



**Engineering Tomorrow | Costain Group PLC
Results for the year ended 31 December 2016**

Unique strategy driving results

- Another strong performance with significant growth in both revenue and profit
- Major customers committed to spending £ billions on essential infrastructures
- Accelerating growth both organically and by targeted acquisition
- Our world is changing rapidly and fundamentally, driven by technology
- Increase in dividend reflects confidence for the future

Costain is improving people's lives by deploying technology-based solutions to meet urgent national needs



Financial Review

Tony Bickerstaff | Finance Director

Another strong performance

- Revenue, including share of joint ventures and associates, increased to £1.7bn (2015: £1.3bn)
- Underlying¹ operating profit up 24% to £41.1m (2015: £33.2m)
- Underlying¹ profit before tax of £37.5m (2015: £29.9m)
- Underlying¹ basic earnings per share of 31.5p (2015: 25.1p)
- Net cash position² of £140.2m (2015: £108.2m) reflecting positive timing of receipts at period end
- Recommended final dividend of 8.4p (2015: 7.25p) if approved, total dividend for 2016 up 15% to 12.7p (2015: 11.0p)

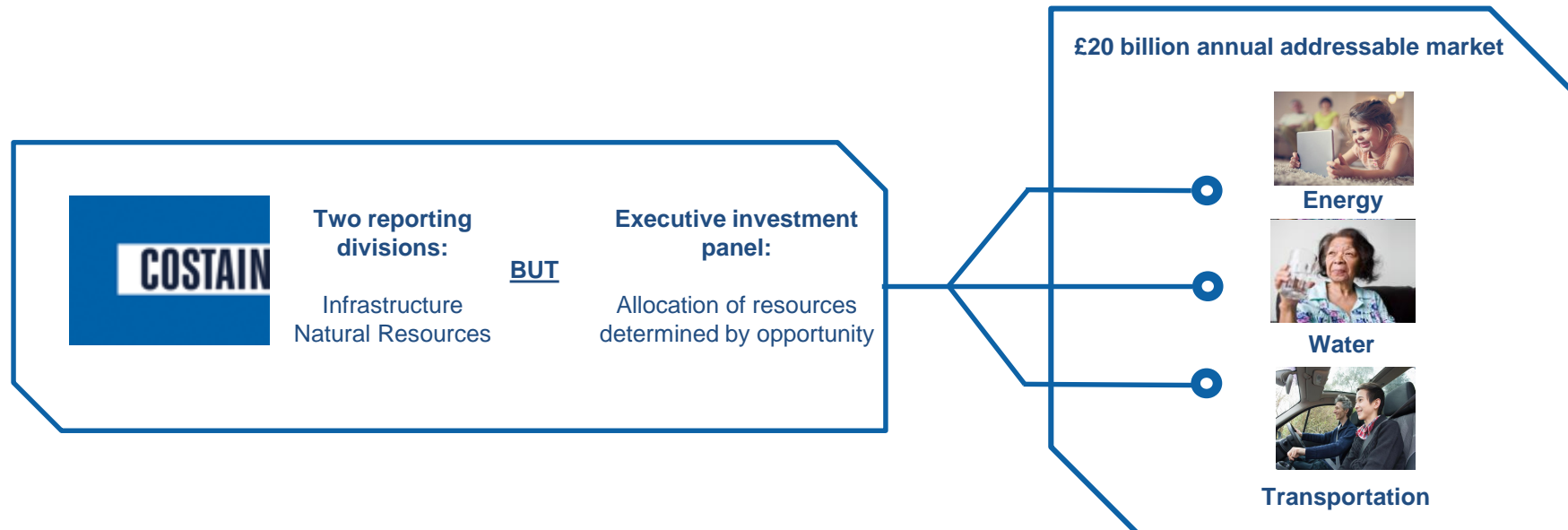
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1. Before other items; amortisation of acquired intangible assets and employment related and other deferred consideration

2. Net cash balance is cash and cash equivalents less interest bearing loans and borrowings

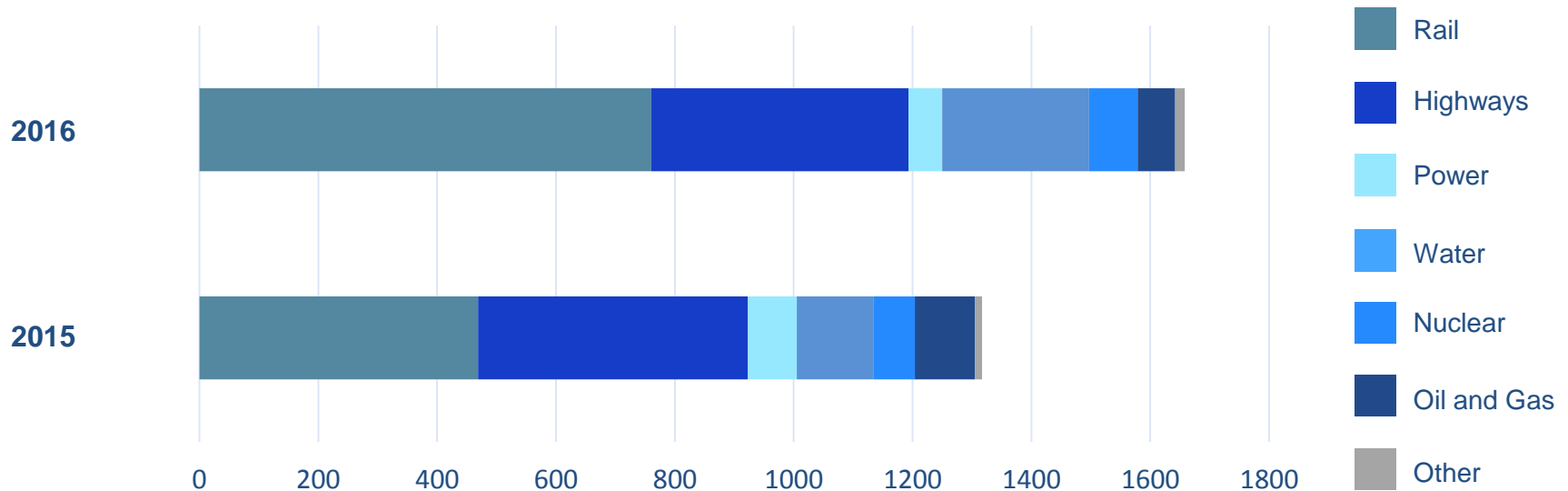
‘One Costain’ philosophy

- Focus on blue chip customers through long-term strategic relationships
- Delivering required broad range of integrated services
- 90% target cost based contracts
- Longer term, lower risk, more collaborative
- Ability to adapt to customers’ rapidly changing needs, driving significant levels of repeat order business



