructure remains positive**



	2020	2019	Reported +/-	Organic <sup>^</sup> +/-
Revenue (£m)	660.5	694.7	-5%	-7%
Operating profit (£m)	69.9	86.3	-19%	-20%
Operating margin	10.6%	12.4%	-180bps	-180bps
Profit before tax (£m)	62.6	79.4	-21%	-22%
Earnings per share (p)	63.2	80.7	-22%	-23%
Dividend (p)	26.7	10.6	+152%	
Net Debt (£m)	146.2	215.3		

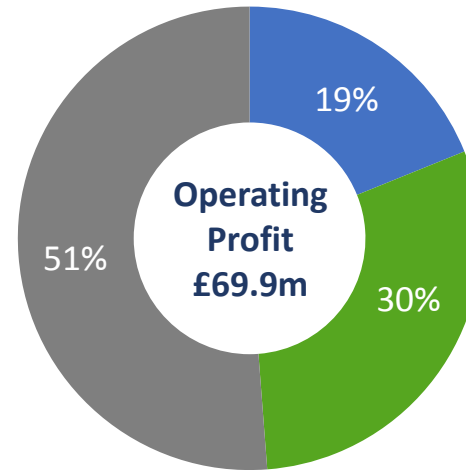
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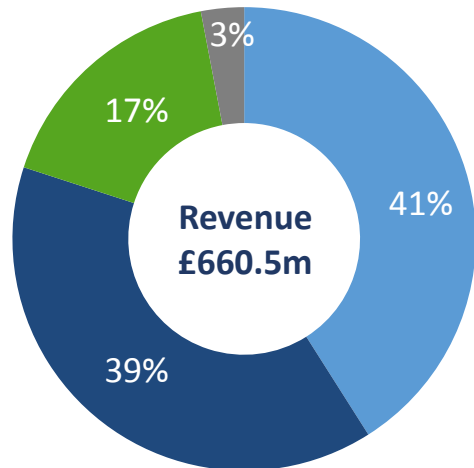
By segment

- Roads & Security
- Utilities
- Galvanizing

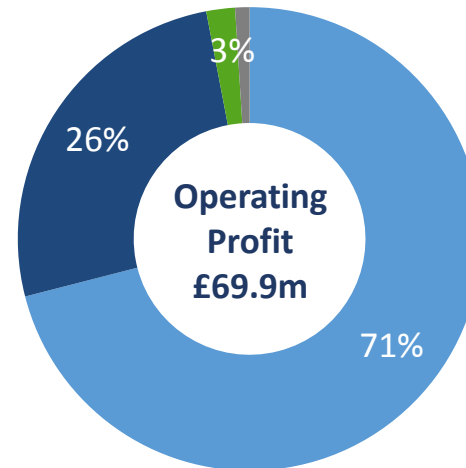


By plant location

By end market geography



- US
- UK
- Rest of Europe
- Rest of World



	2020	2019*	Organic Change
Revenue (£m)	263.4	275.3	-10%
Operating profit (£m)	13.2	23.2	-45%
Operating margin	5.0%	8.4%	

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2019*	275.3	23.2
F/X	0.6	-
M&A	16.0	0.5
Organic	(28.5)	(10.5)
2020	263.4	13.2

## UK Roads

- UK Government confirmed commitment to RIS 2 spend: £27.4bn (2020-25)
- Temporary rental barrier operated as expected with lower utilisation in H2 2020; new Smart Motorway schemes expected to commence H2 2021
- Good demand for permanent barriers driven by release of new RIS 2 schemes
- Variable message sign business experienced challenges due to slowdown in demand
- Gradual H2 recovery in remaining UK Roads portfolio

## US Roads

- Awarded “essential” status and remained open throughout the year
- Strong performance with high demand for crash attenuators and temporary barrier
- Investment in barrier fleet and manufacturing capacity to support future growth

## Other International Roads

- Sweden restructuring progressing under new management; losses significantly reduced
- Improved trading performance in Australia; growth opportunities encouraging

## UK Security

- Security bollard and HVM projects impacted by delays and cancellations
- Low demand for security rental barrier due to cancellation of public gatherings
- Outlook for data centre security solutions encouraging

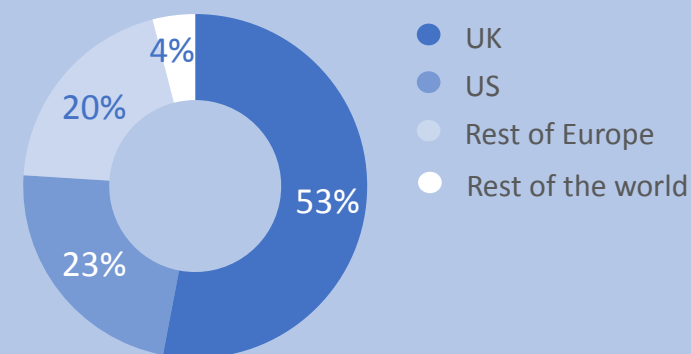
## 2020 Revenue

**£263.4m**

Down 10% organically

UK Roads	down 1%	£107m
UK Security	down 29%	£49m
US Roads	up 6%	£57m
International	down 16%	£50m

## Revenue by end geography



	2020	2019*	Organic Change
Revenue (£m)	211.2	222.3	-2%
Operating profit (£m)	20.9	21.3	-4%
Operating margin	9.9%	9.6%	

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2019*	222.3	21.3
F/X	(0.4)	-
M&A	(5.4)	0.4
Organic	(5.3)	(0.8)
2020	211.2	20.9

## UK

- Building products business temporarily closed in March, reopened in April
- Industrial flooring remained open throughout
- Good recovery in H2

