600 Group Plc

Design, manufacture & distribution of Machine Tools

Unaudited interim results presentation 20 November 2013

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Highlights

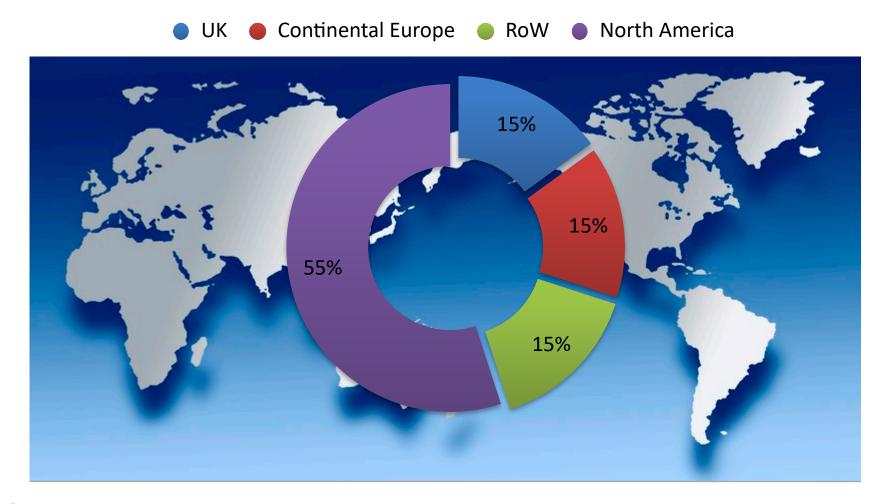
- Revenues up against industry trend
- Gross & operating margins continue to increase
- Cash conversion of 108% from trading activities
- Pension fund 31 March 2013 valuation signed off
- Site compression project at Heckmondwike completed
- Electrox workstation range launched successfully
- Market conditions forecast to improve in coming months*

*Source – Oxford Economics, Global Machine Tool Outlook Survey - Autumn 2013



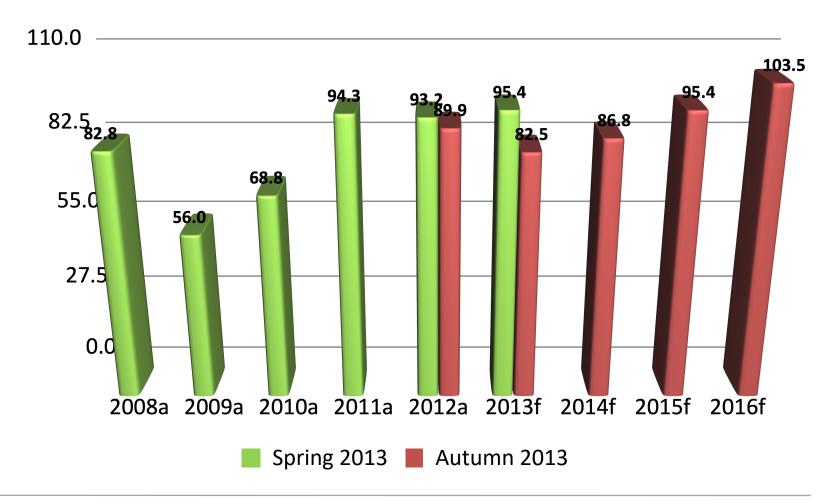
Global reach – Group sales by destination

FY 13 audited, % of total





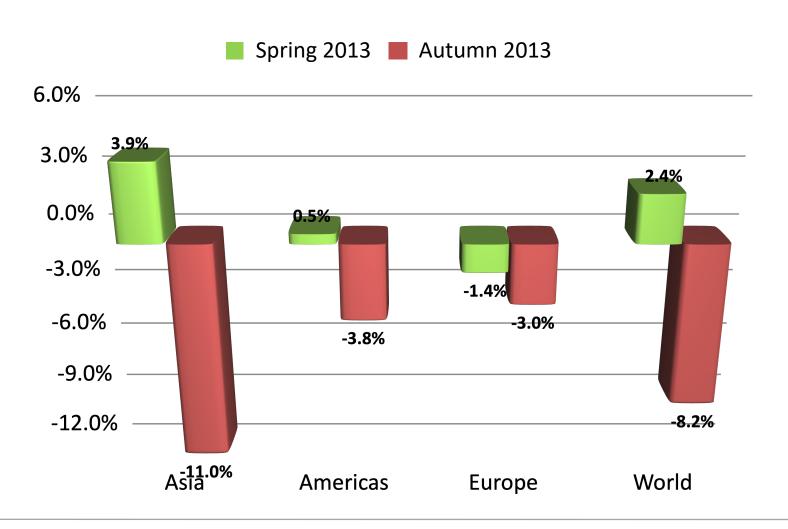
Machine tools — industry growth statistics World Machine fools output (in Sbn)





Machine tools – industry growth statistics

Forecast growth % in consumption - 2013 vs 2012





Financial highlights

- Group revenues up 5.2% to £20.94m (FY13 H1: £19.91m)
- Adjusted net profit before tax* of £0.58m (FY13 H1: loss of £0.33m)
- Total profit attributable of £0.80m (FY13 H1: loss of £0.73m)
- Earnings of 0.95p (FY13 H1: loss of 0.35p)
- Net debt of £5.60m (31 March 2013: £5.41m)
- NAV (excluding net pension effect) of 11.6p per share



