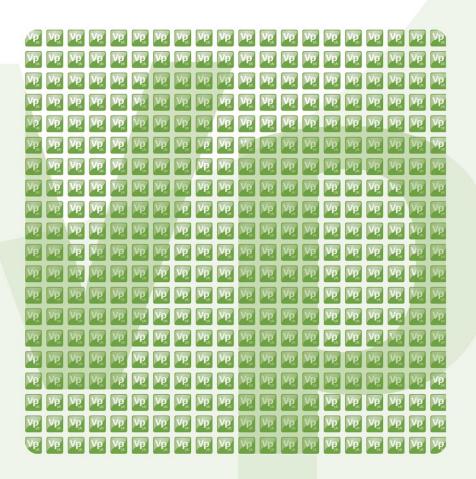


# Results for the year ended 31 March 2022

The Equipment Rental Specialist







# Agenda

1. Highlights

2. Market and Trading Review

3. Financial Review





## **Highlights**

- Material growth in profits +67%
- Quality of earnings (ROCE) back to pre-Covid levels at 14.5%
- Infrastructure strength from HS2 and Transmission: AMP7 and rail slower but improving
- General construction mixed strong repair & maintenance, weaker new build
- Housebuilding held up well throughout the year
- International Division steady profit recovery
- Capital investment in fleet +49% with emphasis on lower emission solutions for customers
- Significant progress on ESG implementation and digital innovation across the Group
- M&S Hire acquisition and exclusive, Watkin Jones partnership agreement



#### **Headline Numbers**

Revenues £350.9m

14% growth on prior year

**PBTA** £38.9m

**67% increase in profits** at improved margins

**Return on Average Capital Employed** 14.5%

Significant increase in quality of earnings back to pre-Covid levels

**Net Debt** £130.6m **Increased by** £8.7m

After £59.8m investment in fleet



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#### **Core Markets**

Key market segments	Revenue			
	Market exposure	FY 2022 (£m)	FY 2021 (£m)	Growth on prior year
Infrastructure*	36%	129.3	115.0	12%
Construction	41%	144.0	126.6	14%
Housebuilding	7%	25.4	24.4	4%
Energy	9%	30.0	23.9	26%
Other	7%	22.2	18.1	23%
Total	100%	350.9	308.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Utilities, Rail, Water, Transmission and Facilities management



Infrastructure Mixed recovery - HS2 positive - AMP / Rail slower



Construction RMI strong, New build slower Private Commercial and Public non-residential weak



Housebuild Sustained demand



**Energy** Positive maintenance activity



#### **UK Construction Output – Vp Core Markets Sectors**





# **Business performance** – *Group*

	FY 2022 (£m)	FY 2021 (£m)	
Revenue	350.9	308.0	+14%
PBITA	43.3	27.7	+56%
Operating margin	12.3%	9.0%	

Good revenue growth on Covid-19 affected prior year

**Incremental Revenue** Profit 'drop through' @ 36% margin

**Much improved result despite** some markets not yet back to pre - Covid levels



# Business performance – UK

	FY 2022 (£m)	FY 2021 (£m)	_
Revenue	320.2	281.3	+14%
PBITA	41.8	27.1	+54%
Operating margin	13.1%	9.7%	

Infrastructure, HS2 & **Transmission strong** 

AMP7, CP6 slower until Q4

Construction **RMI** busy

New build quieter

Housebuilding consistent demand

Margin improvement illustrates operational leverage



















## Business performance – International

	FY 2022 (£m)	FY 2021 (£m)	
Revenue	30.7	26.7	+15%
PBITA	1.5	0.6	+166%
Operating margin	4.9%	2.1%	

Australia, New Zealand and Asia markets lagged UK and Europe in opening up from lockdown

Pace of border openings slowed recovery but energy markets slowly improving







#### Rental fleet investment

	FY 2022 (£m)	FY 2021 (£m)	
UK	55.2	35.6	
International	4.6	4.6	
Total fleet investment	59.8	40.2	
Disposal proceeds	(17.8)	(17.5)	
Net expenditure on fleet	42.0	22.7	

