

Presentation of Results for the half year ended 30th September 2004

25th November 2004



Introduction

Neil Carson Chief Executive

Strategic Initiatives

- Focus on delivery of organic growth
- Major opportunity in HDD catalysts
- Good growth prospects elsewhere in Catalysts and in Pharmaceutical Materials
- Improve ROA from current 16% level
- Rationalise underperforming assets
- Use cash from disposals / rationalisation to buy back shares





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Financial Review

John Sheldrick Group Finance Director

Summary Results

	1H	1H	
	2004	2003	
	£m	£m	%
Statutory basis:			
Turnover	2,473	2,165	+14
Profit before tax	62.0	87.6	-29
Earnings per share	18.5p	27.8p	-33
Before exceptional items and goodwill			
amortisation:			
Operating profit	106.1	103.1	+3
Profit before tax	103.3	97.5	+6
Earnings per share	33.6p	31.8p	+6
Dividend	8.7p	8.2p	+6



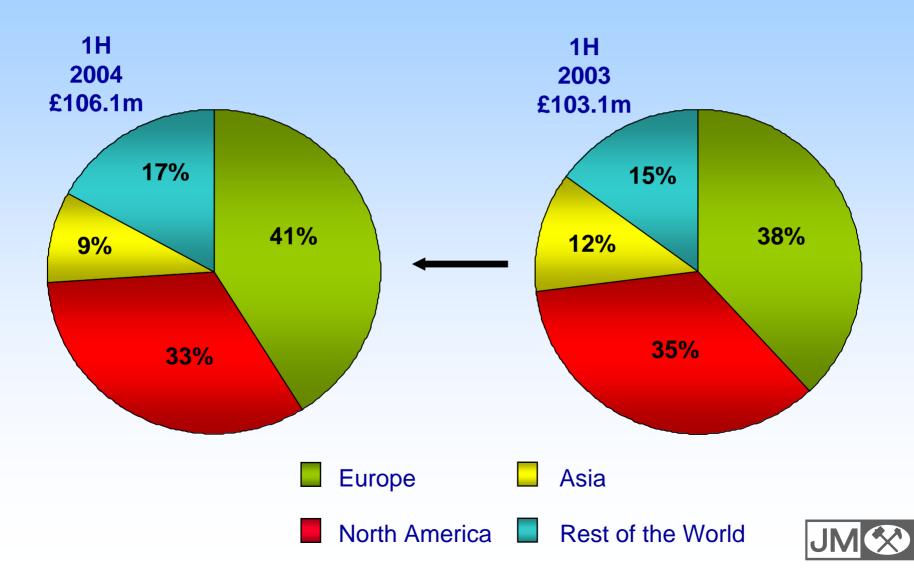
Operating Profit

	1H	1H	1H 2004 at 1H 2003		
	2004	2003	exchange rates		ge rates*
	£m	£m	% £m		%
Catalysts	56.9	56.5	+1	59.9	+6
Precious Metals	23.4	21.9	+7	24.4	+11
Pharmaceutical Materials	20.9	20.7	+1	22.2	+7
Colours & Coatings	12.8	10.4	+23	13.8	+33
Corporate	(8.3)	(7.8)		(8.3)	
	105.7	101.7	+4	112.0	+10
Discontinued	0.4	1.4		0.4	
	106.1	103.1	+3	112.4	+9

*Excluding South African rand



Geographical Split Operating Profit



Return on Sales Excluding Precious Metals

	Sales excl. PM's		PM's	ROS	
	1H	1H		1H	1H
	2004	2003	Growth	2004	2003
	£m	£m	%	%	%
Catalysts	342	380	-10	16.6	14.9
Precious Metals	64	59	+8	36.6	37.1
Pharmaceutical Materials	63	61	+3	33.3	33.9
Colours & Coatings	117	109	+7	10.9	9.5
	586	609	-4	18.0	16.7
Discontinued	12	16		3.3	8.9
	598	625	-4	17.7	16.5



