

# **Company Presentation**

Incorporating interim results for the 6 months ended 31 October 2013



### **Key events**

## New organisational structure marks beginning of exciting stage of growth

- Completed Strategic Review
- Restructured business into three clear business segments
  - Media Value Measurement (MVM)
  - Market Intelligence (MI)
  - Marketing Performance Optimization (MPO)
- Business in strong position to benefit from changing media landscape
- Clear strategy to become the leading provider of data-driven insights globally



# **Financial highlights**

- Total revenue up 7% to £32.7m (2012: £30.5m) with organic revenue up 4%
- Total underlying operating profit up 26% to £4.1m (2012: £3.2m)
- Underlying profit before tax of £3.6m (2012: £2.7m) and reported profit before tax of £1.7m (2012: £1.2m)
- Underlying diluted EPS increased 18% to 3.1p (2012: 2.6p)
- Strong cash generation with net cash inflow from ops up from £0.4m to £1.9m
- Acquisition of key US MPO business Stratigent
- Further geographic expansion into China CMCG



# **Recent performance**

	2009/10 Actual	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Actual	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Forecast <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	21,218	44,165	52,919	64,046	67,300
growth	15%	108%	20%	21%	5%
Op profit	2,643	5,298	8,205	10,441	11,300
margin	12.5%	12.0%	15.5%	16.3%	16.8%
EPS	5.6p	6.0p	7.4p	9.0p	9.5p

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Numis forecast, 24 July 2013



# Ebiquity's market

- The advertising and marketing industry is becoming increasingly consolidated and globalised
- Advertisers are under increased pressure to demonstrate marketing spend ROI
- Marketing and media channels have proliferated even further
- Consumer data available to brands has dramatically increased
- Rapid technological change, which has, in turn, caused consumer and corporate behaviour to change, has increased the complexity of advertising and marketing

This complexity is driving an increasing worldwide demand for independent marketing and media performance measurement and optimization



# Key features and benefits of Ebiquity's offering

#### 1. Must-have data

- Proprietary media buying data pool
- Market leading advertising monitoring database – paid and earned media aggregated and tagged

#### 2. Advanced analytics

- Media buying measurement, benchmarking and ROI
- Advertising validation and competitive positioning
- •Real-time and predictive performance measurement

#### 3. Independent insight

- Unique independent positioning outside agency workflow
- •Independent advice on media planning and evaluation of agency performance

#### **Key features**

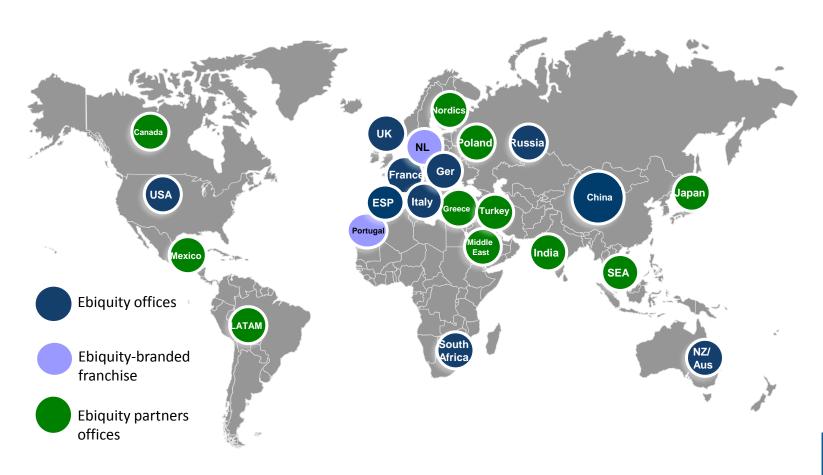
- Market leading workflow tools constantly evolving suite of software products
- Rapidly increasing cross-sales 14% of clients now take more than one Ebiquity service
- Strength in paid and earned media tools generate insights from social and paid media

- Recurring revenue 96% annual contract renewals; products embedded in client workflow
- Consistent financial growth
- Global coverage advertising analytics across 70 markets, media buying data across 40



## **Global presence and expertise**

- 800 people worldwide
- Operate from 17 global offices plus an extensive partner and 'franchise' network
- Working with over 1,200 clients across multiple sectors including over 90 of the Top 100 advertisers globally
- 4 data centres: Newcastle (UK), Chicago (US), Hamburg (Germany) and Sydney (Australia)



#### **New business structure**

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#### Media value measurement

- Audits of media planning and buying across 25 markets worldwide
- · Tracking of agency guarantees and invoices
- Independent advice on media budgeting and forecasting
- Agency performance management develop and implement agency KPIs
- Delivered as a combination of services and products

50% of Group revenue

#### Market intelligence

- Monitors marketing and advertising content and activity across the full range of media
- Aggregated international advertising and social media analytics across 70 markets worldwide
- Regular alerts and reports to subscribers
- Deep-dive' advertising analytics in UK, Germany and Australia
- Multi-language translation platform capabilities

43% of Group revenue

#### **Marketing performance optimization**

- Rapidly growing area of the business which brings together data and insight from all segments of the company
- Products and services focused on marketing effectiveness helping brands measure and optimize the impact
  of their marketing

