

Preliminary Announcement 2005



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Summary

	2005 £M	2004 restated £M
Turnover	197.0	192.1
Operating profit (before exceptionals)	3.7	7.6
Profit before tax (before exceptionals)	1.1	3.7
Profit before tax	(6.8)	4.7
Earnings per share – adjusted	1.4p	4.5p
Dividend per share	1.5p	4.5p

Note: Exceptionals comprise goodwill amortisation, redundancy & restructuring costs and write off of impaired goodwill

Profit and Loss Account

	2005	2004 restated
	£M	£M
Turnover	197.0	192.1
Operating profit (before exceptionals)	3.7	7.6
Goodwill amortisation	(1.2)	(1.3)
Redundancy and restructuring costs	(4.3)	(0.5)
Goodwill impairment	(2.4)	
Exceptional gain on property sale		2.8
Operating profit	(4.2)	8.6
Interest payable	(2.2)	(2.3)
Other net financing costs (FRS 17)	(0.4)	(1.6)
Profit before tax	(6.8)	4.7
Tax	1.6	
Profit after tax	(5.2)	4.7
Operating profit margin	1.9%	4.0%
Return on average operating assets	4.0%	8.6%

	£M
Steel (net)	4.0
FX	1.6
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Management estimates

Balance Sheet

	2005	2004	
	£M	restated £M	
Net goodwill	10.2	18.8	→
Tangible fixed assets	49.5	47.0	
Stocks	47.3	47.0	
Debtors	51.6	41.5	→
Creditors	(47.1)	(45.3)	
Net borrowings	(17.0)	(19.2)	
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(12.9)	(1.2)	
Net assets	81.6	88.6	
Share capital	17.9	17.9	
Reserves	63.7	70.7	
Shareholders' funds (pre pension deficit)	81.6	88.6	
Gearing (pre pension deficit)	21%	22%	

<u>Goodwill movement</u>	£M
NBV April 2004	18.8
SAF acquisition	(4.5)
J&S impairment	(2.4)
Annual amortisation	(1.2)
Exchange	(0.5)
NBV March 2005	10.2

<u>Debtor movement</u>	£M
Balance April 2004	41.5
SAF acquisition	2.8
Trade debtors	3.3
Deferred tax	3.8
Other	0.2
Balance March 2005	51.6

Cash Flow

	2005	2004 restated
	£M	£M
Cash flow from operating activities	6.6	9.2
Capital expenditure	(8.0)	(6.0)
	<u>(1.4)</u>	<u>3.2</u>
Acquisition (net cash acquired)	9.6	-
Servicing of finance	(2.1)	(3.3)
Taxation	(1.0)	(1.6)
Equity dividends paid	(3.2)	(3.2)
Proceeds from disposal of property held for sale	-	5.1
Cash flow in the period	<u>1.9</u>	<u>0.2</u>
Net debt (opening)	(19.2)	(20.9)
Movement resulting from cash flow	1.9	0.2
New finance leases	-	(0.5)
Other non-cash changes	(0.1)	(0.1)
Exchange translation difference	<u>0.4</u>	<u>2.1</u>
Net debt (closing)	<u>(17.0)</u>	<u>(19.2)</u>



	2005	2004 restated
	£M	£M
Op. profit	(4.2)	5.8
Dep/amort	9.9	10.1
Negative goodwill	(6.8)	-
Impaired goodwill	2.4	-
Stocks	-	(2.7)
Debtors	(5.9)	0.1
Creditors	3.5	(0.8)
Provisions	11.7	-
Other inc pensions	<u>(4.0)</u>	<u>(3.3)</u>
	<u>6.6</u>	<u>9.2</u>