Revenue growth reflects ‘One Costain’ philosophy

Revenue split by market (£m)

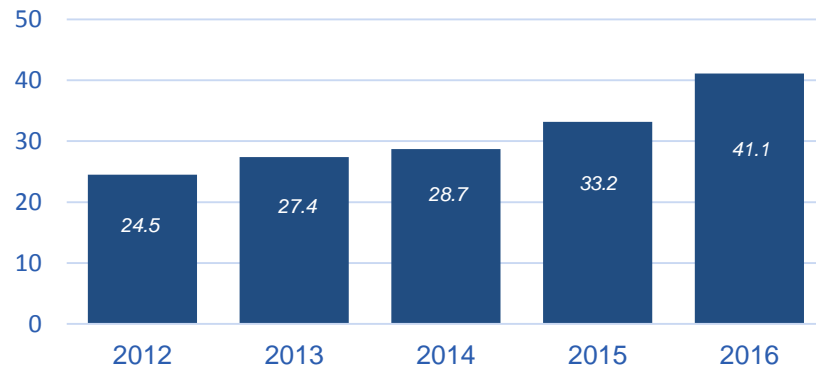


‘One Costain’ philosophy ensures resource focused on most attractive opportunities

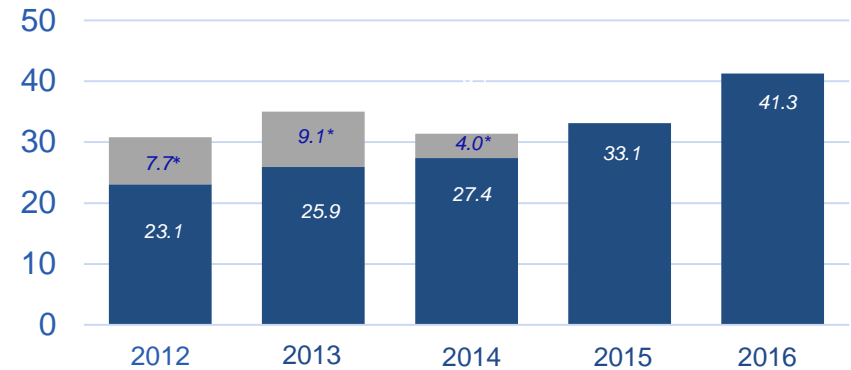
- Significant continued growth in Rail to modernise aging infrastructure
- Growth in Water reflecting AMP6 investment cycle
- Major Smart Motorways investment programme by Highways England

Increasing profitability

Group underlying operating profit (£m)¹

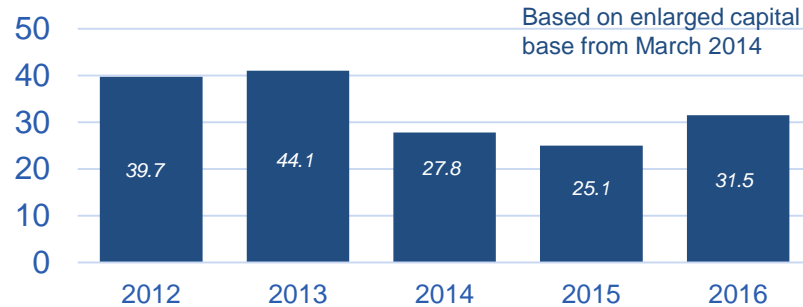


Group underlying profit from operations (£m)¹



* PFI & investments sales and in 2012 net of one-off costs resulting from pensions scheme liability management

Underlying EPS (p)¹



Weighted average number of shares (m)	
2016	102.8
2015	101.7
2014	94.6
2013	66.3
2012	65.3

Note:

1. Before other items; amortisation of acquired intangible assets and employment related and other deferred consideration and in 2013 exceptional transaction costs

Segmental income statement reflects targeted resource allocation

	2016			2015		
	Revenue ¹	Underlying ² Operating Profit	Margin	Revenue ¹	Underlying ² Operating Profit	Margin
	£m	£m		£m	£m	
Infrastructure	1,276.1	56.6	4.4%	996.1	50.9	5.1%
Natural Resources	377.3	(8.6) ³	(2.3%)	317.6	(11.1)	(3.5)%
Alcaidesa (From 1/7/15)	4.6	(0.7)		2.8	(0.5)	
Central costs	-	(6.2)			(6.1)	
Total	1,658.0	41.1		1,316.5	33.2	
Alcaidesa (JV to 30/6/15)		-		0.9	(0.4)	
Other JVs		0.2			0.3	
Underlying profit from operations²		41.3			33.1	
Net interest expense		(3.8)			(3.2)	
Underlying profit before tax²		37.5			29.9	
Underlying basic earnings per share ²		31.5p			25.1p	

Notes:

1. Including share of joint ventures and associates
2. Before other items; amortisation of acquired intangible assets and employment related and other deferred consideration
3. In 2016 Natural Resources underlying operating profit was £6.5m before impact of Greater Manchester Waste costs and provision of £15.1m