Exceptional Items

	1H 2004 £m
Included in operating profit:	
AMC integration costs	1.0
Lancaster integration costs	2.0
Other exceptionals:	3.0
Loss on disposal of Pigments & Dispersions	15.3
Loss on closure of UK gold & silver refinery	12.4
	30.7



Interest

	1H 2004 £m	1H 2003 £m
Net interest	(7.4)	(8.5)
Net return on retirement benefits assets & liabilities	4.6	2.9
Denenits assets & habilities	(2.8)	(5.6)



Taxation

	1H	1H
	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Underlying tax	30.9	29.2
Tax on exceptional items	(7.6)	-
Tax on goodwill amortisation	(1.0)	(1.2)
	22.3	28.0
Underlying tax rate	29.9%	29.9%



Net Cash Flow

	1H	1H
	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Operating profit	92.2	93.0
Depreciation and amortisation	42.7	40.1
Working capital / other	(14.0)	9.3
Cash flow from operations	120.9	142.4
Interest / tax / dividends	(78.3)	(66.2)
Capex	(34.6)	(62.4)
Acquisitions / disposals	21.3	2.2
Shares issued	1.1	3.5
Net cash flow	30.4	19.5



Capital

	Sep 04	Mar 04
	£m	£m
Net debt	363	394
Equity and minorities	901	872
Capital employed	1,264	1,266

Gearing (debt / equity + minorities)	40%	45%
Interest cover	14x	12x





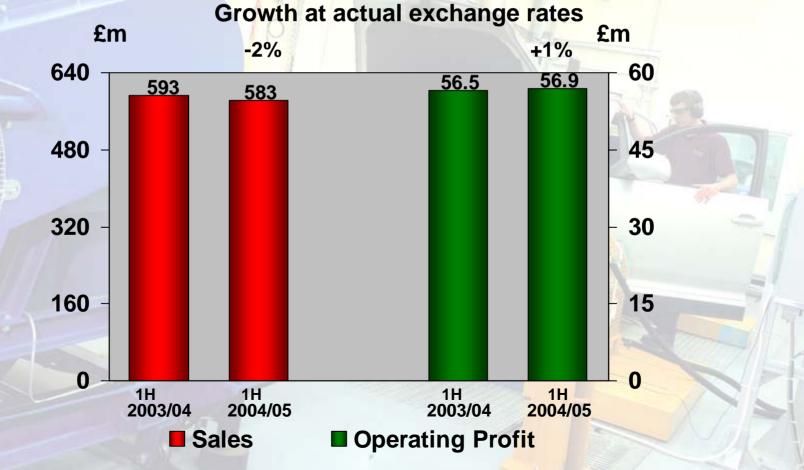
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Operating Review

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Catalysts Division

- Profits up 6% on constant currency basis
- Good demand for autocatalysts and process catalysts



1H 2004/05 Light Vehicle sales and production

		Growth vs
North America	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>1H 2003/04</u>
Sales	10.24 m	0
Production	7.8m	-0.3%
Western Europe		
Sales	8.17m	1.5%
Production	8.01m	1.3%
Asia		
Sales	6.37m	4.2%
Production	10.2 m	9.7%
Global		
Sales	27.4 m	3.0%
Production	29.8 m	5.5%



Environmental Catalysts and Technologies

- Autocatalysts up in Europe with good sales of diesel products
- Good demand for autocatalysts in Asia, although China slows
- Weaker demand in the US, profits flat
- Lower contribution from HDD retrofit programmes
- Increased investment in HDD development



