

Ricardo plc

Interim results presentation

February 2015

HIGHLIGHTS – for the half year ended 31 December 2014



- Strong period end order book at £138m (Jun 2014: £142m)
- Revenue up 8% to £120.5m (Dec 2013: £111.9m)
- Underlying⁽¹⁾ profit before tax up 9% to £10.1m (Dec 2013: £9.3m)
- Underlying⁽¹⁾ basic earnings per share up 9% to 15.9p (Dec 2013: 14.6p)
- Net funds at £11.0m after £1.9m net acquisition expenditure (Jun 2014: £12.6m)
- Interim dividend up 8% to 4.65p per share (Dec 2013: 4.30p)
- Acquisition activity with Vepro and PPA concluded in the period
- Outlook remains positive, strong platform for further growth

Key indicators



	Half year ended 31 December		Year ended 30 June
	2014	2013	2014
Order book	£138m	£143m	£142m
Order intake	£113m	£135m	£259m
Operating profit % (1)	8.8%	8.8%	10.8%
Tax rate	18%	18%	18%
EPS (basic) ⁽¹⁾	15.9p	14.6p	38.7p
Dividend	4.65p	4.30p	15.20p
Net funds	£11.0m	£8.2m	£12.6m
Pension deficit (pre-tax)	£19.4m	£21.5m	£19.5m
Closing headcount (including subcontractors)	2,235	2,183	2,143

⁽¹⁾ excluding specific adjusting items, which comprise amortisation of acquired intangible assets and acquisition costs

Income statement



	Half yea 31 Dec	H1 2014/15 v H1 2013/14	
£m	2014 Underlying ⁽¹⁾	2013 Underlying ⁽¹⁾	% change
Revenue	120.5	111.9	8%
Gross profit	45.3	43.6	4%
Administration costs	(34.7)	(33.8)	3%
Operating profit	10.6	9.8	8%
Net finance costs	(0.5)	(0.5)	-
Profit before tax	10.1	9.3	9%
Taxation charge	(1.8)	(1.7)	6%
Profit for the period	8.3	7.6	9%

⁽¹⁾ excluding specific adjusting items, which comprise amortisation of acquired intangible assets and acquisition costs. A full income statement including these items is included in the Appendix.

Revenue by customer location



	Half year ended 31 December		
External revenue £m	2014	2013	2014
UK	52.5	49.5	97.4
Germany	12.8	11.7	27.1
Rest of Europe	11.7	11.7	27.7
Europe total	77.0	72.9	152.2
US	19.5	17.5	38.0
China	8.2	6.7	14.0
Japan	9.7	9.1	17.0
Rest of Asia	5.1	5.2	13.9
Asia total	23.0	21.0	44.9
Rest of the World	1.0	0.5	1.1
Total	120.5	111.9	236.2

Segmental results



Half year ended 31 December

	Revenue earned		Underlying operating profit (1)		Underlying operating profit ⁽¹⁾ margin	
£m	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Technical Consulting	90.1	84.7	6.9	5.6	7.7%	6.6%
Performance Products	30.4	27.2	3.7	4.2	12.2%	15.4%
Total	120.5	111.9	10.6	9.8	8.8%	8.8%

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Bolt-on acquisitions completed in H1



- Vepro acquired 8th October 2014 15 man motorcycle engineering business, now part of the global motorcycle and urban mobility business
- PPA acquired 13th November 2014 25 man energy and electricity consulting business, now an additional practice area of our environmental consulting business
- Combined H1 impact of £0.4m on revenue and £0.1m operating profit
- Combined annualised revenue of circa £3m
- Total combined consideration £3.6m (cost net of cash acquired is £3.0m of which £1.9m in H1)

Cash flow



	Half year 31 Dece	Year ended 30 June	
£m	2014	2013	2014
Underlying operating profit	10.6	9.8	25.6
Specific adjusting items	(1.1)	(0.5)	(1.1)
Reported operating profit	9.5	9.3	24.5
Depreciation and amortisation	5.0	5.0	9.5
Working capital decrease/(increase)	3.2	(2.0)	(7.4)
Dividends	(5.7)	(5.2)	(7.5)
Tax paid	(0.1)	(0.2)	(1.7)
Capital expenditure	(8.1)	(3.4)	(9.0)
Pension charge and funding	(2.2)	(2.3)	(4.5)
Net share related (costs)/credit	(1.0)	0.5	1.2
Forex movements/other	(0.3)	0.4	1.4
Cash inflow excluding Vepro and PPA consideration	0.3	2.1	6.5
Vepro and PPA consideration net of cash acquired	(1.9)	-	-
Cash (outflow)/inflow	(1.6)	2.1	6.5

