



# 2016/17 Preliminary Results

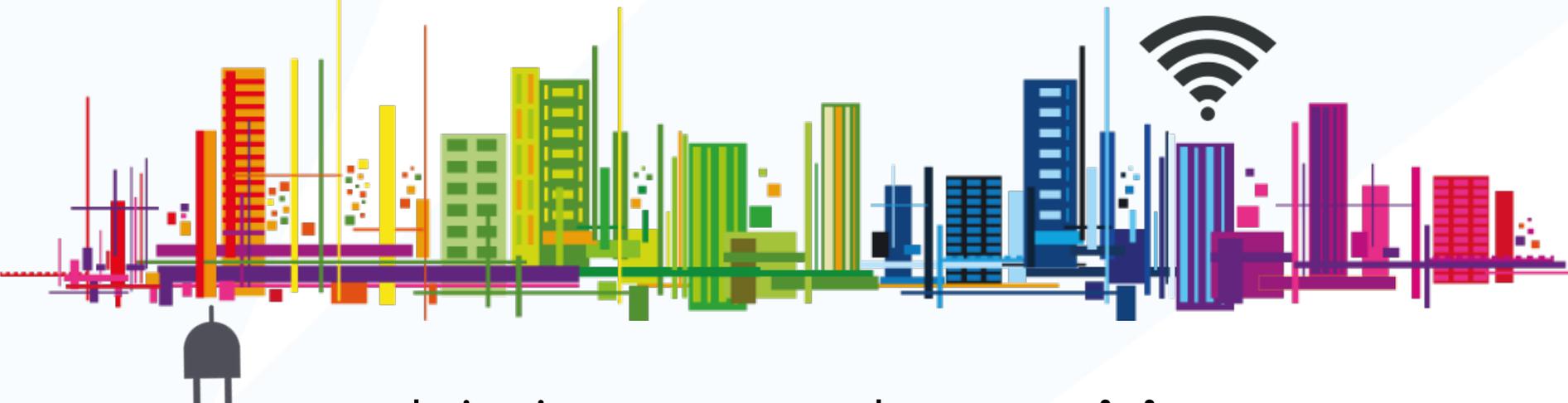
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bringing **power** and **connectivity**  
to equipment that is changing how  
we work and live!

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- A year of massive cultural change within the organization, to create a best in class team
- Intense efforts to right-size our business foot-print, improve our cost-competitiveness and begin to diversify our customer-base
- Volex is ungeared at the year-end, and ready for growth
- Our strategy has been to
  - exit loss-making activities, and reduce our reliance on our largest customer;
  - and improve working capital management which has resulted in very strong cash generation in the year
- We continue to improve our sales and engineering effectiveness and we see exciting opportunities to grow and diversify our business in the future