^{*}from continuing operations, before pension fund credit interest & amortisation of shareholder loan costs (and special items in prior year only)

Revenue development

North America - revenues down 7% on FY13 H1



- Market conditions dipped FY13 Q4
- Tough FY14 Q1 (down 14% y-o-y)
- Flat FY14 Q2 y-o-y
- Positive book-to-bill
- UK/Europe revenues up >35% on FY13 H1



- Supply chain/lead times fully regularised
- UK market conditions show good improvement
- Eurozone remains sluggish but further share to regain
- Book-to-bill not yet back to positive
- RoW revenues down 6% on FY13 H1



Growth in ME/Africa but Australia sharply down



Financial review

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

£M	FY14 H1	FY13 H1*	FY13*
REVENUE*	20.94	19.91	41.79
COST OF SALES*	(14.02)	(13.70)	(29.14)
GROSS PROFIT*	6.92	6.21	12.65
NET OPERATING EXPENSES*	(6.15)	(6.61)	(10.98)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS*	0.77	(0.40)	1.67
NET FINANCIAL INCOME / (EXPENSE) Bank and other debt	(0.19)	(0.51)	(0.46)
ADJUSTED PBT*	0.58	(0.91)	1.21
NET FINANCIAL INCOME / (EXPENSE) Net pension credit & IFRS adjustment	0.36	0.25	0.50
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAX*	0.94	(0.66)	1.71
TAXATION CREDIT/CHARGE*	(0.14)	0.43	0.65
DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES	-	(0.50)	(0.30)
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	0.80	(0.73)	2.06

^{*}Prior year figures from continuing activities only, and now restated for revisions to treatment of pensions interest under IAS 19



Financial Review

SEGMENTAL REPORTING

£M	FY 14 H1	FY 13 H1	FY 13
REVENUE*			
MACHINE TOOLS LASER MARKING INTERSEGMENTAL	17.65 3.46 (0.17)	16.50 3.49 (0.08)	34.91 7.01 (0.13)
TOTAL REVENUE*	20.94	19.91	41.79
OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)*			
MACHINE TOOLS LASER MARKING HEAD OFFICE/UNALLOCATED	1.21 0.15 (0.59)	0.45 0.11 (0.63)	2.15 0.21 (1.39)
TOTAL OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)*	0.77	(0.07)	0.97
OPERATING MARGIN*			
MACHINE TOOLS LASER MARKING GROUP	6.9% 4.3% 3.7%	2.7% 3.2% -0.4%	6.2% 3.0% 2.3%

^{*}denotes from continuing activities before special items in prior year



Financial review

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

£M	Sept 13	Mar 13
FIXED ASSETS	5.83	5.80
NET PENSION SURPLUS Net of associated deferred taxation	12.09	11.73
WORKING CAPITAL Inventory Receivables Payables	9.19 5.79 (<u>6.14)</u> <u>8.84</u>	10.27 6.18 (6.97) 9.48
NET DEBT Cash & cash equivalents Bank and financial leases Shareholder loans	1.25 (4.63) (2.22) (5.60)	1.02 (4.26) (2.16) (5.40)
OTHER ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (NET)	0.69	0.04
NET ASSETS	21.85	<u>21.65</u>
NAV per share NAV per share (excl. pensions)	<u>25.9p</u> <u>11.6p</u>	<u>24.4p</u> <u>10.5p</u>



Financial review

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

£M	FY14 H1	FY13 H1	FY13
PROFIT FOR PERIOD	0.80	(0.73)	2.06
ADJUSTMENT FOR NON CASH ITEMS	0.27	(0.01)	(0.96)
WORKING CAPITAL AND OTHER ITEMS	(0.24)	(1.80)	(3.00)
TRADING CASH FLOW	0.83	(2.54)	(1.90)
INTEREST AND TAXATION PAID	(0.48)	(0.39)	(0.51)
OPERATING CASH FLOW	0.35	(2.93)	(2.41)
INVESTING ACTITIVIES	(0.50)	2.72	3.48
EQUITY RAISED	0.03	1.42	1.42
DEBT DRAWN/(REPAID)	0.42	(0.20)	(1.39)
NET CASH FLOW	0.30	1.01	1.10
DEBT FINANCING	(0.42)	0.19	1.52
FX MOVEMENTS	(0.07)	(0.09)	(0.03)
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT	(0.19)	1.11	2.59



Business & financial risk evaluation

Risk	Mitigating factors
Cyclical nature of capital goods markets	 Market niche position – not high ticket Premium margins on components and aftermarket Geographic dispersion
Reliance on supply chain partners	Strategic approachProduct diversification
Economic/political uncertainty	Geographic dispersionCo-operation of key partners
Availability of credit	Shareholder supportGood banking relationshipsMonitoring of working capital needs
Foreign currency exchange	Natural hedge of US\$ revenuesNo long term fixed price contracts
Large pension fund	 Currently well funded Investment portfolio hedged
600Group	 Plan to proceed to buy-out