## US

- Businesses deemed 'essential' and allowed to remain open
- Strong demand for a wide range of composite solutions including: waterfront protection, transmission access platforms, railcar flooring and HVAC applications
- Electricity distribution substation business delivered strong organic growth driven by upgrade of ageing infrastructure

## Pipe Supports

- US business awarded 'essential' status and continued to operate with focus on customer service and efficiencies improving margins
- Investment in our US seismic restraint device manufacturing capability to support future growth
- India impacted by COVID-19 forced shutdown in Q2; recovery in H2
- Growing demand for products to support transition towards cleaner energy

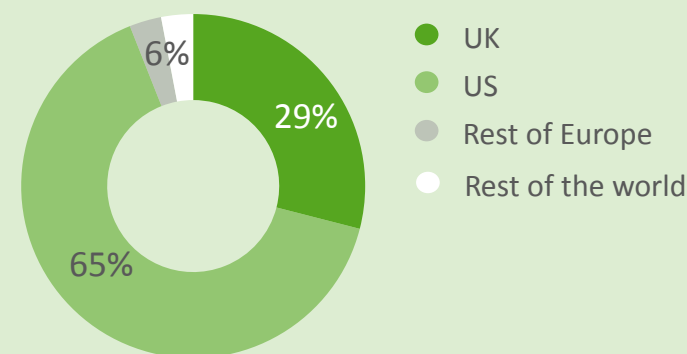
## 2020 Revenue

**£211.2m**

Down 2% organically

UK	down 14%	£64m
US	up 6%	£103m
Pipes (US/India)	flat	£44m

## Revenue by end geography



	2020	2019	Organic Change
Revenue (£m)	185.9	197.1	-6%
Operating profit (£m)	35.8	41.8	-14%
Operating margin	19.3%	21.2%	

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2019	197.1	41.8
F/X	0.5	-
Organic	(11.7)	(6.0)
2020	185.9	35.8

## Overall

- H1 trading impacted by COVID-19 related closure and slowdown in demand
- Volume recovery in H2 supported by wide sectoral spread of customers
- Margins supported by pricing, plant efficiencies and lower zinc input costs

### UK: 177k tonnes ↓7%

- All plants remained open to support essential work, albeit with lower activity
- Recovery in H2 with strong demand in fourth quarter

### US: 154k tonnes ↓7%

- All plants awarded 'essential' status and continued to operate
- Slowdown in activity due to COVID-19 customer shutdowns and project delays
- New York plant operational January 2020 with baseload of new customers
- Actively assessing locations for further expansion

### France: 115k tonnes ↓11%

- Forced closure of all plants in middle of March; reopened at end of April
- Gradual recovery of volumes in H2
- Subdued market outlook has resulted in £17.5m goodwill impairment

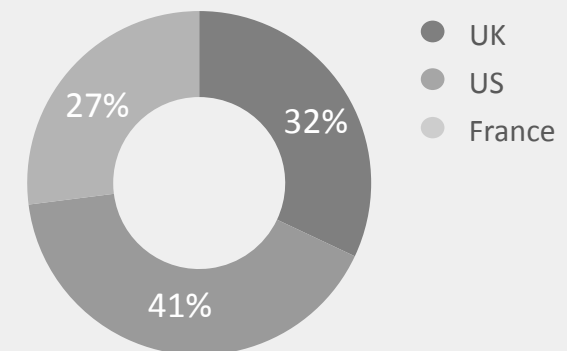
## 2020 Revenue

**£185.9m**

Down 6% organically

UK	down 4%	£59m
US	down 6%	£76m
France	down 8%	£51m

Revenue by end geography



# Cash generation and financial position



£m	FY 2020	FY 2019
Underlying Operating Profit	69.9	86.3
Depreciation and amortization	33.7	31.3
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>117.6</b>
Working capital	18.2	(12.9)
Capital expenditure (net)	(13.9)	(46.8)
Repayments of lease liabilities	(11.1)	(10.5)
Movements in provisions / other	0.7	(0.9)
<b>Underlying operating cash flow</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>46.5</b>
<b><i>Underlying cash conversion ratio (%)</i></b>	<b><i>139%</i></b>	<b><i>54%</i></b>
Restructuring spend (net)	(0.6)	(1.2)
Pension deficit payments	(3.6)	(2.5)
Interest paid (inc. IFRS 16)	(6.2)	(6.8)
Tax paid	(16.5)	(14.4)
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>21.6</b>
Dividends	(8.4)	(25.1)
Acquisitions/disposals	(0.9)	(46.5)
Lease movements under IFRS 16	7.9	(0.6)
Share issues/other (net)	0.2	1.3
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>(49.3)</b>
FX impact	(0.3)	2.9
Adoption of IFRS 16	-	(36.0)
<b>Net debt**</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>215.3</b>

- **Strong cash generation in period**

- Underlying cash conversion 139%

- **Working capital inflow £18.2m (2019: £12.9m outflow)**

- £21.6m inflow from trade receivables due to cash collection enhancements and customer mix dynamics
- Debtor days: 54 days (Dec 2019: 61 days)
- No benefit from UK COVID-19 reliefs: furlough and Q2 VAT deferrals repaid in December 2020 (c£10m)

- **Capex 0.9 times depreciation/amortisation**

- Gross spend of £20.4m
- Rigorous review to prioritise spend without limiting longer term growth prospects
- FY 2021 guidance c£35m