Balance sheet summary

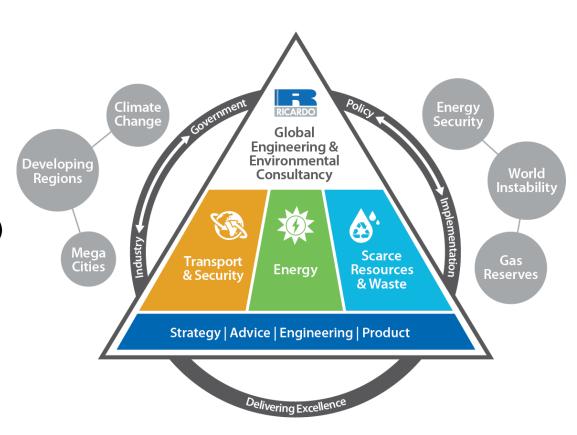


	31 Dec	30 June	
£m	2014	2013	2014
Tangible assets	48.4	46.0	48.3
Intangible assets	45.5	40.7	41.8
Inventory and receivables	82.7	70.7	74.5
Net funds	11.0	8.2	12.6
Trade and other payables	(64.7)	(54.3)	(56.3)
Pension deficit (net of tax)	(15.5)	(17.2)	(15.6)
Other	1.7	3.9	2.3
Net assets	109.1	98.0	107.6

Supported by a team of over 2000, a strategy for growth focused on global technical consulting and longer cycle revenues



- Strategy driven by global megatrends
 - Air Quality
 - Climate Change
 - Resource Scarcity (Oil, Water etc)
 - **Urbanisation**
 - Developing markets
 - Legislation



Global market backdrop for H1



- Auto industry developing new products for geographic expansion, competition and legislation adherence
- Demand for new technology and product development in Asia (passenger/commercial vehicle)
- Emerging market sector for personal urban mobility with automotive, motorcycle and new entrants all active
- Urban mobility sector creating opportunities for public transport solutions including monorail and Maglev
- Governments continue to assess, monitor and adapt to impacts of climate change/resource scarcity



H1 2014/15 Highlights



- Orders for new product development driven by CO₂/emissions reduction
- Japan and China continue to be active
- UK clients initiating multi year programmes with phased orders
- RSC has been busy driven by strategy and electric vehicle reviews
- Ricardo-AEA continues to develop overseas
- PP delivering to plan and preparing for new McLaren programme
- PPA and Vepro completed/integrated
- European restructuring
- Expansion of McLaren facility underway, VERC commissioned







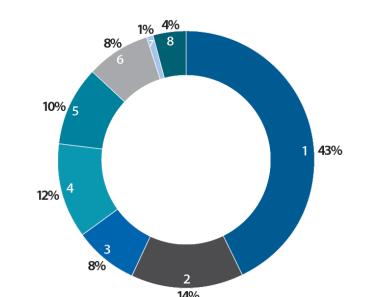


A continued good balance of order intake and pipeline from across the globe



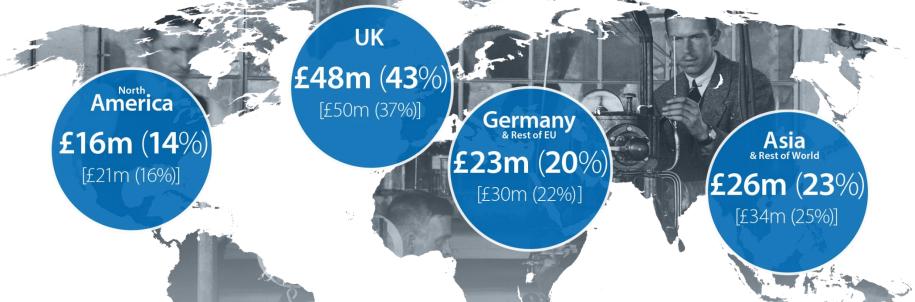


- North America
- 3. Germany
- 4. Rest of Europe
- 5. Japan
- 6. China
- 7. India
- 8. Rest of Asia



H1 2014/15 Order Intake £113m

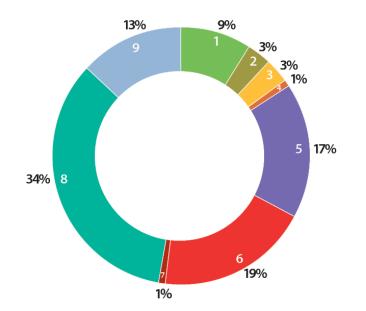
[H1 2013/14 Order Intake £135m]



