





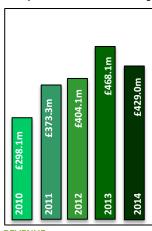
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### **Results Overview**

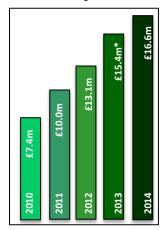
- Revenue decreased 8.4% to £429.0m (2013: £468.1m)
- EBITDA increased 9.1% to £20.4m (2013: £18.7m\*)
- Pre-tax profit increased 7.8% to £16.6m (2013: £15.4m\*)
- Adjusted EPS\*\* increased 5.6% to 130.8p (2013: 123.9p\*)
- Final DPS declared increased 3.0% to 17.0p (2013: 16.5p)
- Total dividend for the year increased 6.3% to 34.0p (2013: 32.0p)
- £24.6m net debt (2013: £22.1m)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Adjusted EPS is after adding back amortisation of intangibles and non recurring items, e.g. acquisition related costs



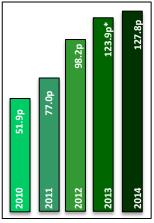
KEVENUE

£429.0m



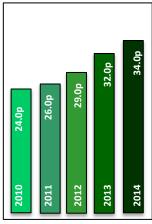
**PROFIT BEFORE TAX** 

£16.6m



**EARNINGS PER SHARE** 

127.8p



**DIVIDEND PER SHARE** 

34.0p

<sup>\*</sup>Restated for IAS19 Revised



## Financial Review: Segmental Analysis

	Revenue £m	2014 Operating profit £m	Year on year change %	Revenue £m	2013 Operating profit* £m
Agriculture	314.9	10.4	+8.8	340.4	9.6
Food	87.1	3.1	+237.6	94.2	0.9
Engineering	26.9	3.8	-10.3%	33.4	4.3
Other	0.1	(1.1)		0.1	(0.7)
	429.0	16.2		468.1	14.1
Retirement benefit		(0.7)			(0.7)
Net finance costs		(1.4)			(0.8)
Share of associate		1.6			1.9
Share of JVs		0.9			0.9
Profit before tax		16.6	+7.8%		15.4
EBITDA		20.4	+9.1%		18.7
EPS (p) – basic		127.8	+3.1%		123.9
EPS (p) – adjusted		130.8	+5.6%		123.9
Total dividend per share (p)		34.0	+6.3%		32.0
Dividend cover		3.8			3.9
Interest cover**		11.1			16.8

<sup>\*</sup>Restated for adoption IAS 19 (R)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excluding associate/JVs



### Financial Review: Balance Sheet

	2014 £m	2013 £m	% change
Fixed assets	81.4	72.0	+13.1%
Net working capital	36.6	36.8	-0.5%
Assets employed	118.0	108.8	+8.5%
Pension surplus/(deficit)	2.1	(3.3)	
Net debt	(24.6)	(22.1)	+11.3%
Tax provisions	(5.7)	(5.4)	
Net assets	89.8	78.0	+15.1%
Net debt:EBITDA	1.2	1.2	



### Financial Review: Cash Flow

	2014	2013	%
	£m	£m	change
EBITDA	20.4	18.7	9.1%
Working capital changes	(1.6)	(9.0)	
Net interest	(1.4)	(0.5)	
Taxation	(3.2)	(2.7)	
Other	(1.7)	(2.5)	
Cash flow from operations	12.5	4.0	212.5%
Maintenance capex	(1.4)	(2.2)	
Free cash flow	11.1	1.8	516.7%
Expansionary capex	(5.0)	(7.5)	
Acquisitions	(3.6)	(0.8)	
Dividends	(2.9)	(2.6)	
Other	(2.1)	(10.6)	
Increase in net debt	(2.5)	(19.7)	

	Expiry	Facility £m	2014 £m
Working capital facilities (UK)	12 month rolling/2019	38.0	13.7
Working capital facilities (US)	12 month rolling	0.9	0.2
Working capital facilities (EU)	12 month rolling	3.2	-
Term loans	2019	6.5	6.5
Revolving credit facility	2019	15.0	10.0
Other loans		1.0	1.0
Cash			(17.3)
		64.6	14.1
Finance leases			10.5
Net debt			24.6