- **Strong liquidity headroom**

- Net debt reduced to £146.2m (Dec 2019: £215.3m)
- Net debt to EBITDA: 1.3 times (covenant < 3.0 times)
- Interest cover 17.0 times (covenant > 4.0 times)
- £225.1m headroom against borrowing facilities
- Facilities have medium to long maturities (95% Dec 2023 onwards)

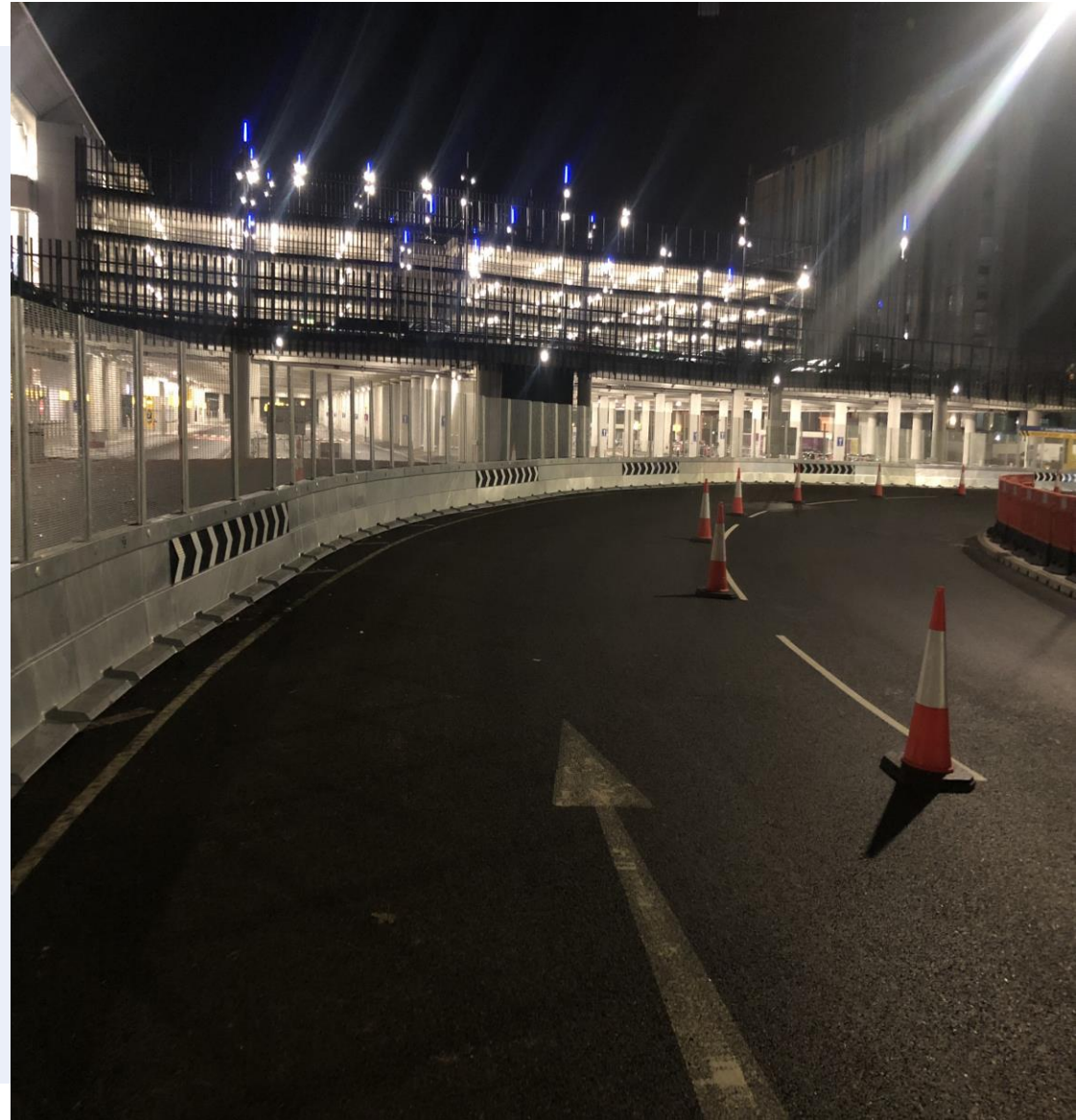


## Short term

- Expect good overall recovery in 2021
- Mindful of ongoing COVID-19 uncertainty
- FX and raw material price headwinds
- Smart motorway schemes expected to start in H2 2021

## Medium to long term

- Outlook for infrastructure spend remains positive
- Potential for significant US infrastructure bill under Biden administration
- UK Government's commitment to £27.4bn RIS2 (2020-25)





# Strategy update

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## Strong fundamentals

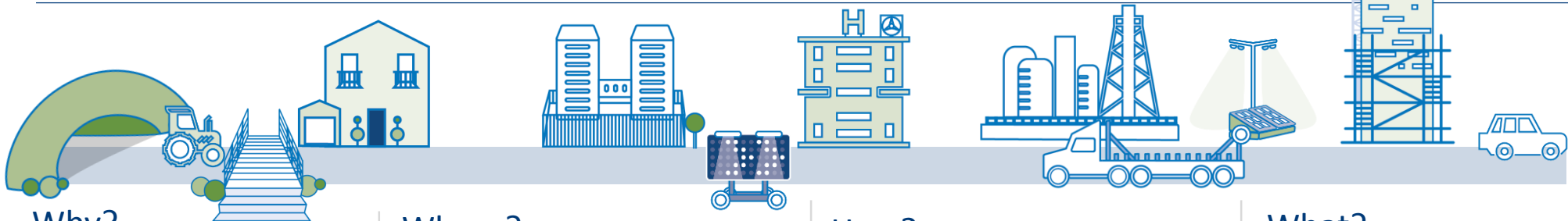
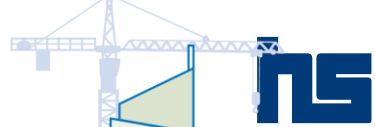
- Resilient markets – strong growth drivers
- Impressive footprint
- Entrepreneurial autonomous operating model
- Excellent domain knowledge
- Talented people, a positive culture
- Ambitious board
- Financial model
- Strong balance sheet & cash generation