Greater Manchester Waste contract update

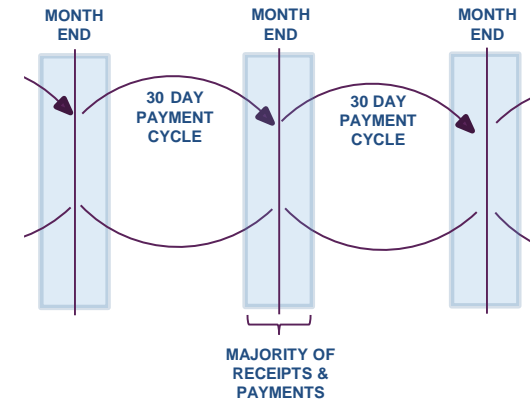
- Contract awarded in 2007 as part of GMWDA PFI scheme
- All 46 facilities are operational and processing waste
- Final Acceptance of all facilities targeted in 2017
- Further works when access is available in accordance with the operational running of the plants under an agreed schedule to 2019
- Total costs and provisions taken in 2016 of £15.1m in relation to the completion of the contract
- No other contracts of this type



Two key elements driving cash flow

1. Net cash timing due to:

- Thirty day payment cycle
- Year end balance benefited from positive working capital due to timing of receipts including several early receipts
- Average month end balance more reflective of underlying cash position



2. Target cost, cost reimbursable contracts:

- Suitable for complex, long term investment programmes
- Lower risk, more collaborative



Strong net cash position at year end

	2016	2015
	£m	£m
Net cash at beginning of period	108.2	148.5
Cash from operations	49.6	38.2
Changes in working capital (excluding pension deficit contributions)	36.0	(10.0)
Cash flow from operating activities	85.6	28.2
Pension deficit contributions	(14.3)	(10.0)
Acquisition consideration	(18.3)	(35.4)
Alcaidesa debt restructuring	-	(8.1)
Dividends	(11.0)	(9.4)
Issue of ordinary share capital	2.5	-
Interest, tax, fixed assets, investments & currency	(12.5)	(5.6)
Net cash at end of period	140.2	108.2
Net cash reconciliation:		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	210.2	146.7
Less: bank borrowings	(70.0)	(38.5)
Reported net cash	140.2	108.2

- Year end timing impact on working capital
 - positive benefit in 2016: c.£60m
 - reversal of timing benefit from 2015: c.£25m
 - net benefit in 2016: £35m
- Average month end cash balance of £69.1m (2015: £103.7m)
 - full year impact of acquisitions on 2016 average cash: Rhead: £18m; SSL: £9m
- H1 2017, year-end positive timing likely to unwind
- June positive timing less pronounced
- Small underlying working capital outflow, in line with contract terms, expected in 2017
- Average cash balance in 2017 expected to be at a similar level to 2016

Robust balance sheet and increased banking facilities

	31 December 2016	31 December 2015
	£m	£m
Assets		
Non current assets (excluding pension deficit deferred tax)	119.3	103.7
Trade and other receivables	302.7	274.7
Cash and cash equivalents	210.2	146.7
Current assets	512.9	421.4
Total assets	632.2	525.1
Current liabilities	(441.6)	(372.2)
Total assets less current liabilities	190.6	152.9
Non current liabilities (excluding net pension liability)	(31.5)	(2.9)
Pension liability net of deferred tax	(59.5)	(29.4)
Total equity	99.6	120.6

- Banking and bonding facilities increased to £555m (including £155m debt facility)
- Maturity date extended to 30 June 2021

Managing legacy pension obligation

- Increase in accounting deficit primarily due to the reduction in corporate bond yields used as the discount rate for liabilities
- Agreed full actuarial valuation at 31 March 2016 and updated recovery plan
- Total amount of contributions is anticipated to be at same level as the previous agreed plan
- Contributions at £10m for 12 months to 31 March 2017 and then £9.6m per annum increasing with inflation until 2031
- In addition, as previously agreed, an additional top-up for total contributions to match annual dividend payments

	31 Dec 2016 £m	31 Dec 2015 £m
Fair value of scheme assets	754.0	650.7
Present value of defined benefit obligations	(827.5)	(687.4)
Recognised liability for defined benefit obligations	(73.5)	(36.7)
Deferred tax	14.0	7.3
Net pension deficit	(59.5)	(29.4)