Well balanced market sector order intake with a strong period for Commercial Vehicles and Power Generation



- 1. Clean Energy & Power Generation
- Defence
- 3. Agriculture & Industrial Vehicles
- 4. Rail and Marine
- Commercial Vehicles
- 6. High Performance Vehicles & Motorsport
- 7. Motorcycle & Personal Transportation
- 8. Passenger Car
- 9. Government & Environmental



H1 2014/15 Order Intake £113m [H1 2013/14 Order Intake £135m]



£19m (**17%**) [£6m (4%)]



£10m (9%) [£5m (4%)]



£39m (34%) [£43m (32%)]



£15m (13%) [£15m (11%)]



£3m (3%) [£3m (2%)]



Marine

£0m (0%) [£1m (1%)]



Defence

£3m (3%) [£8m (6%)]



HPV&M

£22m (**19%**) [£31m (23%)]



£1m (1%) [£8m (6%)]

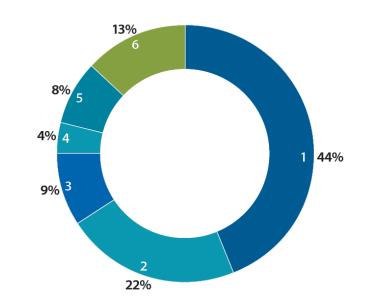


£1m (1%) [£15m (11%)]

Orders and pipeline well balanced across product and service areas



- 1. Engines
- 2. Driveline & Transmission Systems
- 3. Vehicle Systems
- 4. Hybrid & Electric Systems
- 5. Strategic Consulting
- 6. Environmental Consulting



H1 2014/15 Order Intake £113m [H1 2013/14 Order Intake £135m]

RSC



£9m (8%) [£4m (3%)]

DTS



£25m (22%) [£27m (20%)]

Environmental Consulting



£15m (**13%**) [£15m (11%)]

HES



£4m (4%) [£4m (3%)]

VS



£10m (9%) [£11m (8%)]

Engines

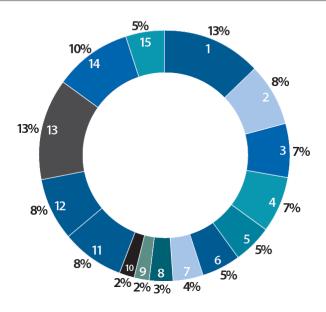


£50m (44%) [£74m (55%)]

Diverse customer mix, with a good level of multi year business



Ricardo plc External Order Intake by Key Client for the six months ended 31 December 2014



- I. Key Client I
- 2. Key Client 2
- 3. Key Client 3
- 4. Key Client 4
- 5. Key Client 5
- 6. Key Client 6

- 7. Key Client 7
- 8. Key Client 8
- 9. Key Client 9
- 10. Key Client 10
- II. Rest of UK
- 12. Rest of Asia

- 13. Rest of Europe
 - 14. Rest of North America
 - 15. UK Government









H1 2014/15 **Order Intake £113m** [H1 2013/14 Order Intake £135m]

Summary for period and outlook



- 8% growth in revenue and underlying operating profit delivered
- Strong period end order book, record order book of £152m at end of January 2015
- Strong balance sheet supporting ongoing investment and further growth
 - VERC commissioned to exploit future emissions legislation
 - McLaren engines facility expansion under construction
 - Acquisition activity with Vepro and PPA
- New market sector for public and private urban mobility emerging
- Pipeline remains strong, outlook positive