Segmental Analysis

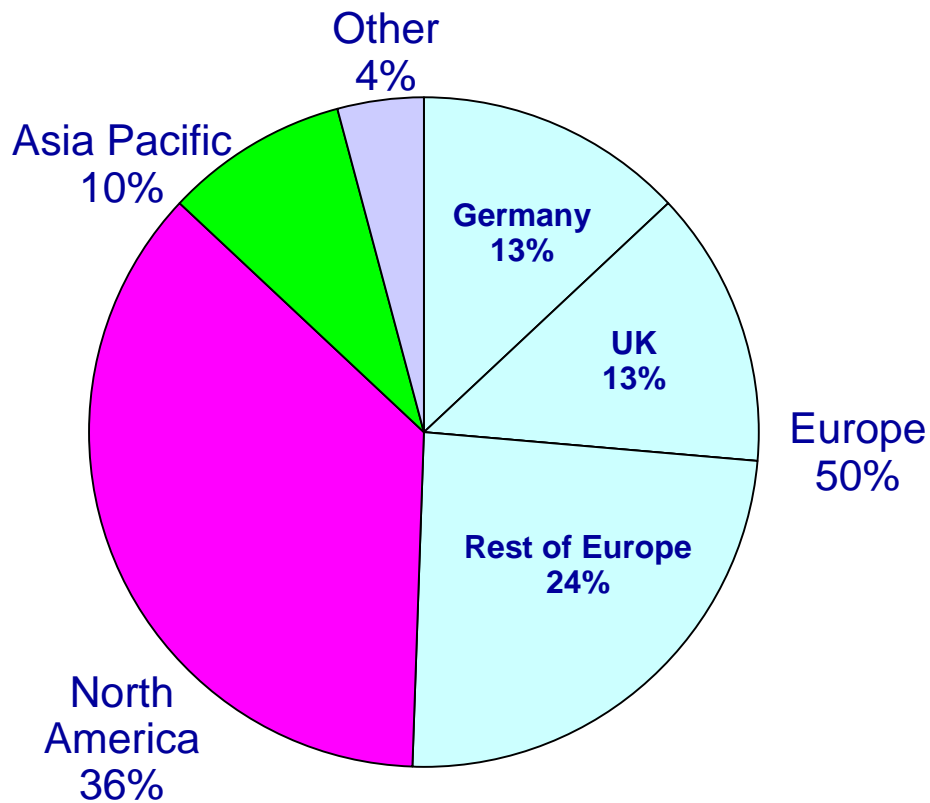
	2005	2004 restated	2005		2004 restated	
			H1	H2	H1	H2
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Turnover						
Power transmission	177.3	174.2	85.8	91.5	86.1	88.1
Machine tool and rotor	21.7	20.7	10.5	11.2	9.9	10.8
	199.0	194.9	96.3	102.7	96.0	98.9
Less: Interactivity sales	(2.0)	(2.8)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.7)
Total	197.0	192.1	95.3	101.7	94.9	97.2
Operating Profit						
Power transmission	3.1	7.3	3.1	-	3.6	3.7