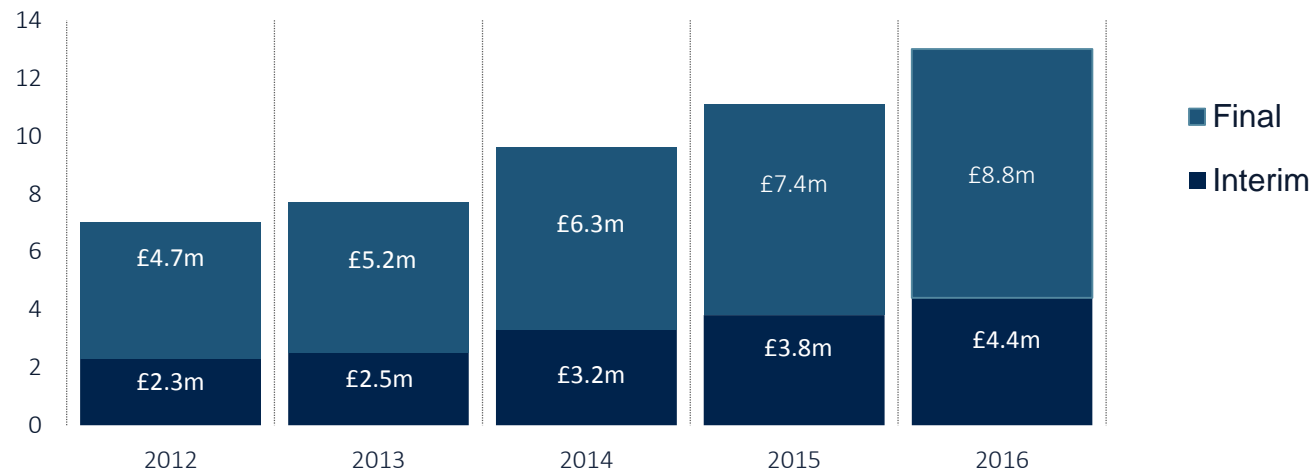
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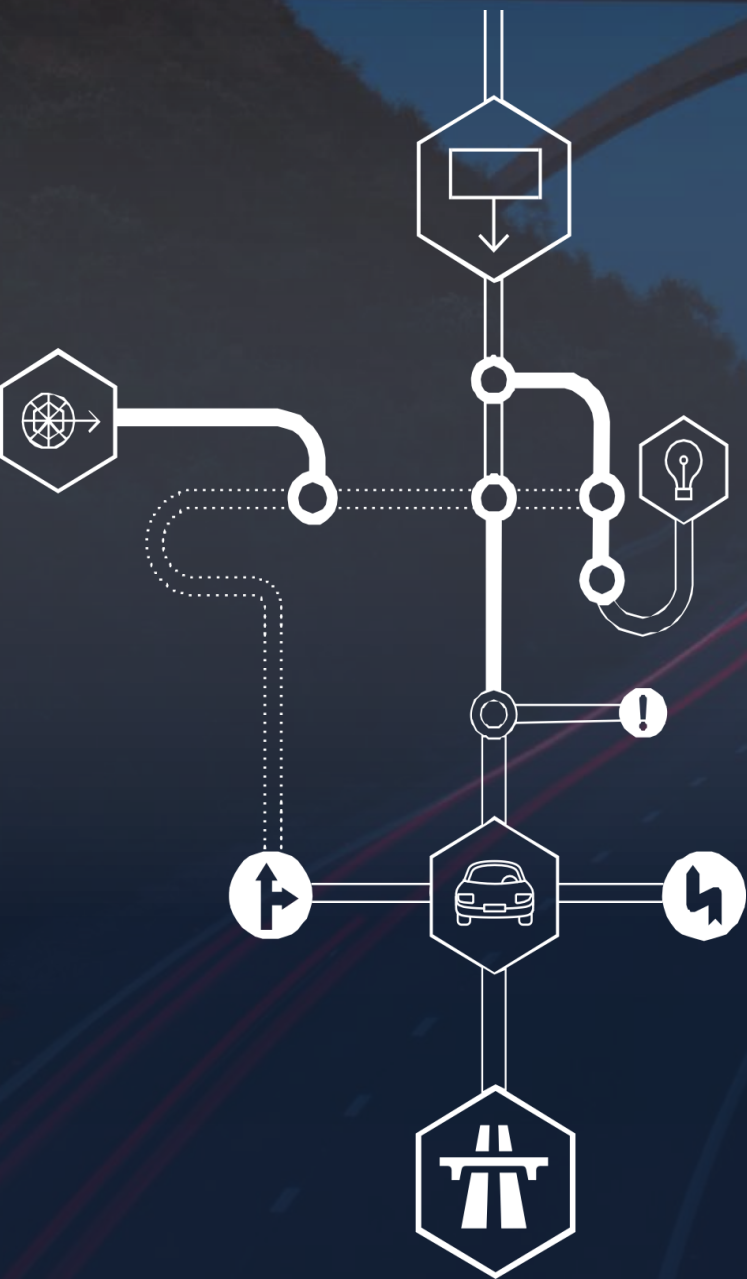
- Legacy defined benefit scheme; closed to new entrants in 2005 and closed fully to future accrual in 2009
- All current employees on defined contribution arrangements only
- Actions taken to manage obligation including asset transfers and liability reductions

15% increase in recommended full year dividend

- Progressive dividend policy, targeting ongoing dividend cover of around 2 x underlying earnings
- Recommended final dividend of 8.4 pence per share (2015: 7.25 pence per share)
- Would represent a 15% increase in the total dividend for the year to 12.7 pence per share (2015: 11.0 pence per share)
- Final dividend, if approved, will be paid on 19 May 2017 to shareholders on the register as at 7 April 2017

Total value of dividend pay-out (£ million)





Strategic Review

Andrew Wyllie CBE | Chief Executive

Our purpose:

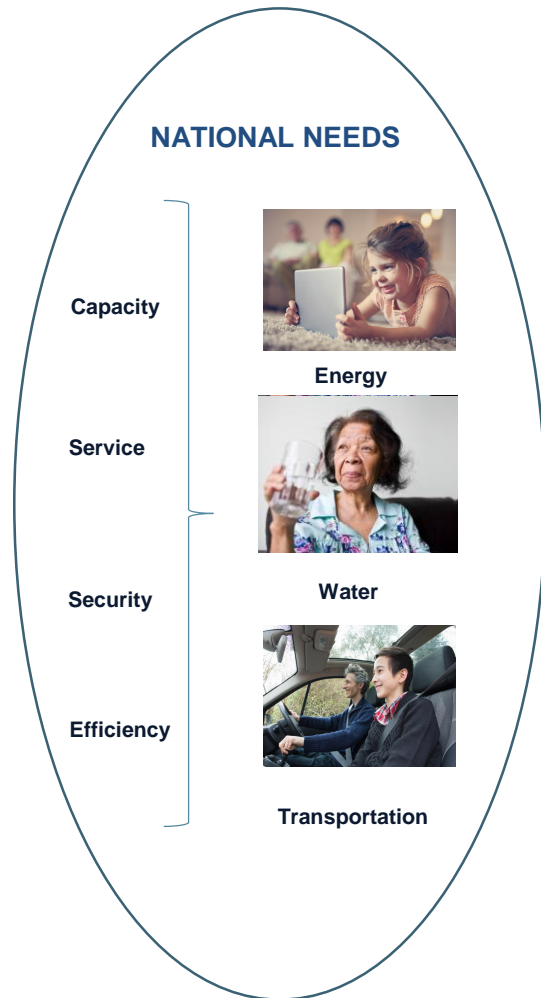
To improve people's lives by enhancing the UK's energy, water and transportation infrastructures



Our unique strategy: 'Engineering Tomorrow'