## Opportunities

- Become more sustainable led by our purpose
- Increase the focus on organic growth
- Target higher margin applications
- Improve rate of innovation
- US growth prospects
- Fine-tune the portfolio
  - M&A discipline
  - Possible selective disposals
- Organise for growth and scalability



# Our strategy



## Why?

**Creating sustainable infrastructure and safe transport through innovation**



## Where?

- 1 Macro drivers**  
Increasing population, Urbanisation, Climate change, increasing Health & Safety regulations
- 2 Market drivers**  
Sustainable materials, Decarbonisation, Infrastructure safety, Enabling technology, Vision zero
- 3 Applications & niches**  
Systematic process:
  1. Select niches
  2. Assessment of businesses



## How?

### Autonomous operating model

- Autonomy/agility/proximity to market
  - Premium on talent
  - Innovation
- } organic growth

### Portfolio management

- Disciplined M&A
- Possible selective disposals

### Financial model

- Organic profit growth/strong cash
- Conservative financial leverage
- Allocate capital to high growth/returns opportunities (M&A and organic)
- Progressive dividend policy



## What?

**Superior long-term stakeholder value**

		Market Trend	Opportunities for H&S
	<p><b>Galvanizing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protects, extends and enhances critical infrastructure</li> <li>US growth higher than Europe due to lower market penetration and US infrastructure spend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop / acquire technology utilising our domain knowledge</li> <li>Increase R&amp;D focus to drive innovation</li> <li>Focus on high margin niche market applications</li> <li>Introduce products to drive decarbonisation</li> <li>Geographical expansion (new plants and acquisitions)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Roads &amp; Security</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting President Biden's infrastructure bill</li> <li>FAST Act extended until Q3 2021</li> <li>UK strategic road investment spend (RIS2)</li> <li>Smarter road work zones</li> <li>Decarbonisation of construction</li> <li>Increasing data usage – data centres</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Utilities - Composites</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong environmental credentials</li> <li>Composite technology constantly evolving &amp; increasing awareness of potential applications</li> <li>Expectation of strong future growth in various market segments</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Utilities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paris agreement: Net-Zero emissions by 2050 (c.190 countries)</li> <li>Ageing US transmission infrastructure and change in generation sources leading to increase in capital spend</li> </ul>	

## 1. Novia

- High value engineered HVAC restraint
- Regional player – capacity constrained
- Expand manufacturing capacity (\$3.6m) and sales coverage

## 2. V&S Utilities

- Electricity distribution market
- \$1.5m investment in additional Ohio plant

## 3. H&S Inc

- \$11m investment – high value
- Texas temporary barrier rental facility
- ITS - Connected ecosystem

## 4. V&S Galvanising

- High value service
- \$15m invested in NY
- Market research study underway



## Continue strategy of thoughtful acquisitions and selective disposals

### Preferred Application Characteristics

- Fits purpose
- Strong long term market drivers
- Market niches: strong barriers to entry or highly regulated
- Non-discretionary spend

### Business Performance

- Gross margins at or above Group average
- Credible plan to deliver organic profit growth every year for the next five years
- Strong growth history/consistency
- Strong cash generation
- Assessment of businesses

### Target Characteristics

- Growth and strategic rationale for acquisition
- Utilise our extensive domain knowledge to de-risk new-to-H&S technology acquisitions
- Offer is a small part of a high stakes system
- Good level of IP or high domain knowledge
- Scalable
- Ambitious management and a strong cultural fit





**Paul Simmons**  
**CEO**

Joined from Halma in 2020. Has worked in the UK, US and China.



**Hannah Nichols**  
**CFO**

Joined in 2019 from BT. Has worked in the UK and Singapore.



**Andrew Park**  
**CPO**

Joining in June 2021. Has worked in the UK, US, Turkey and Hungary.



**Denise Beachy**  
**Group President**

US based, joined from DuPont in 2021. Has also worked in Switzerland and the UK.



**Andy Beaney**  
**Group President**

Joined in 2019 from Interserve. Has worked in the UK and Middle East.



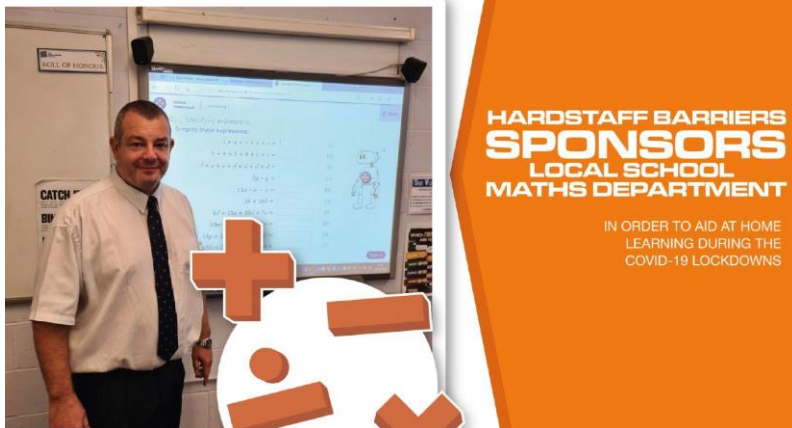
**Joel Whitehouse**  
**Corporate Development Director**

Joined in 2006. Responsible for acquiring many of the Group's businesses.