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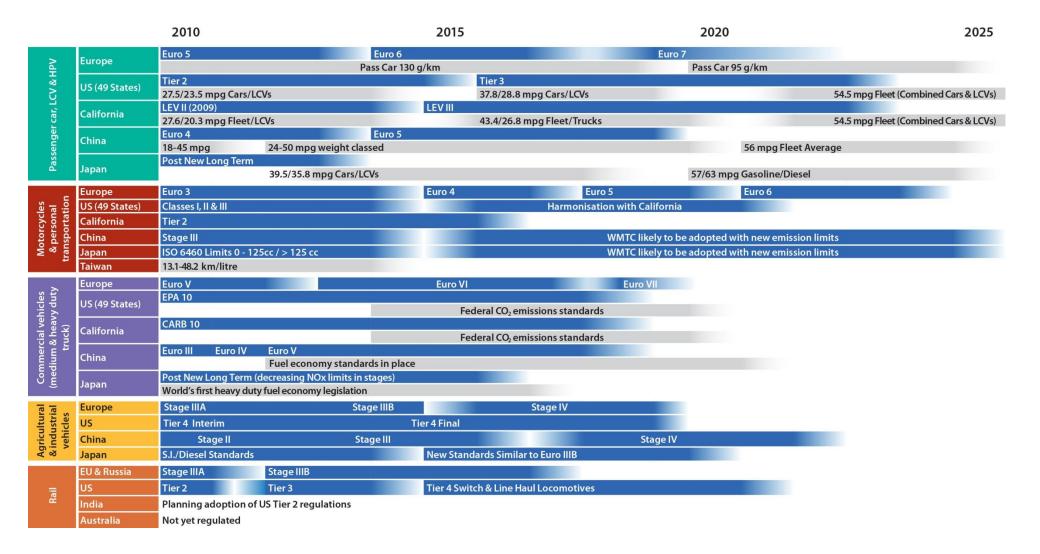


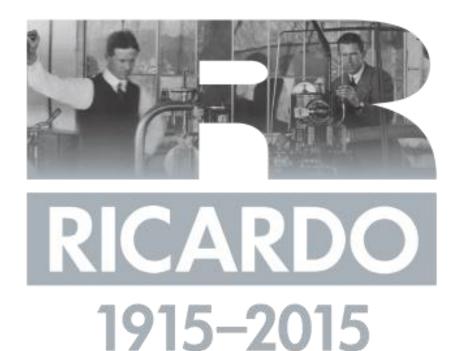
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Underlying operating profit	10.6	9.8	8%	25.6	
Specific adjusting items (1)	(1.1)	(0.5)	120%	(1.1)	
Operating profit	9.5	9.3	2%	24.5	
Net finance costs	(0.5)	(0.5)	-	(1.0)	
Profit before tax	9.0	8.8	2%	23.5	
Comprising:					
Underlying profit before tax	10.1	9.3	9%	24.6	
Specific adjusting items (1)	(1.1)	(0.5)	120%	(1.1)	
Taxation charge	(1.6)	(1.6)	-	(4.3)	
Profit for the period	7.4	7.2	3%	19.2	

⁽¹⁾ specific adjusting items comprise acquisition costs and amortisation of acquired intangible assets

Global tailpipe and CO₂ emissions legislation adherence are "must haves" in the development budget of many of our clients