Targeting areas of urgent national need

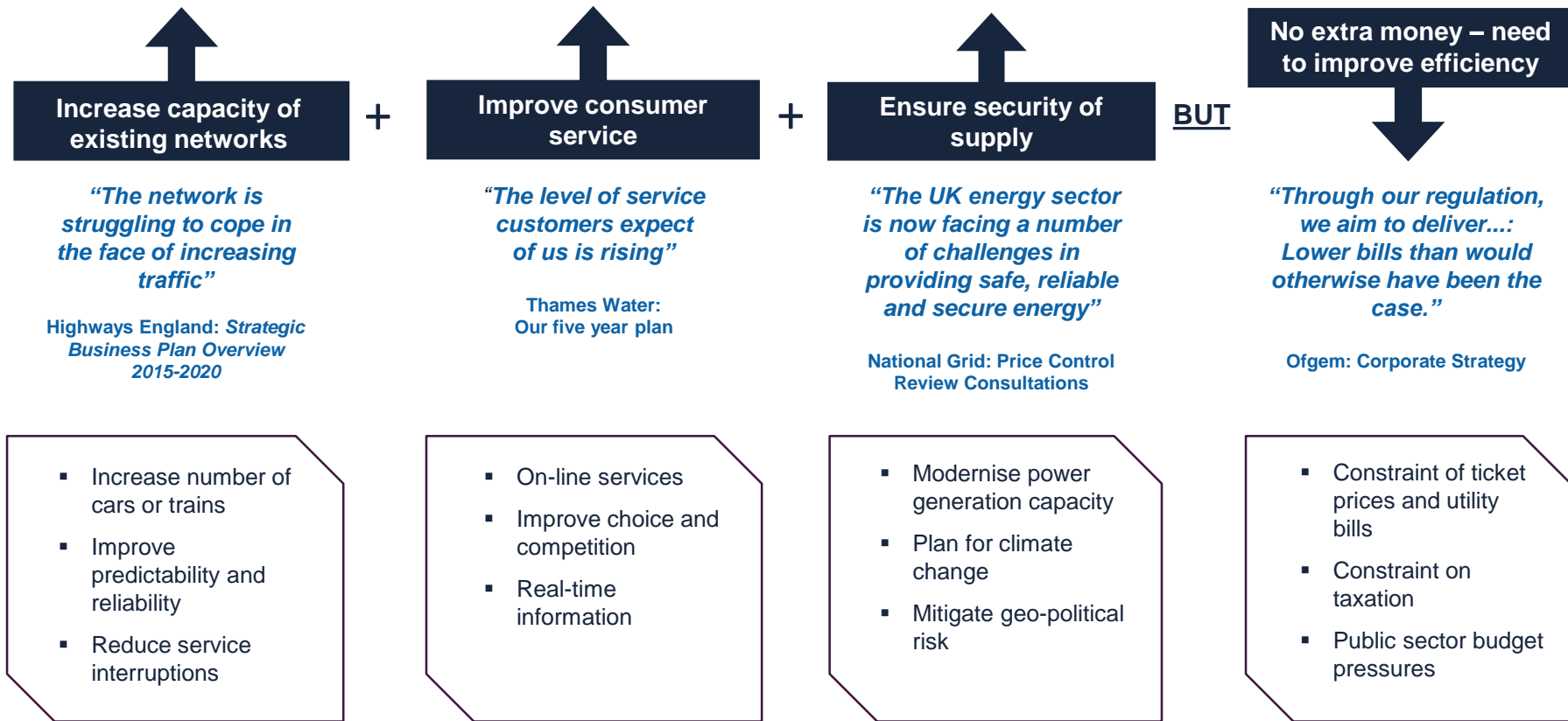


- Circa £20 billion annual addressable market of committed spend
- Increasing Government and cross-party support
- Spend underpinned by legislation and regulation
- Performance bars being raised by regulators including Ofwat, Ofgem and ORR

“We must upgrade our standards of performance on digital, energy, transport, water and flood defence infrastructure, and better align central government infrastructure investment with local growth priorities.”

HM Government, *Building Our Industrial Strategy*

Regulators demanding more of our customers



Costain delivering solutions for our customers in this rapidly changing and increasingly complex environment

Customer requirements are changing radically

This is driving:

Fundamental change in supply chain relationship

- Moving from transactional to long-term strategic relationships
- Placing larger, long-term contracts
- Consolidating their supply chains
- Demanding broad range of integrated services