Machine tool and rotor	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.2	-	0.3
Total	3.7	7.6	3.5	0.2	3.6	4.0

Power transmission analysis

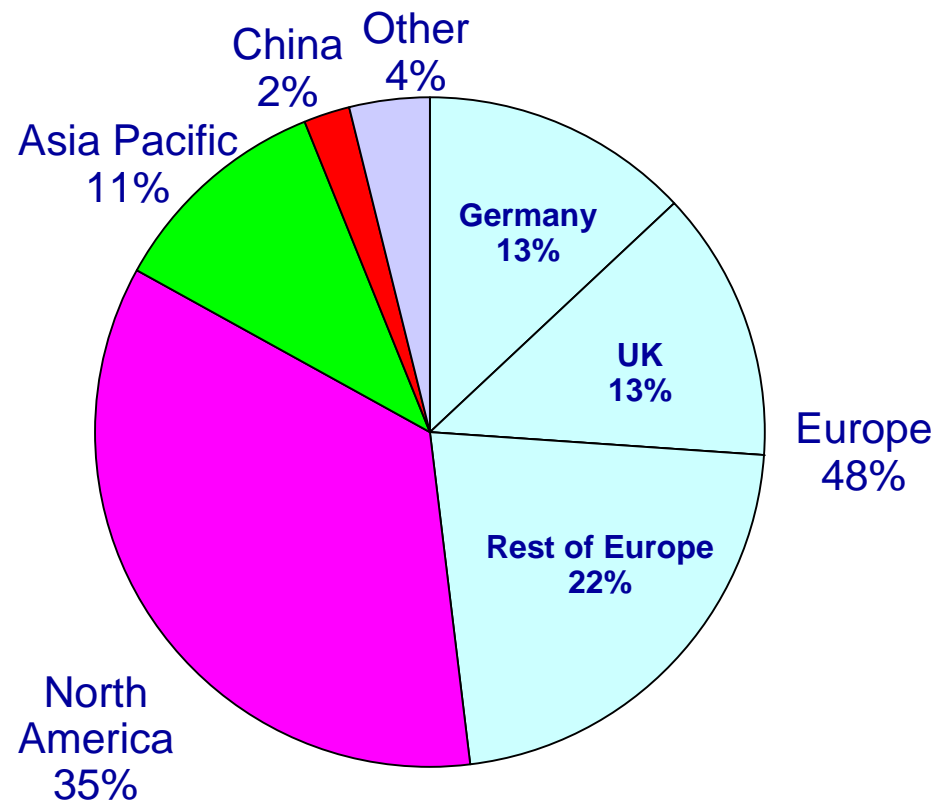
	2005 £M	2004 restated £M	
Sales	177.3	174.2	Adverse translation effect (£5.8M) Growth is 5.1% at constant rates
Operating profit	3.1	7.3	Adverse net steel price rise effect £(4.0)M Adverse translation effect £(0.2)M Adverse transaction effect (£1.4M) (Management estimates)
Operating profit margin	1.7%	4.1%	Excluding currency effects this would have been 2.7%

