Highlights 2005

Our underlying business performance in 2005 was strong. Our mission is to support, add value and facilitate our customers’ success in the global market place. This is achieved by following a clear strategy of continual strengthening of our service offering on an industrial and regional focus and through the pursuit of acquisitions that provide our customers with more and improved services.

Wolfhart Hauser
Chief Executive

Revenue
£580m
Up 16.1%

Organic growth
12.2%

Spend
£46.9m
on 12 acquisitions

Earnings record

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<td>Revenue</td>
<td>£580.1m</td>
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<td>Operating profit*</td>
<td>£87.1m</td>
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<td>Net profit</td>
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* Operating profit is stated before amortisation of intangibles and goodwill impairment

Revenue by division

- Government services £74.5m
- Oil, chemical & agri £218.0m
- Consumer goods £143.2m
- Commercial & electrical £144.4m

Revenue by region

- Americas 35%
- EMEA 32%
- Asia 33%

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