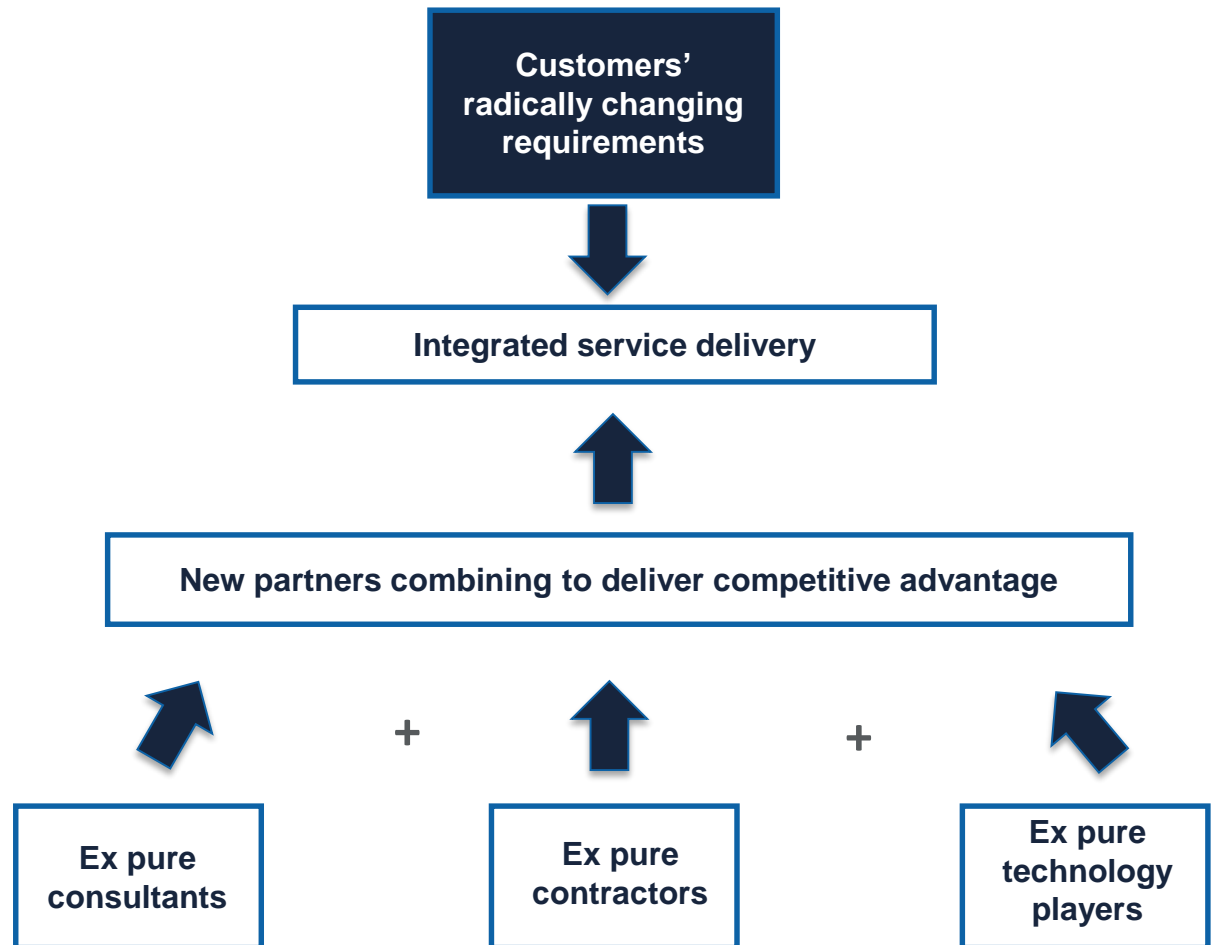
Revolution in the use of technology

- Every contract will have a significant technology component
- Technology capability key to addressing customer requirements
- Need for real-time asset monitoring
- 24/7 data provision enabling enhanced customer service

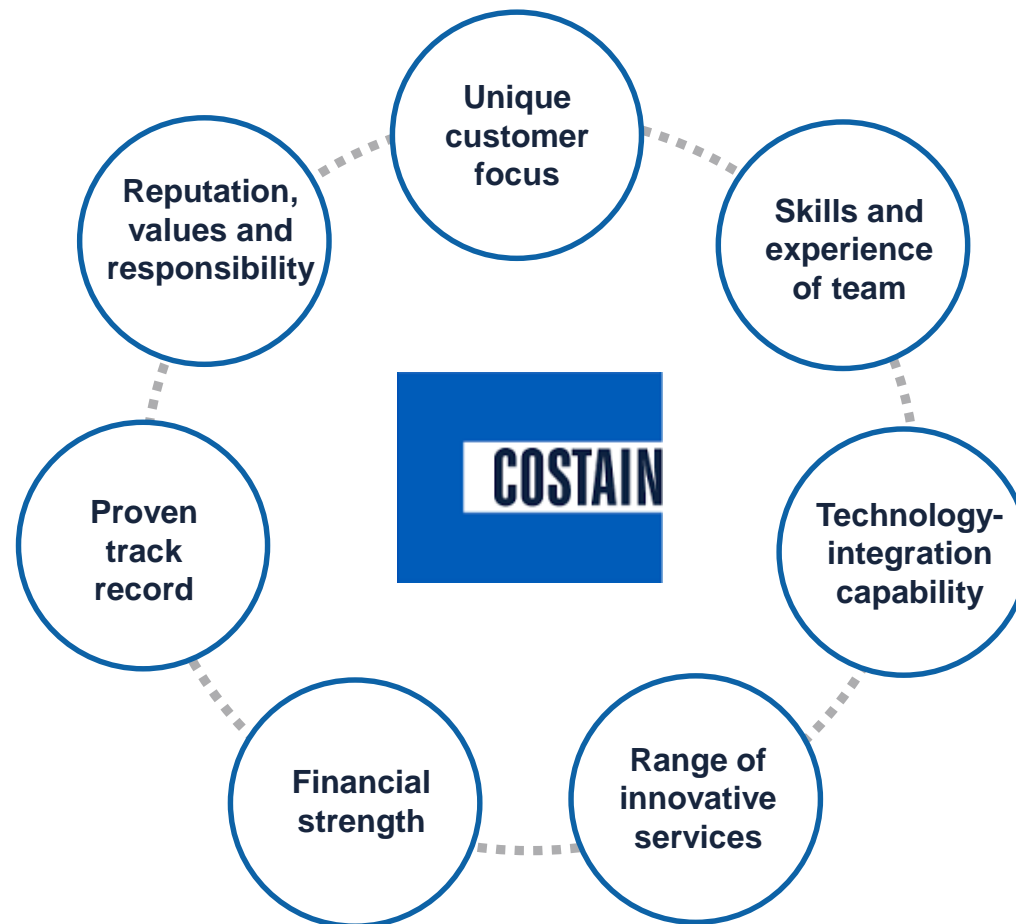


Our world is changing rapidly and fundamentally

- Every contract will have a significant technology component
- This is driving convergence of the supply chain to meet customer requirements
- Therefore we have:
 - New partners
 - New competitors
 - New opportunities



Why customers choose Costain



Our ability to meet all these requirements gives us competitive advantage, for example:

- 90% repeat business
- 750 chartered professionals
- Acquisition of SSL
- Order book comprises broad range of services
- Strong cash position
- Order book £3.9bn
- Over 12,000 volunteering hours

Continuing to develop the best team

Investing in tomorrow's talent

- Over 950 new starters in 2016
- 200 graduates in award-winning development programme
- 120 apprentices across a range of disciplines
- 13 sponsored PhD students at leading universities



Highways Magazine Excellence Award:
Best Use of New Technology in the
Highways Industry