# Summary of FY17 Results

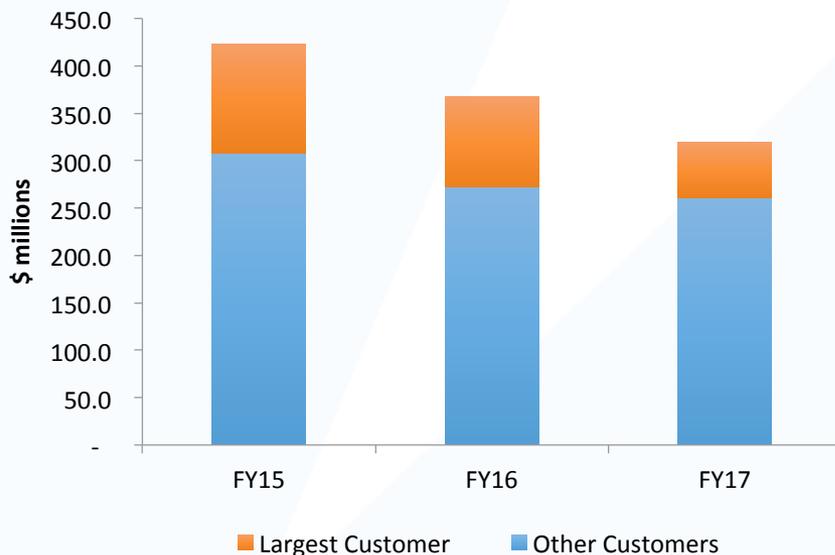


- Strategy to reduce unprofitable activities resulted in a 13% sales reduction, however
  - gross margin improved from 16.4% to 17.4%
  - on going operating expenses reduced by 13% from \$53.2million to \$46.4million
- As a result, pre exceptional operating profit increased by 26% to \$9.1million
- **Strong free cash flow generation – ended the year in a net cash position of \$11.3million (compared to net debt of \$3.2million at the prior year-end)**

# Revenue Progression



Volex Sales - last 3 years



- The top 3 customers as a proportion of the total sales has reduced: from 47% in FY15 to 40% in FY17
- Total sales decreased by 13% in FY17 as we executed our strategy to exit loss-making business and to improve return on capital
- Excluding sales to our largest customer, revenue declined by 4% in FY17 but revenue quality has improved
- In H2 sales, excluding sales to our largest customer, grew by 1%. Our core business is starting to return to growth as we regain our competitiveness
- Factory new business hit rate is much higher than in the previous 12 months, as we have fixed our quoting process and improved our efficiency

# Main activities in FY17



- **Structural Cost Reduction Activities**

- Shrunk Shenzhen facility into 2 buildings (from 4) to cope with decline in revenue from our largest customer
- Closure of loss-making Brazil factory
- Reduced office and hub footprint / exit onerous leases

- **Lean Implementation**

- Complete actions with Yomo in Tijuana and Shenzhen factories
- Senior hires in Asia and US to improve operational performance
- Focus on improving efficiency and reducing inventory – clear progress as evidenced by improvement in gross margin and cash generation

- **Improve Quality and Energy of Sales Team**

- Launched new Sales Incentive Plan and increased performance-based pay
- Attracted higher quality management in Engineering and Sales
- Focus on ROCE and joint new product development with customers

***Improved competitiveness has resulted in a number of significant new customer wins***

# Opportunities for Volex in the medium term



## FY18 is all about **Execution in our Sales and Operations**

- **Sourcing 1** – there is an opportunity to better leverage our global sourcing spend, and a new China based global head of sourcing starts in August
- **Sourcing 2** – JV cable company is poised to win safety approvals and should address a structural cost disadvantage in power
- **Sourcing 3** – we plan to invest in a new ERP system over the next 36 months which can transform our competitiveness
- Asia sales team under new leadership. Our strategy is to generate higher-quality sales more efficiently
- Finally, with investment, there is opportunity to grow our Tijuana operation where we see strong revenue growth year on year

# Financial Summary



\$m	FY16	FY17	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>367.5</b>	<b>319.6</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>
Gross Profit	60.4	55.5	-8.1%
- Gross Margin	16.4%	17.4%	
Operating Costs	(53.2)	(46.4)	
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>26.4%</b>
- Operating Margin	2.0%	2.8%	
Exceptional Items / Share based payments	(3.7)	(15.6)	
Finance Costs	(1.9)	(1.9)	
Tax	(3.9)	1.5	
Profit after Tax	<b>(2.3)</b>	<b>(6.9)</b>	
Underlying EPS	1.5	9.5	
Cash Generated by Operations	12.6	24.9	
<b>Net (Debt) / Cash</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>	<b>11.3</b>	

- Gross margins have improved due to factory rationalisation, improved efficiency, elimination of loss-making sales and procurement efficiencies
- Continued focus on opex reduction with a 13% reduction year on year
- Exceptional costs include \$12.5m of fixed asset write-downs. Cash costs of \$2.4 million related to restructuring and lean-consultancy
- Significant improvement in pre-exceptional post-tax earnings and cash generation