Strong capex – mix of growth & pre-emptive investment to minimise supply chain issues

Strong emphasis on eco friendly product substitution. **Engaging with both manufacturers** and customers

**Capital commitments of** £14.5m at 31 March - in the pipeline



#### **ESG** Initiatives

- Group commitment to Science Based Targets (SBTi) underpins our plan
- Short term (2021-2025) road map adopted and being delivered
- Investment in new rental fleet focused on 'greener' equipment solutions:
  - Solar panel lighting fleet and charge pods
  - Wide and increasing range of battery powered tools
  - Electric fleet of compressors, telehandlers and mini excavators
- 71% of Vp's rental fleet is zero emission at point of use
- Vehicle and Property emission reduction:
  - Lower emission commercial vehicle replacements
  - Company car fleet transitioning to sustainable vehicles
  - Renewable electricity at all UK locations
  - Solar panel installations
  - 96% of waste diverted from landfill
- **Biodiversity** 
  - Committed to seven separate UK conservation projects with colleague engagement opportunities
- Shared Resource concept makes rental a fundamentally eco friendly option





#### Outlook

- Vp continues to deliver market leading quality of earnings measured by ROCE and margin
- The new financial year has started well
- Encouraging pick up in AMP7 (Water) and CP6 (Rail) activity into the new financial year
- HS2 remains a long term opportunity
- Residential construction stable and robust
- Supply chain delays and inflationary pressures matched by rental pricing improvement and cost efficiencies

- Investment in learning and development for colleagues
- Digital roadmap continues to evolve across the Group and providing a platform for further growth
- Excellent momentum in environmental initiatives and delivering sustainable solutions to our customers
- Formal sale process announced in April but remains 'business as usual'
- Vp is well positioned to make further good progress as we embrace the opportunities and manage through the inevitable challenges





# Financial highlights

	FY 2022	FY 2021	%
	£m	£m	change
Revenue	350.9	308.0	+14%
EBITDA	88.9	72.7	+22%
Depreciation	(45.5)	(45.0)	-1%
EBITA *	43.3	27.7	+56%
Interest *	(4.4)	(4.4)	
PBTA (and exceptionals)	38.9	23.3	+67%
Net margin	11.1%	7.6%	
* Pre IFRS16			



## Earnings per share and dividends

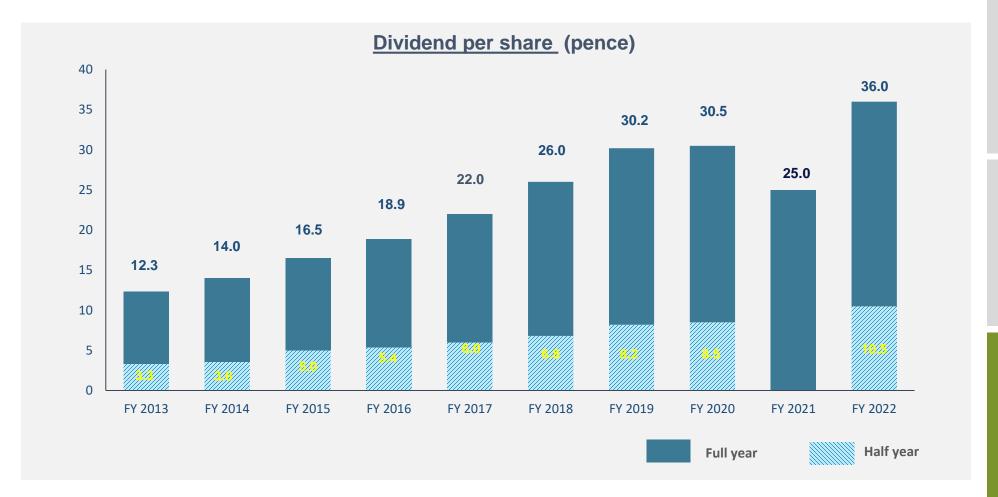
	FY 2022	FY 2021
Dividend per share pence	36.0	25.0
Dividend cover times	2.0x	1.9x
EPS adjusted * pence	71.2	46.8