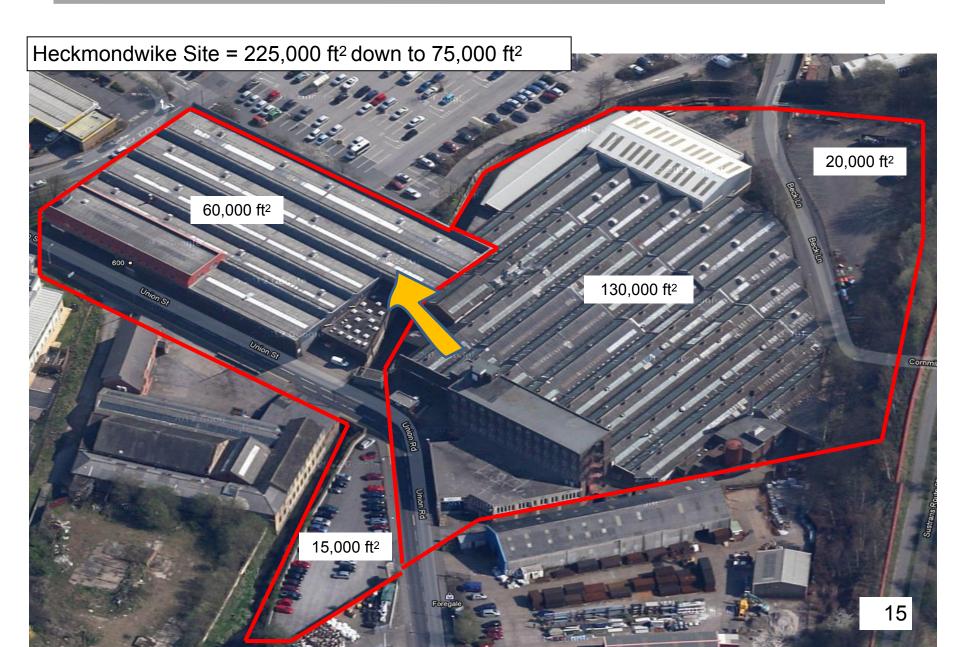
UK pension scheme

Accounting surplus (£m)	FY14 H1	FY13
Scheme assets	192.90	203.30
Scheme liabilities	(173.07)	(183.84)
Net surplus under IFRS	19.83	19.46
Deferred tax provision	<u>(6.94)</u>	(6.81)
Net asset recognised	<u>12.89</u>	12.65

- Accounting surplus based on IFRS "best estimate" assumptions of future outcome
- 31 March 2013 funding valuation signed off with Trustee in October 2013
- Prepared using more prudent assumptions as required by regulations
- Technical Provisions deficit of £19.5m at 30 September 2013 on this basis
- Agreed Recovery Plan based on investment performance at 1% above gilts
- No cash contributions required until next valuation (subject to further review)



Heckmondwike – compression project



Heckmondwike – compression project



Right – vacated factory space



Above/below: Machine shop and assembly areas



Montage: refurbished office space and showroom





Electrox Laser – New Product Launches

Objectives

- Improved performance, functionality and flexibility
- Unified aesthetics to create product "family"
- Reduced unit cost, build time & inventory holding

Market tested with distributors in April 2013

Launched at EMO Hanover in September 2013



Electrox Laser – new product example

EMS200 is the replacement for the MAXBOX

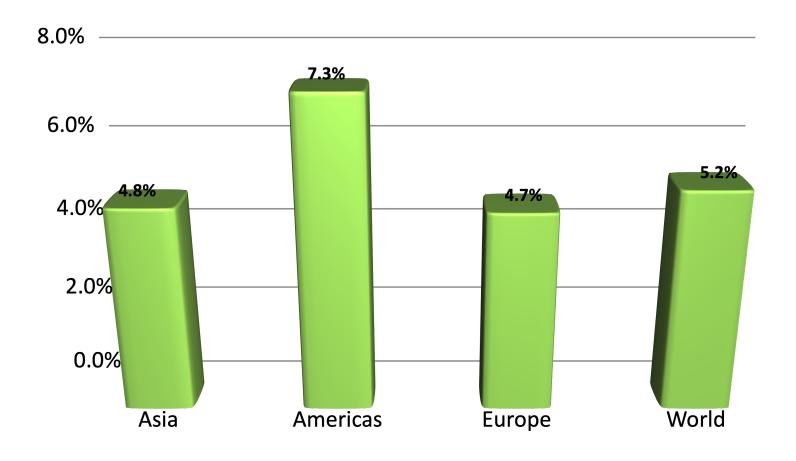
- Reduced material content
- Reduced build time
- Improved ergonomic design, offering improved working area and fully integrated laser







Machine tools — industry growth statistics Forecast growth % in consumption - 2014 vs 2013





Outlook

- Business confidence returning in most markets
- Renewed interest in manufacturing in US/Europe
- Leading global brands, unrivalled heritage
- Priorities:
 - Product development
 - Continuous improvement
 - Customer satisfaction



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