# Half year results for the 26 weeks ended 29 September 2013

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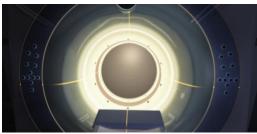
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### Agenda



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# **Executive Summary**

Karen Slatford, Chair



# **Board and Senior Management Changes**

New appointments with highly relevant experience



### **Executive summary**

- Difficult period with challenging market conditions and delays in product launches
- New executive management team and Board members
- Volex Transformation Plan initiated
- Focus on delivering a sustainable value creation (revenue growth)
- Strong underlying business:
  - Leading provider of power and data cords
  - ✓ Blue-chip customer base
  - Highly recognised and established brand
  - Unique global manufacturing and sales footprint
  - Reputation for quality and delivery excellence

### **Business Review**

Christoph Eisenhardt, CEO



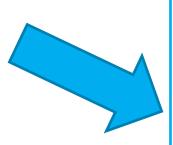
# **Business Review and Transformation Plan**

### **Strengths**

- Market leadership
- Unique global manufacturing and sales footprint
- Reputation for quality and delivery excellence
- Blue-chip customer base

#### Areas to address

- Business generation
- Time to market
- Design-to-cost
- Operational efficiency





#### **Volex Transformation Plan**

#### **Objectives**

- Deliver sustainable revenue growth
- Drive supply chain excellence

### Areas of focus

- Market and industry specific product offering
- Customer intimacy and technical sales competencies
- De-centralise and empower local facilities

#### **Business structure**

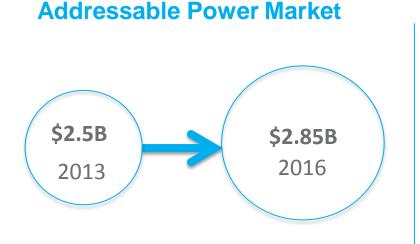
Two divisions – Power and Data

# Why two divisions?

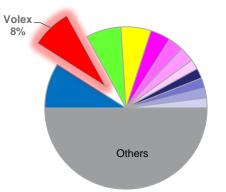
- Address market specific dynamics and better leverage Volex's strengths
- Improve competitiveness to benefit better from the growing markets
- Capitalise on Volex's unique global manufacturing footprint and sales presence
- Increase business transparency & accountability



### Power – retain leading position as power cable manufacturer



### **Volex Market Share**



### **Specifics**

- Volume and price sensitive
- Dynamic sales allocations
- Regional safety regulations apply
- Increasing cosmetic requirements

### **Volex Transformation Plan**

- Regionalise sales and engineering to drive sales growth
- Improve competitiveness through design-tocost and local sourcing
- De-centralise and empower local facilities to address evolving customer requirements

# Data – grow share in diverse micro-connectivity market



- Highly engineered products with long lifecycle
- Technical specification and performance (Innovation)
- Long term trusted suppliercustomer relationships

- Leverage existing technology expertise and customer base to drive sales growth
- Enforce Field Engineering to directly interface with customer's R,D&E teams
- Expand product portfolio through innovation and strategic partnerships

## Key operational priorities for next 12 months

### Stabilize the business during the second half...

... and deliver sustainable growth next year

### Through:

- Increased business generation and plant utilisation
- Enforced design-to-cost capabilities
- Improved business focus and accountability