OVERVIEW OF 2004/5 RESULTS

Turnover by Destination

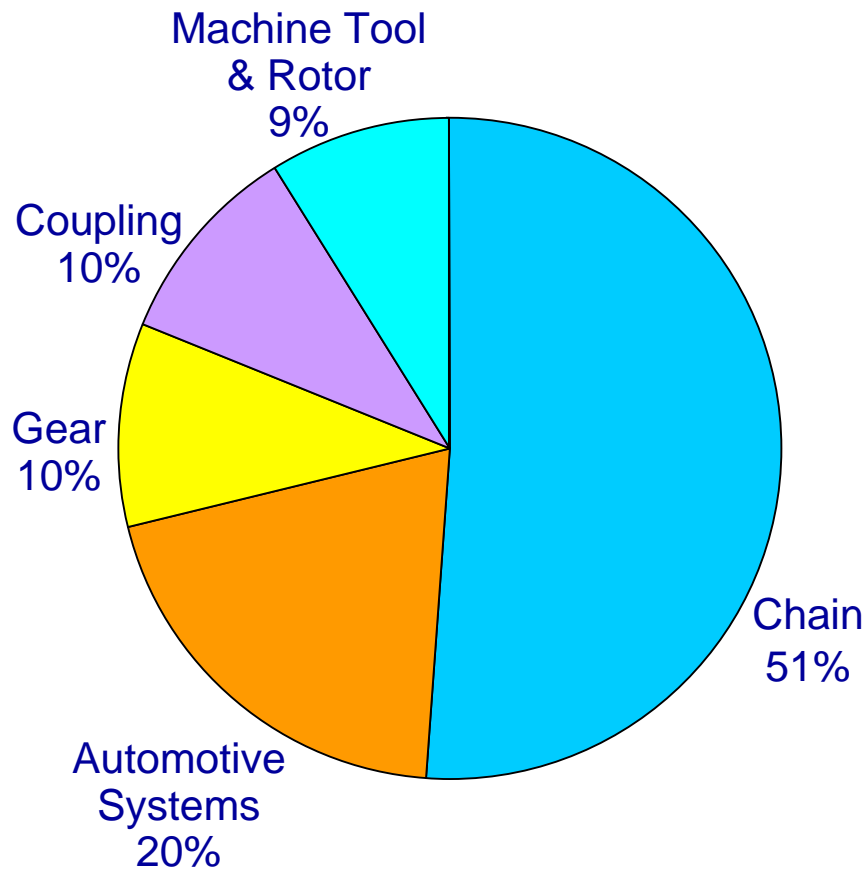


2003/04
£192M

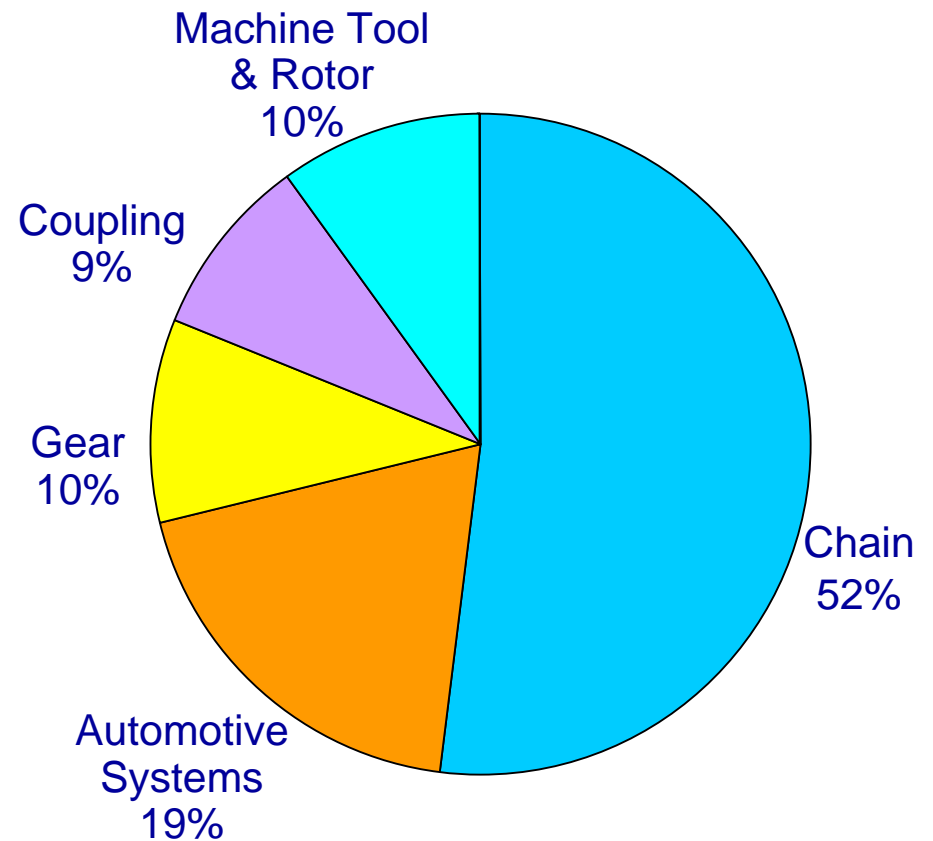


2004/05
£197M
(£203M at Constant Ex Rates)

Turnover by Product



2003/04
£192M



2004/05
£197M

- Tighter focus on core business
- Return business to cash generative profitable growth by reducing cost base and pursuing sales opportunities in new markets
- Restore shareholder value