## Key changes to drive growth:

- **Executive board formed January 2021**
- **Group President Role**
  - Scalability
  - Supports Operating Companies with organic growth
  - Accountable for the delivery of M&A proposals
  - Research new-to-H&S areas
  - Roles are market focussed – not geographical
- **Chief People Officer**
  - Model places a premium on talent
  - Huge potential for employee career development
- **Managing Director and Group President bonus plans transition to profit growth metrics**





## Sustainability is central to revenue growth and the way we operate

- H2 2021 major refresh of sustainability priorities

### Environmental

- Our products & services reduce resource usage and emissions e.g. galvanizing and composites
- Opportunities to reduce environmental impact across each business
- Lower energy usage, reduce emissions, better water usage

### Social

- Ongoing COVID-19 protection
- Safety - focus on continuous improvement to Long Term Injury Rate
- Strengthen talent management processes
- Apprenticeship schemes
- Increasing employee engagement

### Governance

- Board refreshed in last three years, ongoing diversity improvements
- Online compliance education
- Increasing stakeholder engagement

- Robust profit and cash performance demonstrates the resilience of our markets and our operational execution
- A clear purpose that aligns with long term drivers and medium term market stimuli
- Solid platform for consistent growth, based on proven operating and financial models
- Increased focus on talent and innovation with incentives aligned to organic growth
- Evolve the quality and technical breadth of the portfolio organically and through thoughtful acquisitions (within current and adjacent markets) and selective disposals
- Well positioned to develop and strengthen our sustainability credentials



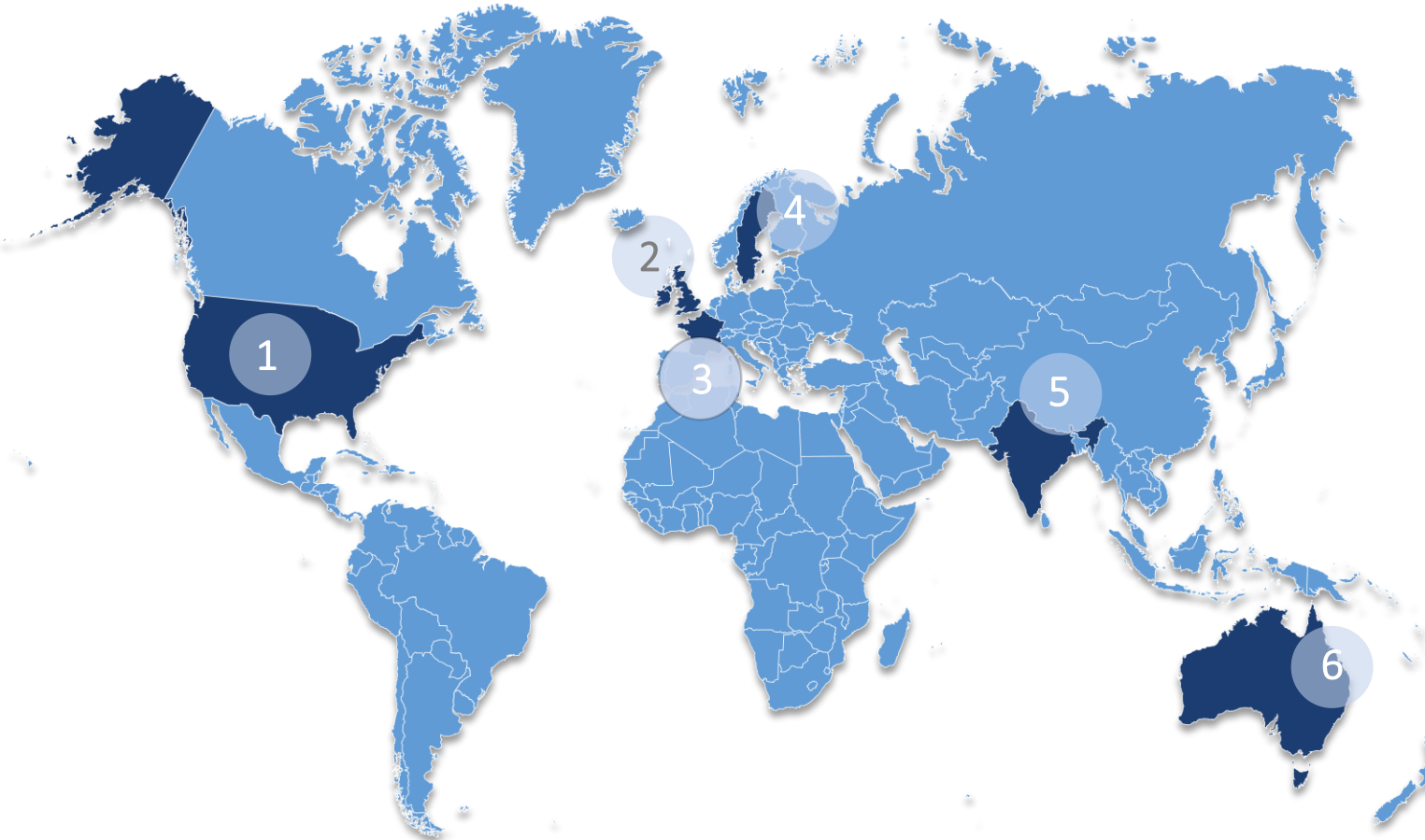
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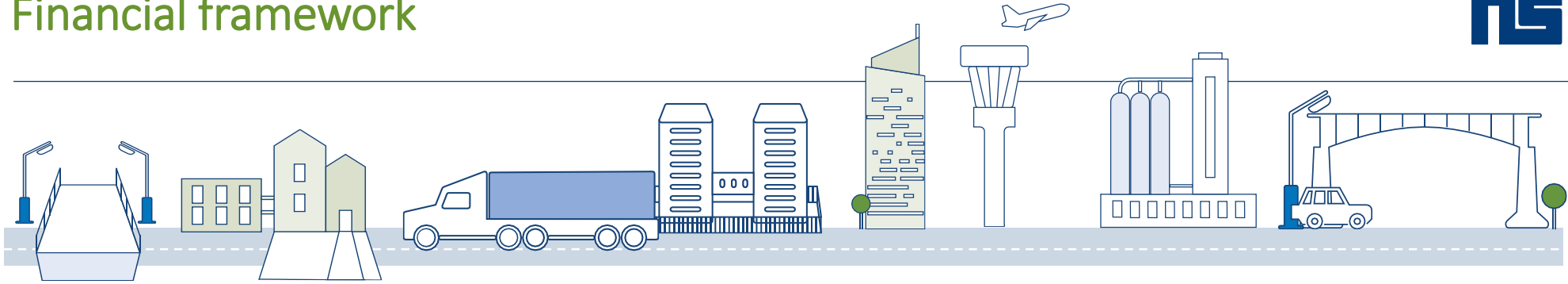
1. **USA:** Eight galvanizing facilities mainly in the north east, several Utilities sites manufacturing composite solutions and electricity distribution products, our Roads business based in Ohio and a network of locations for the manufacture and distribution of Pipe Support products.
2. **UK:** Network of 10 galvanizing plants across the country, several roads & security businesses predominantly around the Midlands, two Utilities operations in the north east and our head office in Solihull.
3. **FRANCE:** Network of 10 galvanizing plants across the country, together with a street lighting manufacturing business based in St. Florentin.
4. **SWEDEN:** Road safety barrier and signage business centered in Stockholm, with a network of distribution units around the country.
5. **INDIA:** Manufacturing facilities for our pipe supports products based near Chennai.
6. **AUSTRALIA:** Temporary and permanent road safety barrier distribution centre based in Brisbane.