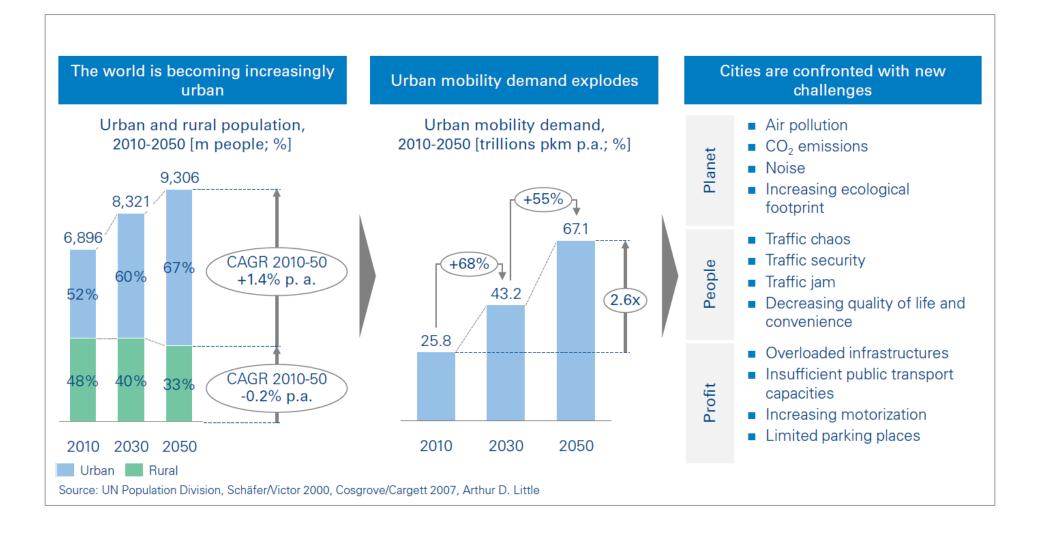


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Personal urban mobility

Megacities and increased urbanisation are predicted in the future



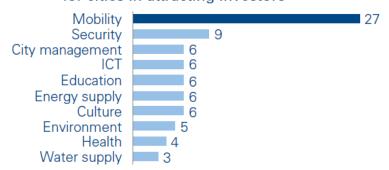


Mobility will be a priority for megacities

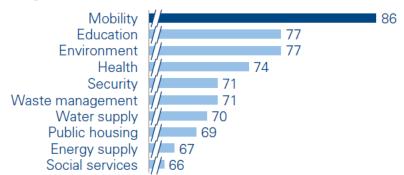


Mobility: Priority n°1 for cities

Urban mobility infrastructure is the n°1 priority area for cities in attracting investors 1) 3)



Highest needs for investment in cities 2007-2017 1) 2)

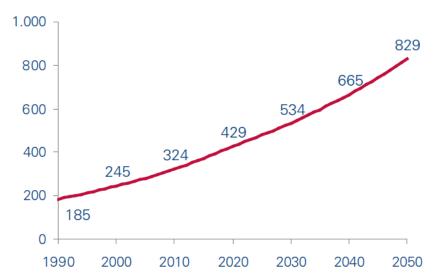


Source: Siemens, Bureau of Transport Statistics, Arthur D. Little

1) Siemens "Megacity Challenges Study" 2) % saying high need for investment 3) Percentage of respondents

Constant growth of investments in urban mobility

Global urban mobility investment volume in bn EUR



- In 1990 investment amount in global urban mobility equaled 185 bn EUR
- For 2050 the need of 829 bn EUR is being forecasted (growth by the factor 4.5)

Overcrowded regions and growth in megacities provide the backdrop for personal urban mobility





A new sector for personal urban mobility is emerging between passenger car and two-wheelers, attracting new entrant interest





Our integrated personal urban mobility offering



Concept to Production (incl. Niche Manufacture)

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- Powertrain Design
- Powertrain Calibration
- Powertrain NVH
- Powertrain Test



VEPRO - Acquired

- Chassis
- Powertrain Integration
- Vehicle Build and Test
- Large Motorcycle and Cruiser Capability



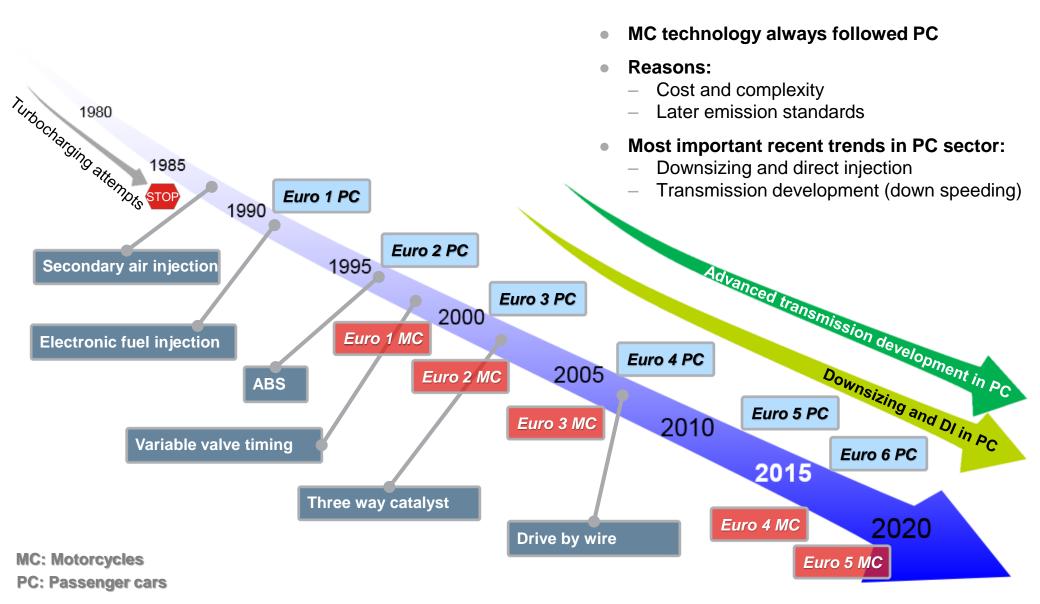
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- Body
- Styling
- Electrical
- Vehicle Build and Test
- Scooter and Small Motorcycle Capability



Examples of automotive technology in motorcycles





Asian markets are dominated by scooters and light motorcycles, with continued growth predicted