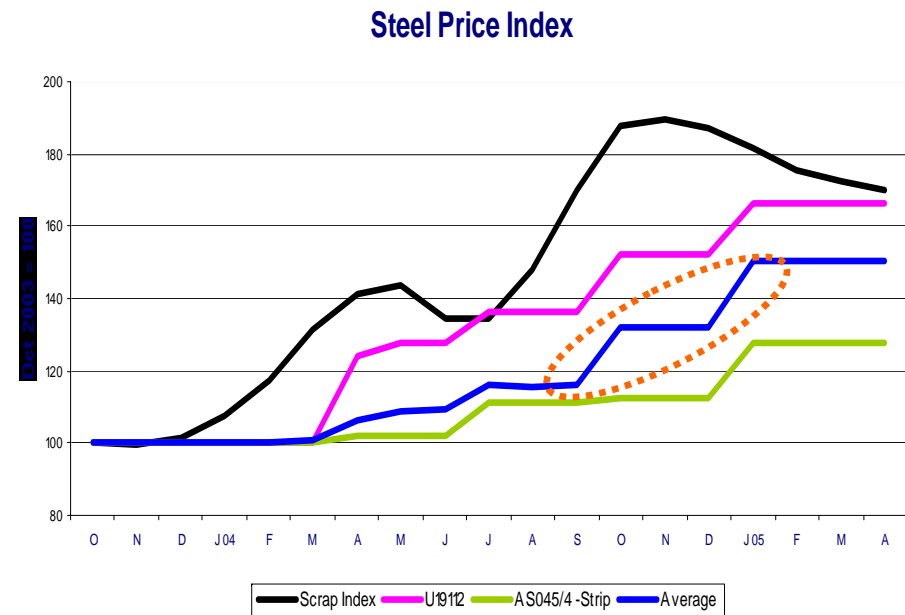
Manage down borrowing level

Overview

- Continue to drive pricing to recoup impact of steel increases
- Aggressive cost reduction
- Increase mfg in US and establish in China and Eastern Europe
- Grow sales resource in US and China
- Drive Lean manufacturing to continue efficiencies
- Maintain technology leadership

Steel Price Increases

- Results severely impacted by steel price increases
- Steel price >40% higher by year end; step increase in 2nd half
- Steel is typically 30%-50% of product cost
- Cost increases passed on to Distributors
- Time lag and lack of full recovery from OEM's



Source: Metal Bulletin/Renold

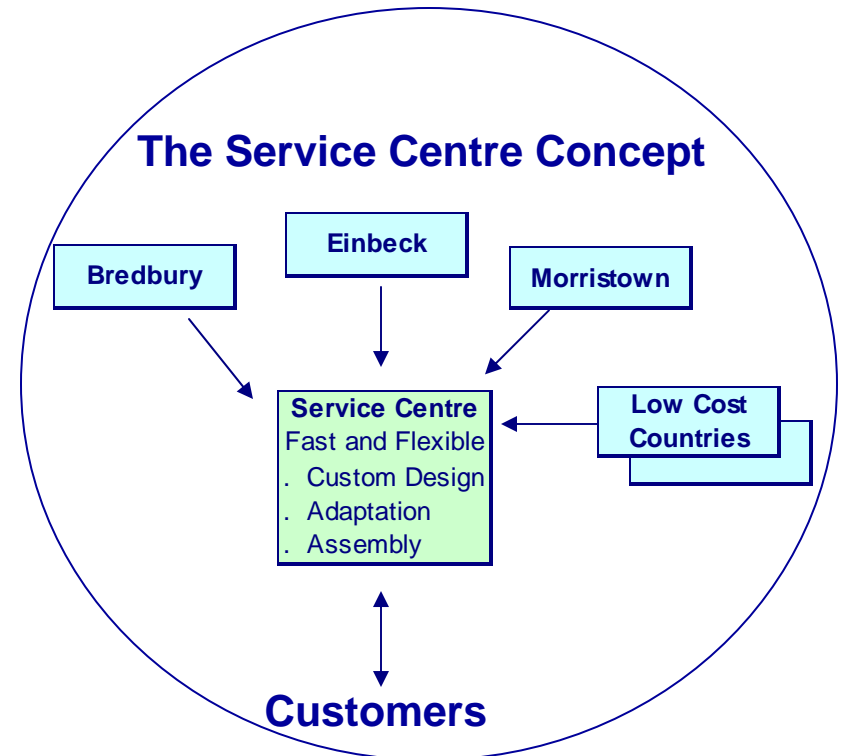
Going Forward

- Steel prices have been level since January
 - Some softening but significant decreases not forecast
- Completion of negotiations with OEM's will yield further sales price increases
 - Unlikely to achieve full recovery
- Imperative to reduce cost base to match external conditions

Chain

Cost Base Reductions

- Closure of Burton facility and creation of a Service Centre
 - Net reduction of 100 jobs
 - Exceptional cost of £3.2M
 - Future potential from sale of surplus land
- Service Centre planned for Poland
 - Transfer 50 jobs from Germany
- Increased outsourcing India/China
- Relocation of certain products from Europe to US



Cost reduction target £4.0M for full year

China

- In discussion with a Chinese chain manufacturer
 - Initially a period of co-operation
 - Objective is a controlling interest longer term
- Combination of Renold technical excellence with low cost manufacturing
- Will give access to markets not currently served
 - Target both Chinese and other markets
- Sales office has grown from 1 to 12 during the year