Total sites: 76

26 USA | 28 UK | 22 RoW

# Our sustainable growth model





## An organic and acquisitive growth strategy that maintains a strong margin and cash performance

Strong cash generation & sustainable financial leverage

Capital allocation to higher growth and return markets

Acquisitions to enhance growth

Progressive earnings and dividend growth

A disciplined strategy that delivers superior long term shareholder value

## Effective deployment of capital to support growth ambitions

### Organic Growth



- Allocation of capital to higher return, higher growth markets
- c£10m of 2020 capex allocated to growth investments

### Acquisitions



- Continued financial capacity for acquisitions given strong in year cash generation
- Pipeline focused on capitalising our extensive domain knowledge
- Target higher margins and long-term growth

### Progressive Dividend



- 2020 dividend: 26.7p per share
- Focus on maintaining sustainable and progressive dividend policy
- Underlying dividend cover 2.4 x

**Group ROIC target : >17%**



### Why did we acquire Prolectric?

- A clear fit with our purpose
- Backed by strong macro drivers (increasing population, urbanisation, climate change) and market drivers (decarbonisation, infrastructure safety, enabling technology)
- Strong historical profit growth, clear and credible plan for future growth
- Brings robust solar capability to the Group
- Enhances the Group's remote monitoring know-how

### Why do customers value Prolectric?

- Financial savings versus diesel alternatives
- Measurable carbon dioxide savings (via on-line portal)
- Field proven, remotely monitored solar solution

### Financials

- £12.5m initial consideration, with up to £5.7m deferred consideration
- Margins and ROS above the Group average



>3%

**Organic revenue growth**

12%-15%

**Group operating margin**

>17%

**Return on invested capital**

>90%

**Underlying cash conversion**

1.5 -2x

**Net Debt to EBITDA**

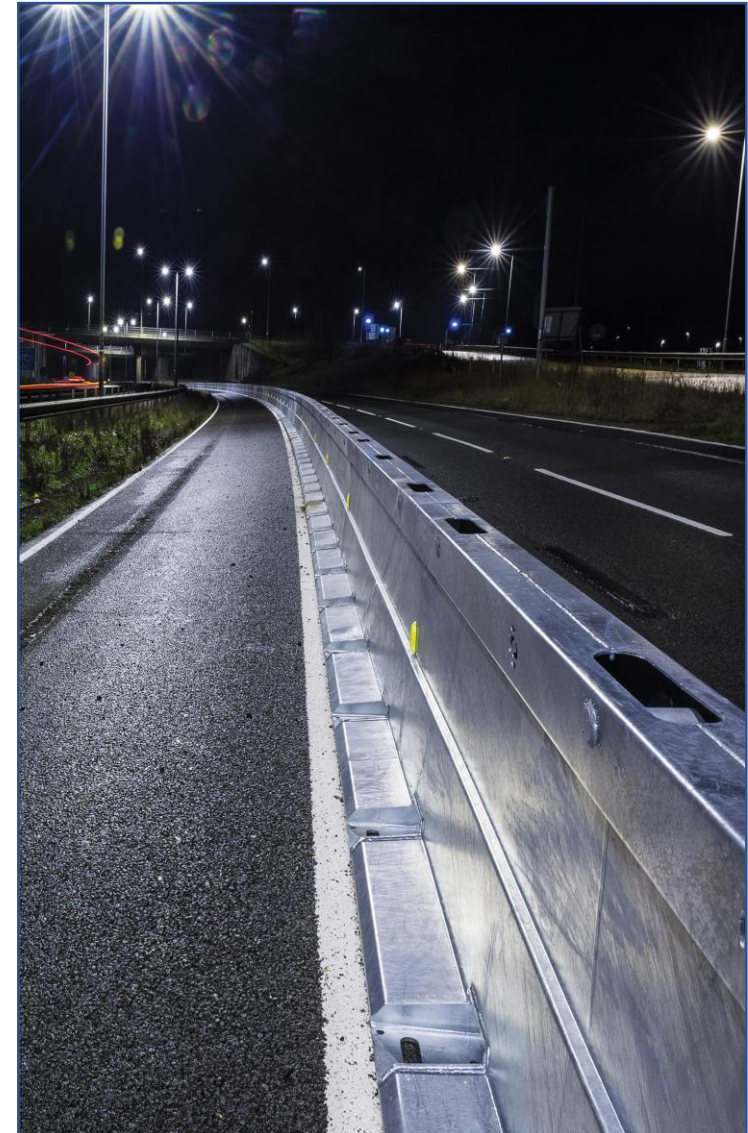


# Operating Margin



	Margin		Expected Range %
	2020 %	2019* %	
Roads & Security	5.0	8.4	9 – 13
Utilities	9.9	9.6	8 – 11
Galvanizing	19.3	21.2	19 – 22
Group	10.6	12.4	12 – 15

- Group 2020 margin impacted by operational leverage on lower revenues
- Significant decline in Roads & Security margin mainly as a result of COVID-19 disruption to the security businesses
- Utilities ahead of prior year due to strong performance in US
- Galvanizing within expected range; lower than prior year due to COVID-19 forced closure of France in H1 and slowdown in volumes



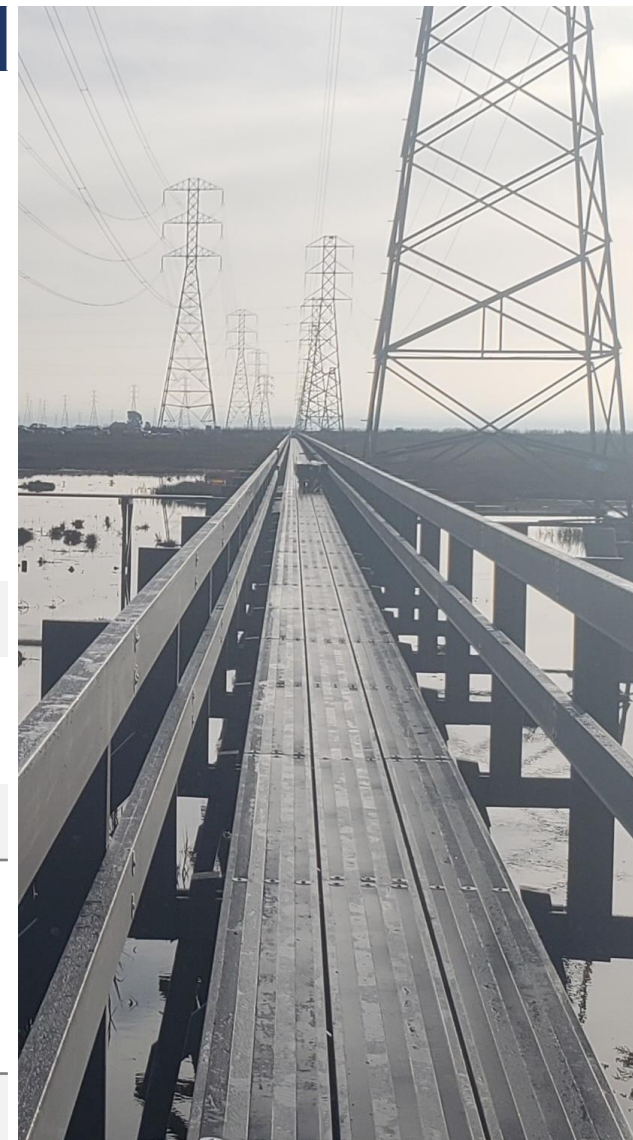
# Segment analysis



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Underlying operating profit	20.9	(0.8)	0.4	-	21.3
<i>Margin</i>	<b>9.9%</b>				9.6%
<b>Galvanizing</b>					
Revenue	185.9	(11.7)	-	0.5	197.1
Underlying operating profit	35.8	(6.0)	-	-	41.8
<i>Margin</i>	<b>19.3%</b>				21.2%
<b>Group</b>					
Revenue	660.5	(45.5)	10.6	0.7	694.7
Underlying operating profit	69.9	(17.3)	0.9	-	86.3
<i>Margin</i>	<b>10.6%</b>				12.4%

# Non-underlying items

£m	2020	2019
<b>Operating items</b>		
Business reorganisation costs	-	(1.9)
Acquisition costs	(0.3)	(1.8)
Amortisation of acquisition intangibles	(6.1)	(6.2)
Impairment of acquisition intangibles/other assets	(20.3)	(7.0)
Pension past service expense	(0.4)	-
Loss on sale of Weholite Limited	-	(0.7)
Profit on property sales	-	0.5
	(27.1)	(17.1)
<b>Financing costs</b>		
Net pension interest	-	(0.5)
	(27.1)	(17.6)
Cash in year (net)	(0.1)	1.2
Future cash	(0.6)	(0.6)
Non cash	(26.4)	(18.2)
	(27.1)	(17.6)



# Return on Invested Capital



Divisional (%)	2020	2019*
Roads & Security	5.5	10.8
Utilities	19.3	18.8
Galvanizing	17.4	19.7

Group	2020	2019
Operating Profit (£m)	69.9	86.3
Av. Invested Capital (£m)	554.5	541.7
ROIC %	12.6	15.9

**ROIC** is defined as **underlying operating profit** divided by **average invested capital**.

**Invested capital** is defined as net assets excluding current and deferred tax, net debt, provisions, retirement benefit obligations and derivative financial instruments.

*\* 2019 has been restated to reflect the Group's revised segmental structure effective 1 January 2020*



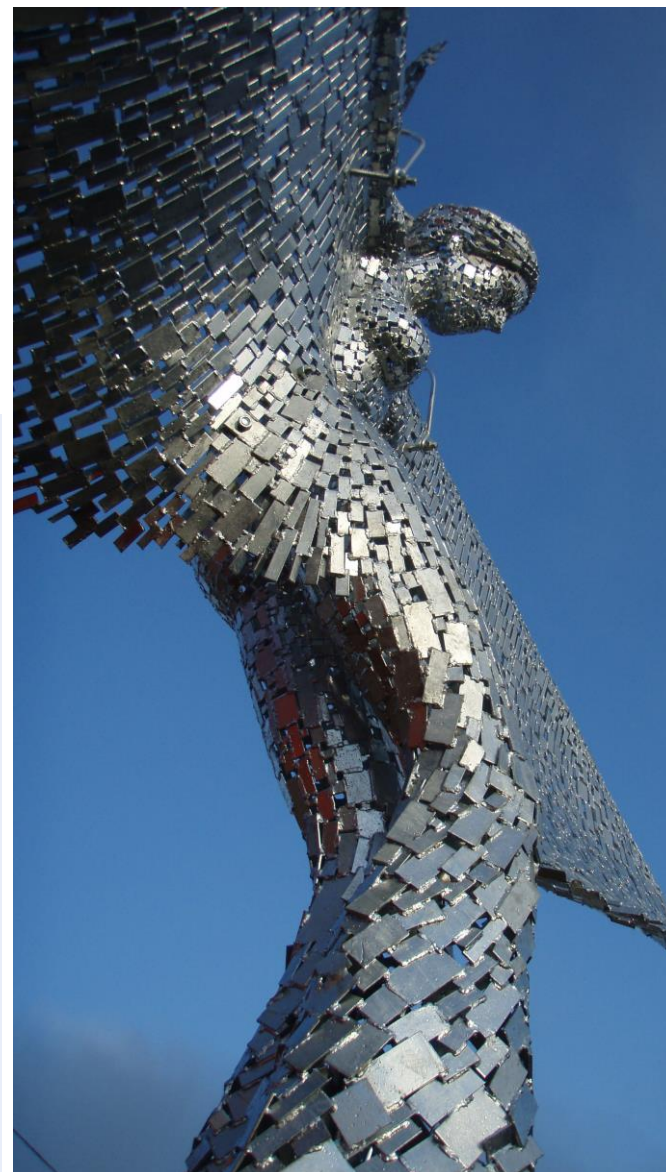
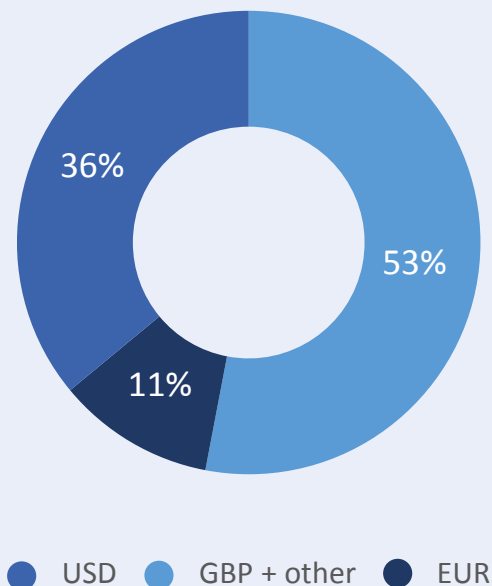
# Availability and usage of debt facilities

£m	Net Debt	Facility
Committed	137.4	328.3
On demand	1.6	13.8
Cash	(22.0)	-
Net borrowings	117.0	342.1
IFRS 16	32.4	-
IFRS 9	(3.2)	-
Reported net debt	146.2	342.1

Maturity			
On demand	2021 to 2022	Dec 2023	2026 / 2029
13.8	0.8	276.0	51.5

**£225.1m total headroom**

Net Debt by currency (exc. IFRS 16)



- **Principal debt facilities have medium to long maturities**
  - Revolving credit facility in place until December 2023
  - Senior notes: \$70m unsecured notes mature 2026/29
  - Average cost of debt at 31 December 2020 c2.4%
- **Facilities provide significant headroom of £224.9m**
  - Net debt : EBITDA 1.3 times (covenant 3 times); Interest cover 17.0 times (covenant 4 times)
  - Target net debt: EBITDA range between 1.5 to 2.0 times

# Foreign exchange sensitivities

	2020	2019	Change
Average rates			
Euro	1.13	1.14	↓ 1%
US\$	1.28	1.28	No change
Closing rates			
Euro	1.11	1.18	↓ 6%
US\$	1.36	1.32	↑ 3%

Impact on FY 2020	Revenue	+ve £0.7m or 0.1%
	Operating profit	No impact

Ready reckoner for translation impact of FX rates movement

Sensitivity to +/- 1 cent move in:	Revenue	Operating profit
Euro	+/- £0.7m	+/- £50k
US\$	+/- £2.1m	+/- £410k





## ***Cautionary statement***

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