# Exceptional Costs



\$m	FY16	FY17
Impairment/Product portfolio realignment	1.5	12.5
Restructuring costs	2.7	1.6
Manufacturing optimisation consultancy	-	0.8
Movement in onerous lease provision	1.1	0.3
Provision for historic sales tax claims	-0.6	-
<b>Total non-recurring items</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Cash impact of Exceptional Costs	4.5	5.7

- The largest exceptional item is a non-cash charge to impair the value of production assets in Shenzhen. We are attempting to improve the terms of trade with our largest customer and this write-off highlights the importance of a focus on ROCE
- Restructuring costs reduced to \$1.6m made up of costs associated with the closure of activities in Brazil, Ireland, Austin, Japan and Jakarta
- \$0.8m spent on manufacturing consultancy to contribute to improved profit margin

# Cable Assemblies



\$m	FY16	FY17	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>
Gross Profit*	30.6	27.9	
Gross Margin*	22.3%	21.2%	
Operating Costs	(20.8)	(17.4)	
<b>Operating Profit*</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
Operating Margin*	7.2%	8.0%	



\* Underlying measure before Share Based Payments and Exceptional Items

- Sales declined due to end of life for internal assemblies on laptops with our largest customer and continued decline of sales to a large European telecom customer (production miniaturisation and reduced demand)
- This decline masks strong growth, particularly in our high speed business which sells cables to support data centres and cloud storage
- Margins have increased during the year, largely due to opex savings

# Power Cords



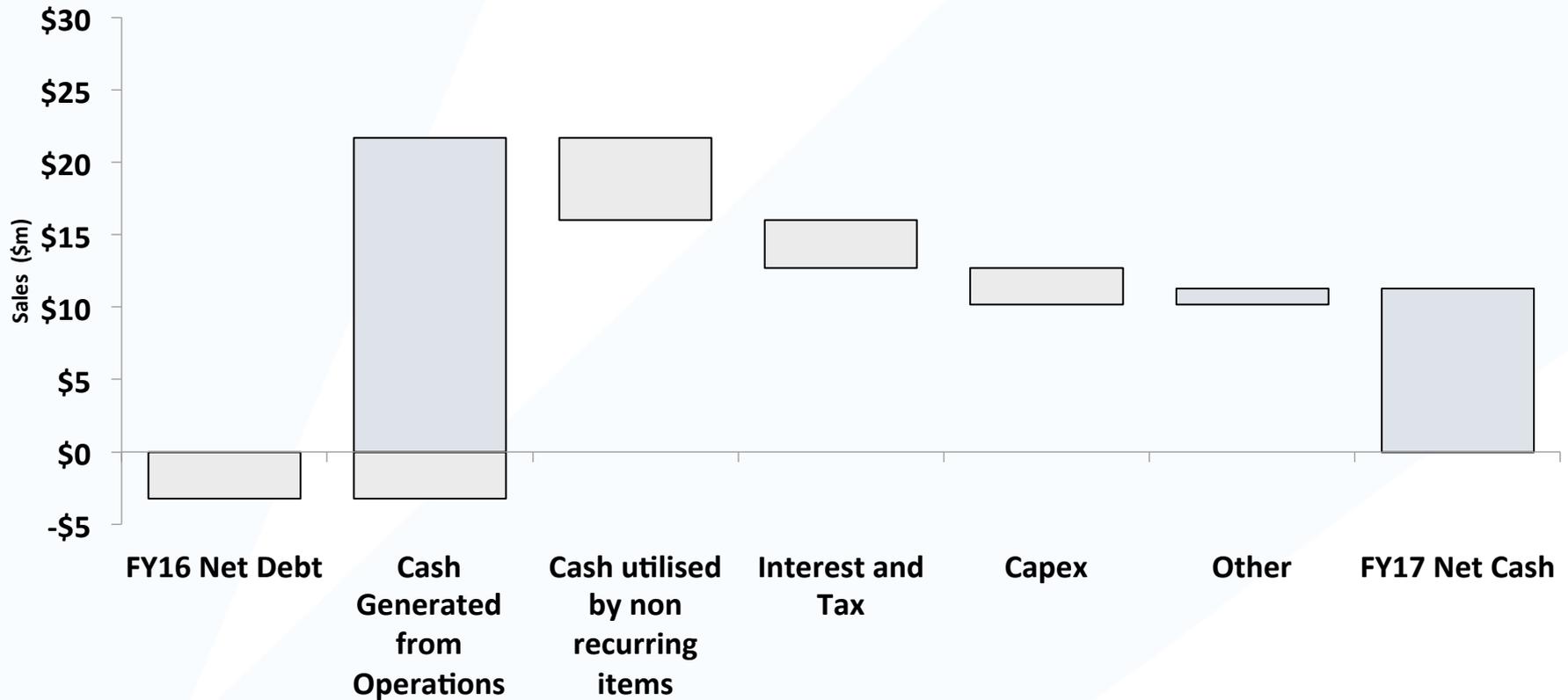
\$m	FY16	FY17	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>230.2</b>	<b>188.3</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>
Gross Profit*	29.8	27.5	
Gross Margin*	12.9%	14.6%	
Operating Costs	(27.5)	(24.3)	
<b>Operating Profit*</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>39.1%</b>
Operating Margin*	1.0%	1.7%	