Improved Efficiency

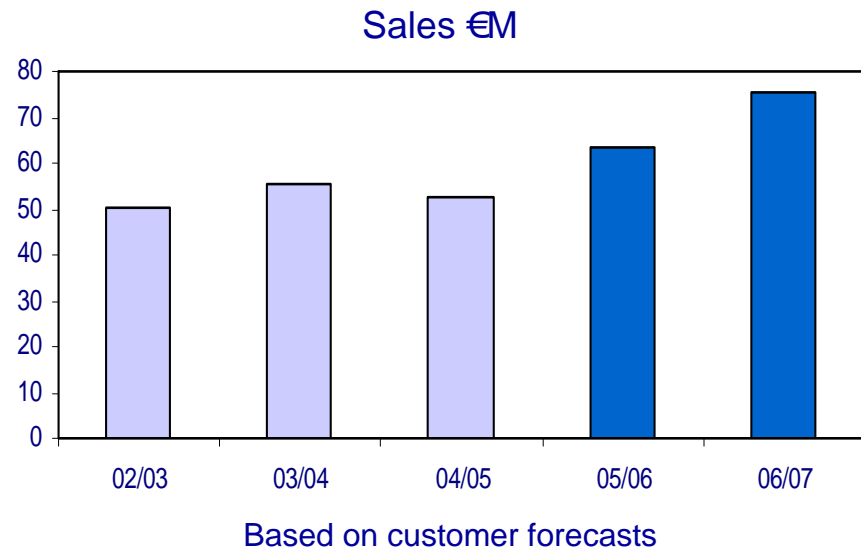
- Focus on two distribution centres in Europe
 - Improved service with better overall stock turns
 - Reduction of distribution costs
- Common IT platform to support distribution initiatives
- Lean manufacturing taking hold at all sites
 - Created 'free' space at all sites for new/relocated products
 - Reduction in labour cost as a percentage of sales

Couplings/Gears

- Improvement in orders, sales and profits achieved
- Commodity cost increases offset by outsourcing and labour efficiency gains
- Coupling businesses integrated under a single mgt team
 - Good order growth in US and excellent European prospects
 - Steel Industry demand helped to improve sales
 - Alstom/NYC Transit contract going well - \$13M over 4 years
- Gears order growth coming from China, OEMs and Germany

Automotive

- Sales were below expectation and last year
 - Driven by lower demand on existing programmes
- New programmes awarded secure growth going forward
 - Nissan
 - PSA
 - Hyundai
 - GM
- 1st award from GM Shanghai



Automotive

- Operating margin below expectation and last year
 - Exchange movement adverse cost £0.7M
 - Steel price increases not passed on to customers
 - Steel surcharge from some European customers post 3/05
- Efficiency improvements achieved
 - Not sufficient to offset sales shortfall and cost increases

Automotive

- Manufacturing facility established in Tennessee on schedule
 - Product delivered to customer for Qualification in March
 - Use of existing building and equipment has kept costs low
 - Eventual source of supply for all US systems
- Qualification expected in July
 - Reduce costs
 - Exchange rate immunity
- German facility built and opened
 - No customer disruption
 - Costs less than planned



Sachs Automotive France

- Acquired SAF for a nominal sum in March
 - Profitable aftermarket business
 - Surplus assembly equipment that avoids Capex at Calais
 - Good skilled resources that can be applied in Calais
- Restructuring in progress – completion expected Sept 2005
 - Fully funded by provision transferred on acquisition
 - Will be fully integrated post restructuring

To-date acquisition has met expectations

Machine Tool & Rotor

- Further year of profit improvement
- Driven by increased sales and orders
- Steel/utility price increases offset by outsourcing/efficiency
- Orders for Holroyd weaker than expected towards year end
 - Some what offset by demand for Rotors and Loose Gears

Machine Tool & Rotor

- New Suprema launched at Jones & Shipman
 - Potential £1M/year additional sales
- Apprentice Training School re-opened at Holroyd
 - Pipeline of skilled machinists for the Group



Summary

- Aggressive cost reduction programme to offset impact of steel costs and exchange rates
 - Some benefit from pricing
- Continue focus on growth in China and US
- Future Automotive growth secured by new programme awards
- Gears and Couplings have strong order book going forward

Establish cost base for future growth

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