#### **Key points:**

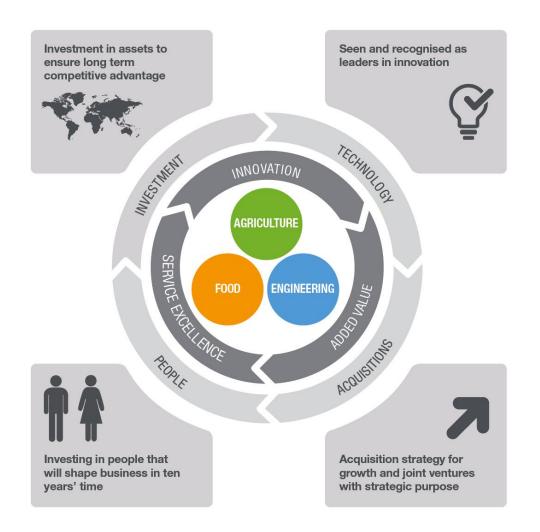
- Working capital outflow reduced (2013 weather effect)
- Reduction in capex following two large projects in 2013
- Banking facilities renegotiated in year majority 5 year facilities at improved rates
- Borrowing headroom available for future growth



## **Group Strategic Vision**

# **Vision**

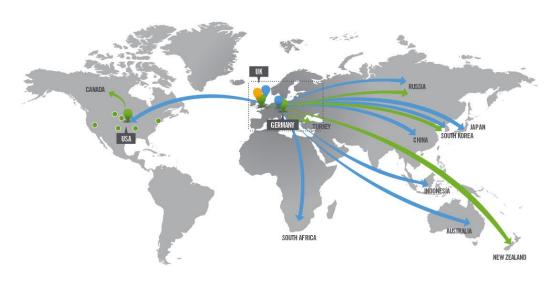
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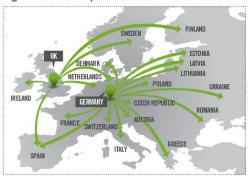




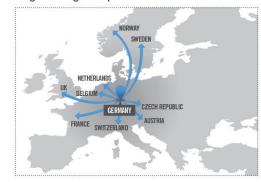
## Geographic Footprint



#### Agriculture European Distribution



**Engineering European Distribution** 







### **UK Agriculture**

#### **Performance**

- Feed decline due to mild winter: 10.5% reduction in tonnes sold
- Fuel decline due to mild winter: 5.8% reduction in litres sold
- Machinery increase: 26.7% increase in sales
- Retail: 0.5% increase in sales
- Workware: 18.6% increase in sales

#### Investment

- Retail store upgrades
  - Annan, Bakewell and Brock: £2.1m
- Acquisitions
  - Williams and Nicholls: £2.2m
  - Merit: Acquired by associate and integrated into Brock and Lancaster

#### Strategy

- Lead in dairy nutrition
- Strengthen current geographical position
- Expand into areas where current offer would be aligned

#### Outlook

- Challenging background in UK milk price
- Pressure on farm incomes
- Low grain prices
- Weather uncertainties
- Diverse and strong agriculture business











# **UK** Agriculture

Annan: New investment









### Feed Blocks

#### **Performance**

- Underlying sales growth: 0.5% increase in tonnes sold
- Strength of brands, eg Crystalyx®, SmartLic® and Feed in a Drum®
- Record US sales driven by severe winter weather
- UK sales affected by mild winter
- European sales growth
- New Zealand sales growth

#### Investment

- Sioux City, Iowa, USA (\$4.1m) commissioned July 2014
- Silver Springs, Nevada, USA investment (\$3.4m) to produce branded Smartlic product by Summer 2015
- Crystalyx GmbH
  - New high moisture block plant
  - New warehouse
  - New poultry block plant

#### Research

• Ten research projects ongoing (£1.1m spend)

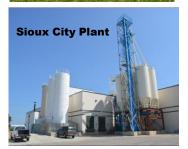
#### **International Growth**

- Europe +12.0%
- USA +5.4%
- New Zealand +116.8%
- South America











### **New Zealand**





### **AminoMax®**

#### **Performance**

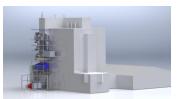
- Sales growth of 31.5% globally
- Market recognition

#### Investment

- Lancaster UK plant commissioned and at capacity
- Watertown New York, USA further investment (\$1.9m) to improve efficiency and capacity

#### **Future**

- Potential second line at Watertown
- West coast USA
- New products











### Food

#### **Performance**

- Step change in financial performance: 309.7% increase in PBT
- Operational efficiencies being delivered by new mill at Kirkcaldy
- Strong sales and customer relationships
- Silloth operating at higher capacity levels than planned