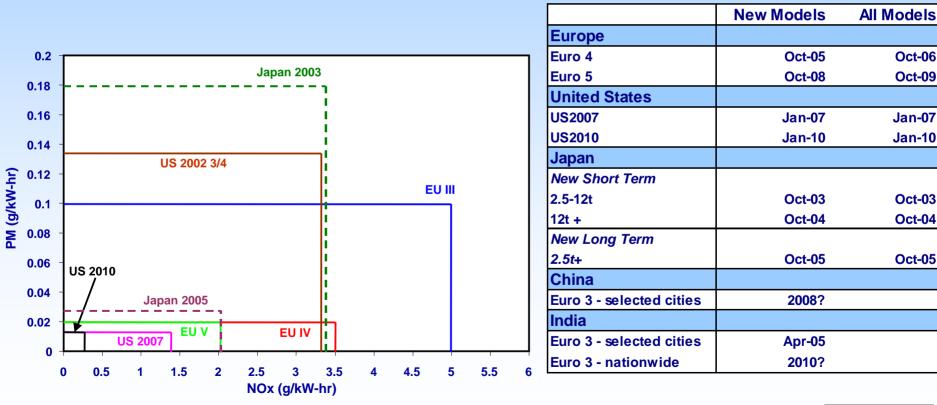
Environmental Catalysts and Technologies

Light Duty Vehicles

- Emissions legislation continues to provide important growth opportunities
- Euro IV and US Tier II tightening standards require increasing level of catalyst performance
- Health concerns drive market for advanced catalysed particulate filters for light duty diesels



Environmental Catalysts and Technologies HDD on-road regulation development





Process Catalysts and Technologies

- Good contribution from AMC acquired in March 2004
- Catalyst businesses ahead, good demand for gas processing products and syngas catalysts
- Margin pressure in pgm refining



Process Catalysts and Technologies

- Increased investment in gas to liquids R&D
- Lancaster Synthesis acquired from Clariant
- Increases JM's share of research chemicals market



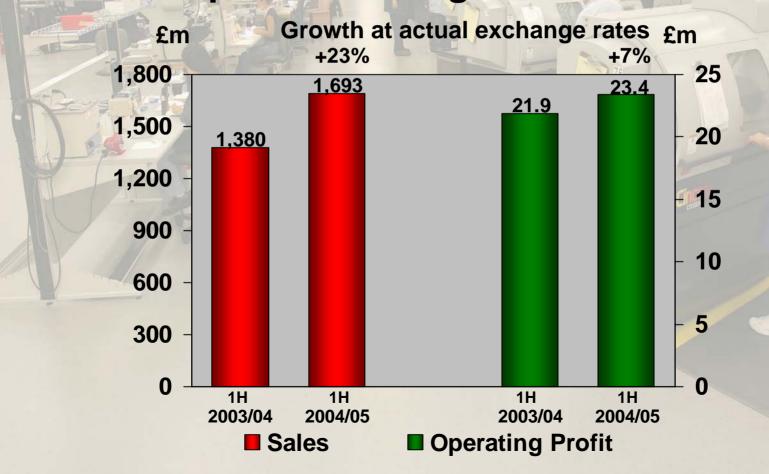
Fuel Cells

- Demand from automotive sector continues to grow
- Increased government support
- California Hydrogen Highway
- Development of stationary market slower than anticipated
- Net expense slightly down

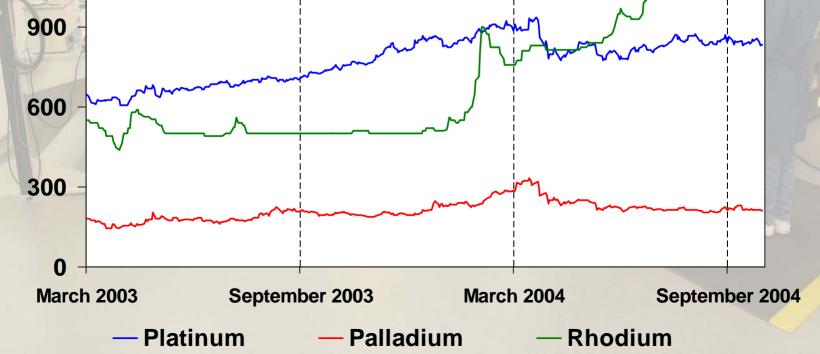


Precious Metals

Profits up 11% on constant currency basis Much improved trading conditions



Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium **Prices** US\$ 1,500 1,200 900