### **Financial Review**

Nick Parker, CFO



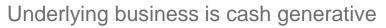
# **Financial Highlights**

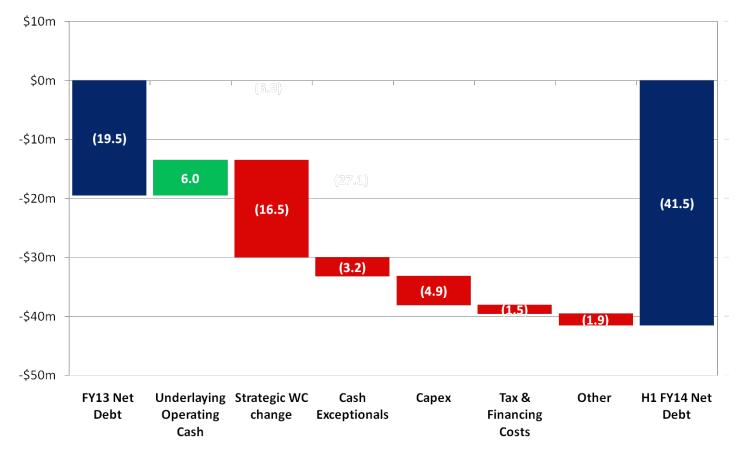
\$m	First six months		Year to 31 March	
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2012	FY2013
Revenue	249.3	196.5	517.8	473.2
Gross Profit*	44.3	33.7	102.5	85.3
Gross margin*	17.8%	17.1%	19.8%	18.0%
Operating costs	(39.0)	(32.1)	(70.5)	(72.9)
Operating Profit*	5.3	1.6	32.0	12.3
Operating margin*	2.1%	0.8%	6.2%	2.6%
Exceptionals	(0.7)	(5.8)	(5.0)	(8.0)
SBP & Finance costs	(2.3)	0.1	(7.8)	(2.4)
Тах	(0.5)	(0.1)	(2.0)	(2.8)
Profit after tax	1.8	(4.2)	17.2	(0.9)
Basic EPS*	5.9	0.0	43.7	11.4

\*Underlying measure before Share Based Payments and Exceptional items

- Revenue reduction reflects challenging market conditions in some of our regions and delays in certain customer product launches
- Operating costs reduced by \$7m or 18% year on year due to cost reduction programme
- Business transformation giving rise to exceptional items
- SBP & Finance costs reduced due to a \$1.6m Share Based Payment credit
- High effective tax charge despite overall performance due to requirements at certain locations for minimum profitability
- Interim dividend suspended

# **Cash flow**





- Net debt increased due to change in supplier payment profiles following a strategic decision to move to a multi-sourcing supplier model
- Capital expenditure considerably down on prior year (H1 FY2013: \$9m)
- Exceptional cash outflow primarily related to operational restructuring
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# **Power Division**

\$m	First six months		Year to 31 March	
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2012	FY2013
Revenue	170.8	128.3	332.6	323.1
Gross profit*	25.4	17.9	60.4	48.5
Gross margin*	14.8%	13.9%	18.2%	15.0%
Operating costs	(16.0)	(13.9)	(28.6)	(29.7)
Operating profit*	9.3	3.9	31.8	18.8
Operating margin*	5.5%	3.1%	9.6%	5.8%

\*Underlying measure before Share Based Payments and Exceptional items

- Revenue reduction due to challenging market conditions in some of our regions due to price competition
- Margin reduction off-set by implementation of cost reduction programme
- Future growth plans in place new products have driven growth historically and can still do so in the future through:
  - Dedicated sales teams understanding customer needs for new products
  - Price competitiveness due to design-to-cost and multiple supplier sourcing

## **Data Division**

\$m	First six months		Year to 31 March	
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2012	FY2013
Revenue	78.5	68.3	185.1	150.1
Gross profit*	19.0	15.8	42.1	36.7
Gross margin*	24.2%	23.2%	22.7%	24.5%
Operating costs	(13.7)	(10.1)	(25.0)	(24.0)
Operating profit*	5.3	5.7	17.1	12.8
Operating margin*	6.8%	8.3%	9.2%	8.5%

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- Reduction in revenue despite strong performance of our healthcare business due to adverse market conditions within telecoms sector
- Operating margin increased due to effective reduction of operating costs by 26% year on year
- Future growth plans in place will be driven by:
  - New opportunities in data cables
  - Close involvement with 4G base station roll-out
  - Data centre cables
  - New healthcare industry opportunities

# Summary & Outlook

Karen Slatford, Chair



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### Summary

- The trading environment was and continues to be challenging
- Period of fundamental renewal new Board and management team
- Prudent decision to suspend interim dividend

### Outlook

- Significant work ahead for the new management team in turning around the business
- Execute the Volex Transformation Plan
- Improve our service to global customer base
- Focus on operational excellence and maximising economies of scale
- Benefit from significant growth opportunities in both divisions: power and data
- Resume dividend payments when appropriate