#### **Market**

- Low wheat prices
- Variable quality
- Large harvest

#### **Outlook**

- More efficiencies to be delivered from Kirkcaldy
- More long term contracts to be agreed
- Silloth volumes strong
- Maldon focussed on niche ethnic flours













## Engineering – UK

#### MSM - manual manipulators

- Excellent performance 2014
- Confirmed Sellafield life of contract benefits
- Outlook steady

#### Bendalls - pressure vessel manufacture

- Delay in El Shah Deniz contract July 2013 to February 2014
- Contract changes impact production 2014
- Capacity now full to July 2015
- New management team in place
- More positive outlook for UK nuclear contracts

#### **Chirton – precision engineering**

- New acquisition based in Newcastle upon Tyne
- Good performance 2014
- Investment in higher tech machines planned (circa £1.2m)
- Factory move March 2015
- Synergies potential with Bendalls & Wälischmiller
- Outlook positive













## Engineering – Germany

#### Wälischmiller, Germany - powered and robotic manipulators

- New factory investment completed £4.5m
- Investment in new high tech machines
- Strong performance 2014
- USA first contract and sales structure established
- Japanese market down
- Russian market potentially affected by sanctions
- Development projects ongoing (Demo 2000 and "Robbie")
- Outlook
  - Short term project delays, project mix and type
  - Medium term strong











# Strategic Delivery For Future Growth

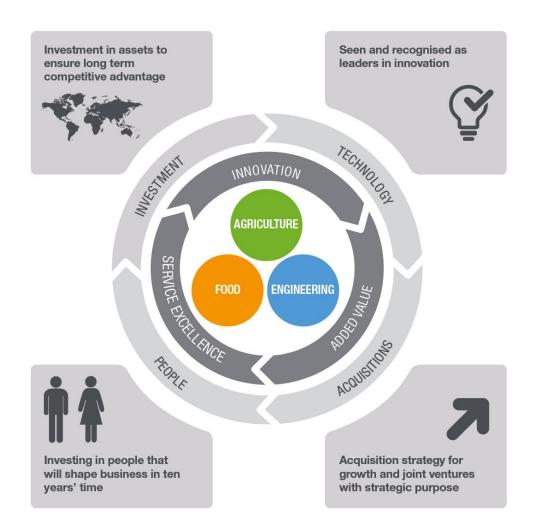
Group Strategic Objectives	Divisional Plans	Delivery
<ul><li>Innovation</li></ul>	Agriculture  Lead in dairy nutrition  Investment in targeted research  New markets  Consolidate UK position  Acquisitions	Agriculture      AminoMax®     Research     New plants     New products     New markets     Retail development and expansion
<ul><li>Investment</li><li>People</li></ul>	Food  Deliver benefits of new mill  Capitalise on market changes  Service excellence  Logistics optimisation  Exploit new areas of market growth	Food  • Step change in financial performance  • Continued financial improvement  • Baking category and brand  • New contracts
<ul> <li>Acquisitions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engineering</li> <li>Product research, innovation and development</li> <li>Investment in new products</li> <li>Exploit growing market sectors</li> <li>Acquisitions</li> </ul>	Engineering  Wälischmiller  Telbot  V1000  Factory  Showroom  USA contracts  Chirton acquisition



## **Group Strategic Vision**

# **Vision**

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# Appendix

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International business focused on three sectors: agriculture, food and engineering

#### **Agriculture**

- Manufacture of molasses-based branded feedblocks for farm animals in the UK, Germany and USA e.g. Crystalyx®, Megalix® and SmartLic®
- Own and operate 26 rural retail outlets across the north of England and southern Scotland, including seven machinery branches
- Circa 500,000 tonnes of animal feed production at three plants in the UK
- Service country dwellers and farmers with heating oil and machine fuel in the UK

#### Food

- Supplies flour to bakeries, food manufacturers and multiples across the UK
- Three strategically-located UK mills at Kirkcaldy in Scotland, Silloth in Cumbria and Maldon in Essex
- Produce a range of flours for use in bread & biscuits to speciality flour e.g chapatti

#### **Engineering**

- A collection of businesses that designs and manufactures bespoke manipulators, robotics, specialist fabrication and precision engineering
- Products used across the nuclear research, nuclear, oil and gas, petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries
- Locations in Germany, Carlisle, Swindon and Newcastle upon Tyne

Innovation, technology and research is at the heart of our DNA and provides the common thread linking this diverse group of businesses