IOSH Present's Awards: services to Health
and Safety, CiM6 Frameworks SHEQ
Manager, Lawrence Webb

Growing and evolving our team

- Total headcount of over 4,100 people
- Over 1,200 now in consultancy and advisory roles
- More than 750 chartered professionals across a wide range of disciplines



Offshore Achievement Awards: Young
Professional of the Year - Hayleigh
Pearson



NCE Top 100 Winner of the Technical
Excellence category - Oliver Teall

Continuing professional development

- Every employee has a personal development plan
- Over 50,000 training and development hours in last 12 months



National Undergraduate Employability
Awards: Top 100 Undergraduate Employer



Royal Society for the Prevention of
Accidents Awards: 2 Order of Distinction
Awards, 4 Gold Medal awards and 7 Gold
awards

Delivering integrated technology solutions

We are working on major national programmes, including:

A leading provider of Smart Motorways for Highways England

Network Rail's largest supplier

Strategic asset management partner to Thames Water, UK's largest water company

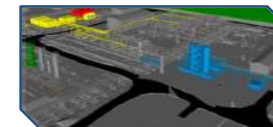
Programme Manager on Feeder 9 scheme for National Grid



Examples of where we are deploying technology:



Advanced vehicle technology: automatic recognition technology for the management of vehicles.



Analytics and predictive services: technology used to predict impact on infrastructure during extreme events.



Deployment of workforce and workflow technology: improving customer experience and efficiency through automated workforce management.



Applying algorithms: capturing asset data to optimise maintenance and operations.



Aerial solutions: using unmanned aerial vehicles to help cut surveying time.

Acquisitions to enhance further our integrated service offering



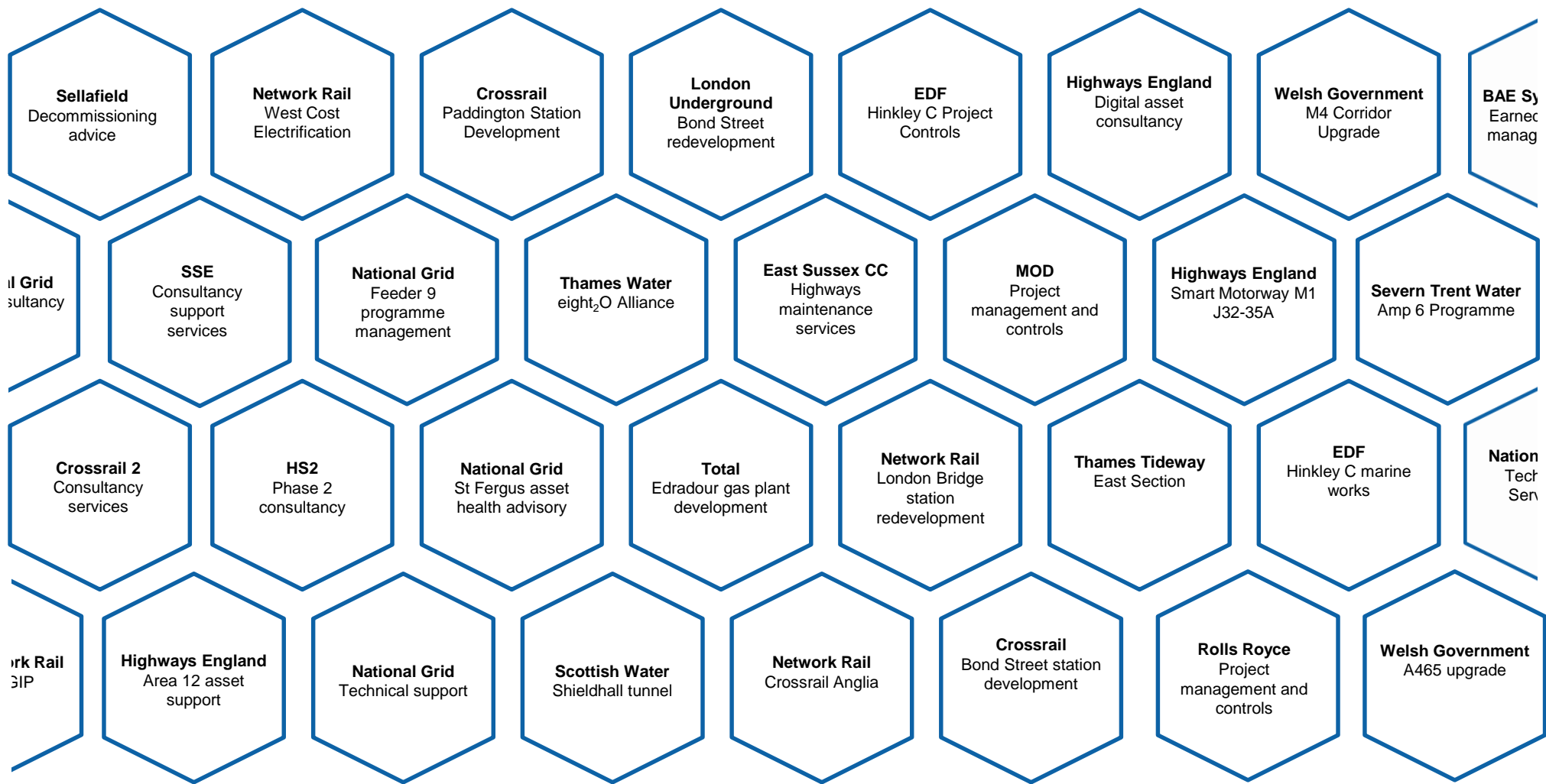
- Provider of innovative highways technology based solutions with potential application across the Group
- Acquired July 2016 for £17m
- Fully integrated, rebranded and performing well