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- Reduction in sales mainly due to the reduction of sales to our largest customer, together with the deliberate exit from low margin customers
- We reduced our factory costs to increase our gross margin. In addition lower opex delivered an increase in operating profit
- Step taken to upgrade management of sales, engineering and operations in the Power Cord division

# Cash Generation



Significant improvement in our year-end cash position

Lloyds and HSBC continue to support the group with a \$30m revolving credit facility extended to June 2019

# Return on Capital



\$m	FY16	FY17
Goodwill & Intangibles	3.7	3.0
Property, Plant and Equipment	33.3	18.1
Other	2.4	3.8
<b>Non-current Assets</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>24.9</b>
Inventories	41.5	36.0
Trade & other receivables	64.1	62.0
Cash and bank balances	30.7	29.6
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>136.3</b>	<b>127.6</b>
Trade & other payables	74.6	76.2
Overdraft	5.2	0.0
Tax liabilities	6.2	5.3
Other	2.6	1.1
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>82.6</b>
Borrowings	28.8	18.2
Provisions	1.9	0.1
Other	5.1	5.4
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>23.7</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>46.2</b>
<b>ROCE (as at year end)</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>

- As the revenue has declined, inventory and trade receivables have reduced, generating cash to reduce debt
- The business has generated significant cash flow during the year and paid down the long term borrowings by over \$10million
- PPE has reduced due to the impairment of assets in Shenzhen. This reduction in assets has driven an improvement in the return on assets
- Volex has a cleaner, leaner balance sheet and sufficient capital resources to pursue organic growth in FY18
- Tax losses b/f of \$139million
- Pension deficit \$4.4million

- Current expectations are that revenues will show a recovery in FY18
  - Power Cord expected to show a small decline with improved margin
  - Cable Assemblies pipeline is encouraging
- Gross margin % to be consolidated at FY17 levels
- Operating expenses should show a small reduction as full year run-rate savings are realised
- Cash generation to provide funds to invest in future growth

# Additional Information



# Our customers



## Consumer



## Datacom



## Telecom



## Industrial



## Healthcare



## Transportation



# 8 world class manufacturing sites



Volex Heng Gang, Shenzhen – 1745pax



Volex Zhongshan, Guangdong – 1388pax



Volex Batam, Indonesia – 1200pax



Volex de Mexico, Tijuana – 503pax



Volex Chennai, India – 288pax



Volex Hanoi, Vietnam – 283pax



Volex Suzhou, China – 587pax



Volex Poland, Bydgoszcz – 323pax