Precious Metals

- Platinum group metals basket price substantially up on last year
- Improved trading conditions continue
- Impact of Anglo Platinum contract renewal more than offset by improved pgm market and volume growth



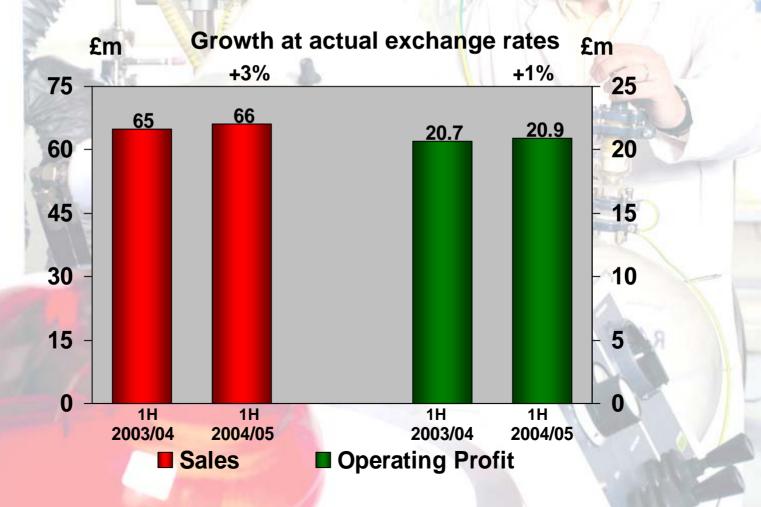
Precious Metals

- Good growth in fabricated products
- Demand for medical parts continues to increase
- Gold refining business satisfactory in North America and Hong Kong
- UK gold refinery being closed



Pharmaceutical Materials

Profits up 7% on constant currency basis Good growth in specialist opiate products



Pharmaceutical Materials

- Carboplatin patent cover continued until October 2004
- Generic competition for carboplatin will impact second half
- Other platinum pharmaceuticals perform
 well



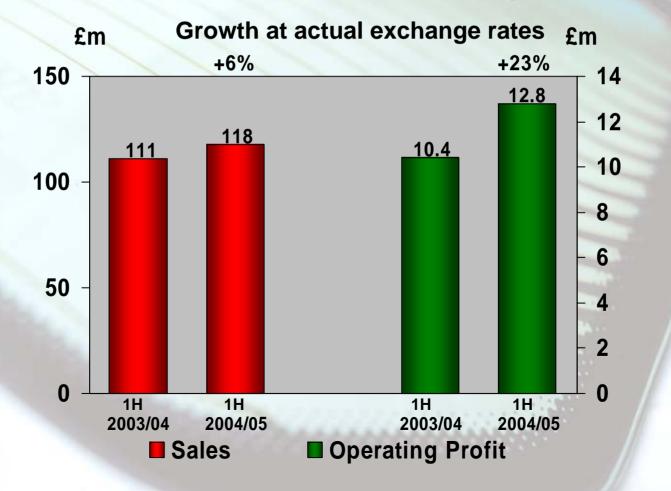
Pharmaceutical Materials

- Good growth at Macfarlan Smith
- Increase in sales of specialist opiates
- New high potency drug facility successfully commissioned and in production
- Investment in new capacity
- Product pipeline strong with over 80 APIs in development



Colours & Coatings

- Profits up 33% on constant currency basis
- Glass and Structural Ceramics perform well



Colours & Coatings

- Good growth in Glass business
- Structural Ceramics continues recovery which started in second half of 2003/04
- Pigments & Dispersions sold
- Restructuring of remaining Speciality Coatings business
- Structural Ceramics to be retained



Strategy

- Focus on core businesses
- Well positioned in several new markets
- Now focused on delivering these opportunities and improving ROA



Outlook

- All four divisions performed well in first half
- PGM market recovery continues
- Currency effect impact of weak dollar
- Expect further growth in earnings before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation