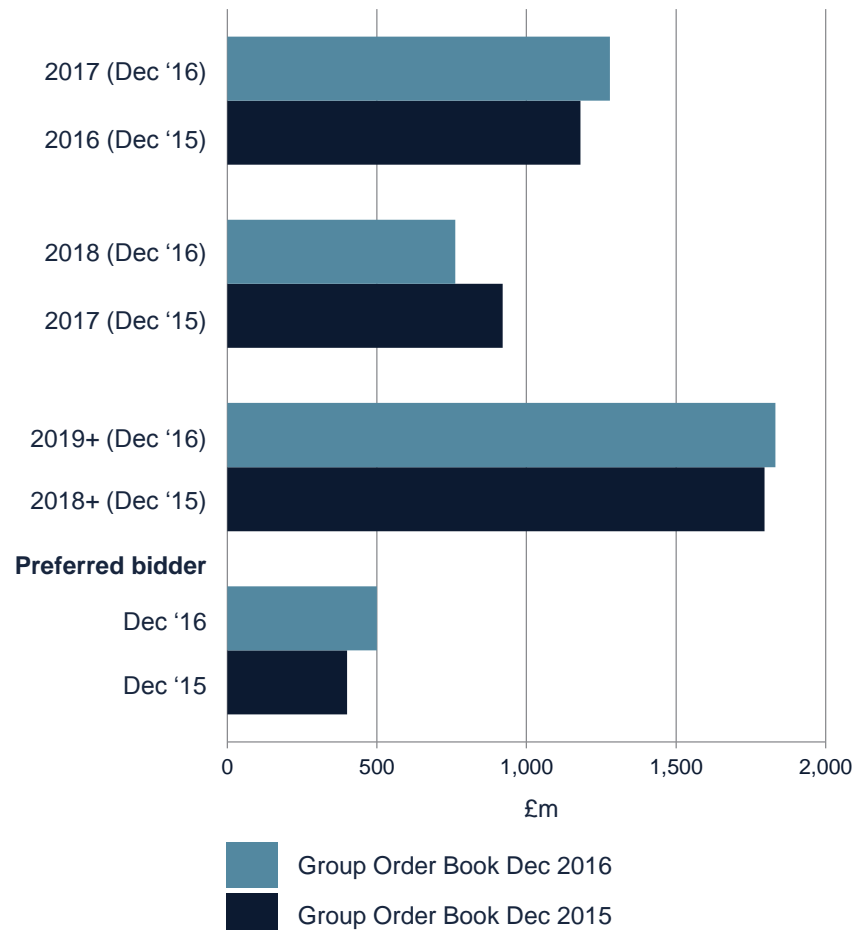
- 550-strong professional services consultancy
- Acquired August 2015 for £36m
- Fully integrated, rebranded and performing well



Enhanced range of services being delivered across a broadening contract portfolio



‘Engineering Tomorrow’ strategy continuing to generate a record order book



- Order book maintained at record £3.9bn level
- Over £1.2bn of revenues already secured for 2017
- Over £2.7bn of revenues secured for 2018 and beyond
- Over 90% repeat business
- Order book is combination of new orders, extensions and scope increases

Summary

- Another strong performance as a consequence of our 'Engineering Tomorrow' strategy
- Customers committed to spending £ billions on essential infrastructures
- Our world is changing rapidly and we are well-positioned
- Good visibility giving confidence for the future



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Appendix

Costain financial review

Key historic financial information (£m)

Year end December, £m	FY12*	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
Revenue including share of joint ventures and associates	934.5	960.0	1,122.5	1,316.5	1,658.0
Underlying operating profit margin ¹	24.5	27.4	28.7	33.2	41.1
Underlying profit from operations ¹	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%
Profit before tax (Reported)	30.8	35.0	31.4	33.1	41.3
Cash generated/(used by) operations**	24.7	12.9	22.6	26.0	30.9
Cash and cash equivalents	(22.3)	(32.9)	43.6	18.2	71.3
Net cash	107.4	84.3	148.5	146.7	210.2
	105.7	57.7	148.5	108.2	140.2

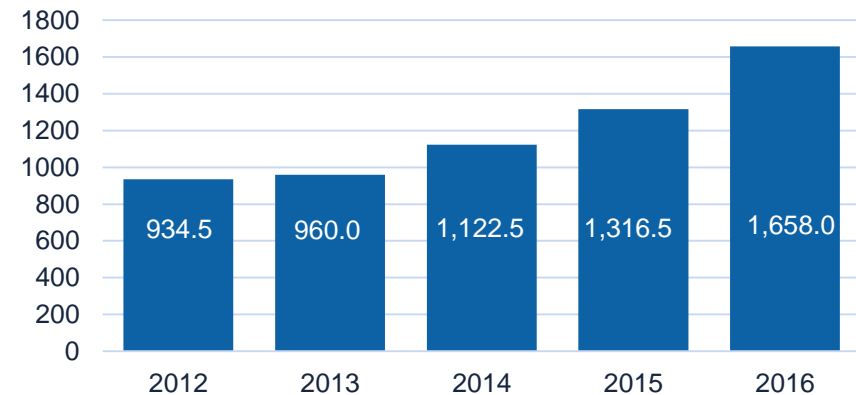
Source Costain company reports

Notes: 1. before other items

* FY12 Restated for revised IAS 19 Employee benefit accounting standard

** Pre-interest and tax

Revenue, including share of JVs & associates (£m)



Other items and tax

Other Items

Amortisation of acquired intangible assets – £4.6m (2015: £3.2m)

Employment related and other deferred consideration – £1.6m (2015: £0.4m)

- Accounting standards require any consideration related to employment to be expensed over the required service period and any changes to other deferred consideration to be recognised in the income statement
- Rhead Group – 2 years from acquisition date
- SSL – 3 years from acquisition date

Tax

- 2016 tax rate at 14.6% on adjusted profit before tax (2015: 14.6%)
- Includes benefits of R&D tax relief and positive timing differences
- Normalised rate expected to be c. 18-20% on non JV profit

Alcaidesa

From July 2015, terminated land development JV with Santander in Spain

Assets split equally between the parties by mutual consent

Costain has 100% ownership of leisure-based assets with significantly reduced exposure to land development

Costain's assets are now:

- Two golf courses and associated parcel of land
- 600 berth marina concession

Net book value £26.3m (currency risk hedged)

Assets regarded as non-core