<sup>\*</sup> Pre amortisation and exceptionals IFRS16

- Proposed final dividend 25.5 pence, making 36.0 pence full year
- Reflects rebasing towards 2x cover and more balanced interim / final split
- No interim dividend 2021 due to Covid uncertainty



### **Dividends – Long Term View**





## **ROCE** – in line with long term target



- Strong recovery in Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)
- ROCE definition PBIT / Average (Net Assets + Net Debt)



### Balance sheet – further strengthened

	FY 2022 £m	FY 2021 £m
Hire Fleet	216.6	206.0
Other fixed assets	30.9	27.9
Intangible assets / goodwill	62.4	64.4
IFRS16 net assets / liabilities	(3.5)	(4.3)
Working capital	1.8	(11.6)
Pension asset	2.7	2.2
Deferred tax liability/tax	(13.8)	(9.6)
Net debt	(130.6)	(121.9)
Net assets	166.5	153.1
Debtor days	55	56
Bad debt write off % revenue	0.6%	0.6%

- Net assets increased by £13.4m
- > NBV of hire fleet grew by £10.6m



## Strong cash generation continues

	FY2022 £m	FY 2021 £m
EBITDA	88.9	72.7
Working Capital	(12.5)	33.9
Profit on Sale	(7.0)	(4.3)
Exceptional items	-	(15.2)
Capital expenditure	(68.7)	(46.5)
Proceeds from disposals	17.8	17.5
Acquisitions	(2.7)	( - )
Interest	(4.5)	(4.7)
Tax	(6.3)	(2.9)
Dividends	(14.0)	(8.7)
Other	0.3	(3.9)
Movement in net debt	(8.7)	37.9
<ul><li>Modest increase in net debt</li><li>Unwinding of pandemic working can</li></ul>		crease in capital expenditure cquisition of M&S



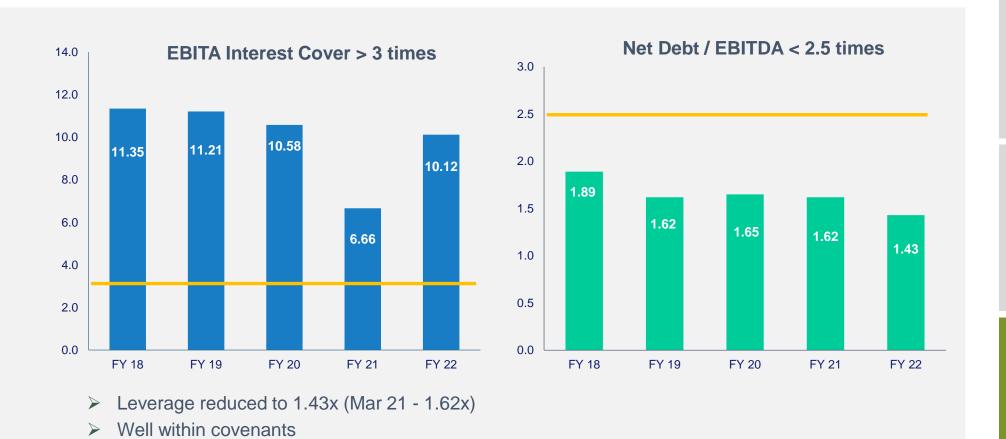
#### Net debt and facilities – refinanced during the year

	FY 2022 £m	FY 2021 £m
Private placement matures Jan 2027	65.0	65.0
Pricoa shelf matures April 2028	28.0	-
RCF matures June 2024 / December 2021	90.0	135.0
Total committed facilities	183.0	200.0
Overdraft	7.5	7.5
Total facilities	190.5	207.5
Net debt	130.6	121.9
Headroom against facilities	59.9	85.6

- > RCF includes £20m accordion
- > 51% of facilities at fixed rates & 5 6 years from maturity



