

INTERIM RESULTS 2023

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H1 HIGHLIGHTS



CHALLENGING MARKET BACKDROP THROUGH H1 2023 RESULTING IN REVENUE REDUCTION OF 13% (9% AT REPORTED CURRENCY)

- Lighting revenue down 7% at constant currency
- Subdued demand for large capex projects
- Continued market share gains in MRO and further progress in strategic account penetration
- Signals & Components revenue down 28% at constant currency, impacted by cyclical downturn in Components segment

GROSS MARGIN DECREASE OF 530 BPS TO 29.6%, WITH UNDERLYING OPERATING LOSS FOR H1 OF £2.5m

- High component costs with consumption of materials purchased in 2022 at elevated prices
- Higher labour costs with the impact of increases in the Mexico minimum wage
- Lower fixed cost absorption
- Margin impacts partially offset by pricing, lower freight costs and £0.9m of SG&A savings

NET DEBT AT 30 JUNE OF £22.7m, AN INCREASE OF £1.8m FROM YEAR END

- Cash impact of weaker trading partially offset by £4.6m of inventory reduction*

**£2.2m at constant currency*

INCOME STATEMENT



	H1 2023	Actual H1 2022	Constant currency H1 2022
	£m	£m	£m
Revenue	73.2	80.8	84.5
Cost of sales	(51.5)	(52.6)	(54.9)
Gross profit	21.7	28.2	29.6
Gross margin %	29.6%	34.9%	35.0%
SG&A	(24.2)	(25.1)	(26.1)
Underlying EBIT	(2.5)	3.1	3.5
Non-underlying costs	(0.3)	(0.8)	(0.8)
EBIT	(2.8)	2.3	2.7
Finance expense	(1.4)	(0.7)	(0.7)
PBT	(4.2)	1.6	2.0
EPS	(9.6p)	3.7p	

- Revenue down 9% at reported currency
- Continuing headwinds from component cost inflation, including higher cost inventory purchased to mitigate availability issues
- Significant step up in Mexico labour costs following, 20% increase in minimum wage
- Reducing freight costs supported by change to shipping policy
- SG&A cost savings of £0.9m in H1 and further cost improvement programmes in place that will benefit H2
- Net finance expense £0.7m higher, reflecting increased interest rates
- Non-underlying costs lower than prior year at £0.3m, largely related to Sanmina litigation

NET DEBT



	£m	
Net debt at 1 January 2023		(20.9)
Inflows		
Underlying EBITDA	1.4	
Decrease in inventory	2.2	3.6
Outflows		
Net working capital excl. inventory	(1.4)	
Investment in new products	(1.9)	
Maintenance capex/others	(0.7)	
Provisions and other movements	(0.2)	
Interest and tax paid	(1.7)	(5.9)
Foreign exchange		0.5
Net debt at 30 June 2023		(22.7)

Operational cash flows

- Underlying EBITDA lower, reflecting weaker trading
- Inventory reduction initiative delivered £2.2m cash benefit
- Reduction in trade payables following payment of materials purchased in Q4 2022, offset by improved collection of trade receivables

Investment

- Continued investment into new product development and maintenance capex

Sanmina

- No change from previous disclosure, awaiting court ruling on Sanmina's appeal

Financing position

- \$34m RCF to July 2027 (3+1+1), of which \$29.4m drawn at 30 June 2023
- Leverage at 30 June 2023 of 2.9x (covenant of 3.0x) and interest cover of 4.1x (covenant of 4.0x)

OUTLOOK