### Robust headroom against covenants







# **Net Working Capital**

	FY 2022 £m	FY 2021 £m	FY 2022 Cashflow movement £m
Inventories	7.9	7.3	(0.6)
Trade and other receivables	76.1	66.5	(9.6)
Trade and other payables	(80.7)	(83.5)	(2.8)
Provisions	(1.5)	(1.9)	(0.4)
Net working capital	1.8	(11.6)	(13.4)
	Capital creditors movement		0.6
	Other cashflow		0.3
	Working capital per cashflow		(12.5)

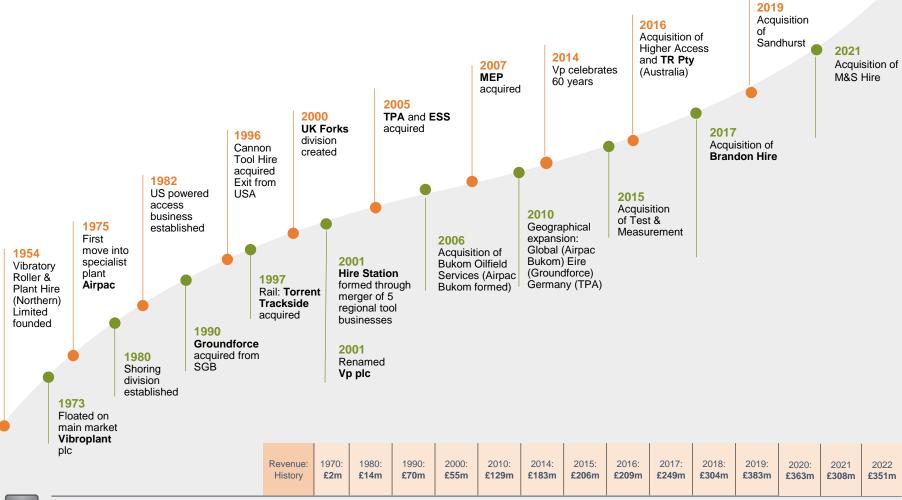


# IFRS16 impact on profit

	FY 2022 excluding IFRS	FY 2022 IFRS impact	FY 2022 Reported	FY 2021 Reported
EBITDA £m	88.9	19.5	108.4	96.7
PBITA (and exceptionals) £m	43.3	3.0	46.3	30.9
Financial expense £m	(4.4)	(3.0)	(7.4)	(7.8)
PBTA (and exceptionals) £m	38.9	-	38.9	23.2
EPS (adjusted) pence	64.4	0.1	64.5	(11.6)

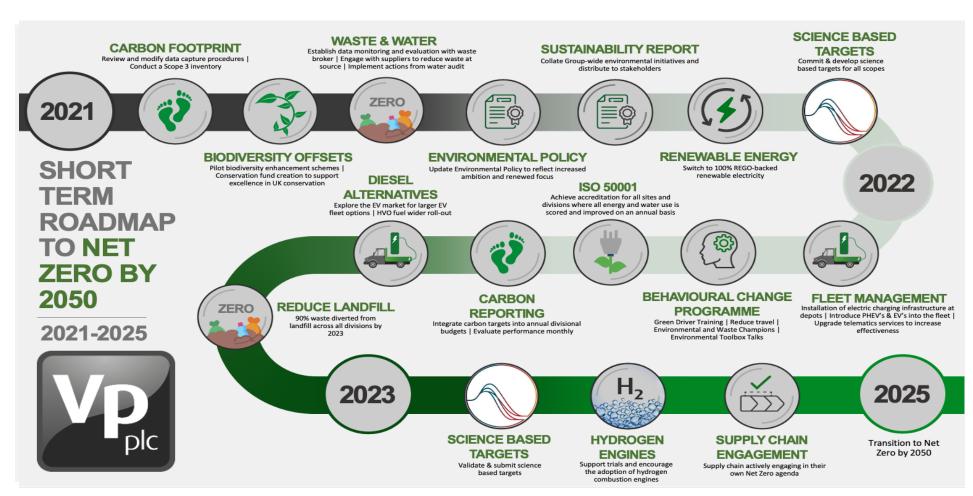


## Group history – 1954 to date





# Roadmap & Milestones







# **Group businesses**

























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