7% of Group revenue

# Blue chip customer relationships

- Ebiquity works with market leading multinational brands
- Ebiquity's expertise in core verticals such as retail and TMT give clients a tailored, high quality service
- Ebiquity continues to expand its international reach with 37% of clients taking products or services across multiple geographies, and 14% of clients take two or more products or services
- Ebiquity has an upward trend in the average contract size as global offices of multinational firms take Ebiquity's services





# **Ebiquity proprietary reports**



Dashboard reporting
Customized for each client
Secure
Tablet compatible



# Media Value Measurement

50% of total revenue

### **Media Value Measurement**

#### 1. Unique database

- Deepest and most comprehensive database in the market
- Very hard for any competitor to replicate

# 2. Independence

- Clients desire for objectivity
- Unique ability to hold agencies to account

#### **5. Stickiness of contracts**

- Benchmarking clients lock in with long term contracts
- Ebiquity's services integrated with clients' communications programmes

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Media Value Measurement

# 4. Tracking solutions for global clients

 Ebiquity offers global coverage with local knowledge

#### 3. Technology plus

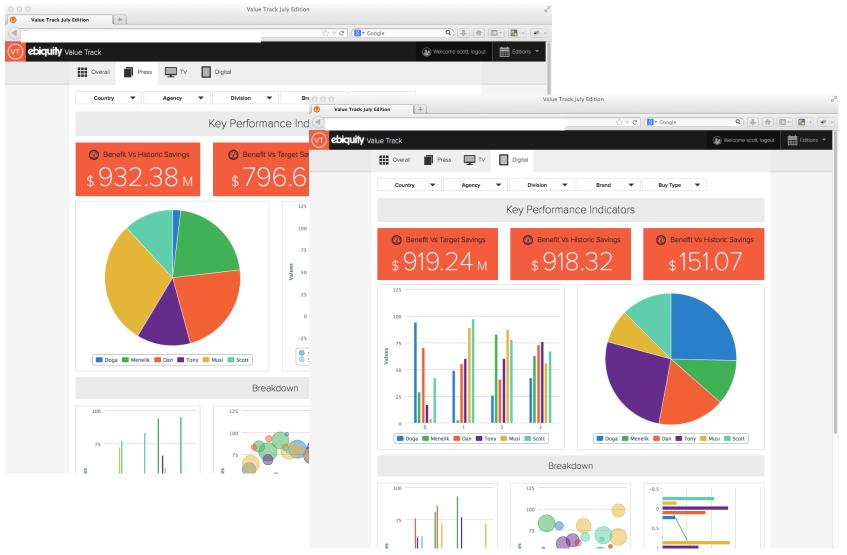
- Unique front end consultancy offering bolted onto technology piece differentiates from pure SaaS platforms
- Usability for clients without analytical skill sets



# Media Benchmarking - The Rack®



# **Value Track**<sub>®</sub> – **Performance Guarantees**





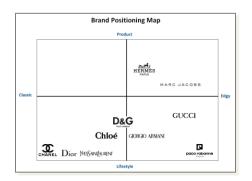
# Market Intelligence

43% of total revenue

# **Market Intelligence**

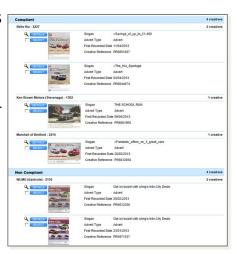
#### 1. Insight

In depth bespoke research projects that give clients an impartial conclusion on the performance of their marketing



#### 3. Portfolio International and Portfolio +

Platform that delivers aggregated advertising analytics across 70 markets worldwide. Portfolio+ is a client-tailored multi-language translations platform



#### 2. Portfolio

Subscription
platform that
provides 'deepdive' advertising
analytics in the UK,
Germany and
Australia



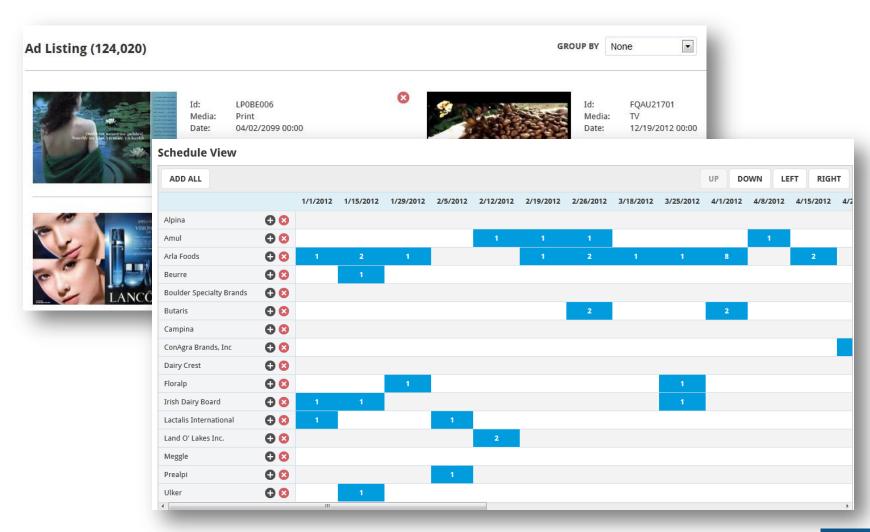
#### 4. Sonar

Subscription platform that helps Ebiquity's clients to monitor, evaluate and act on their digital media and social media presence globally in real-time



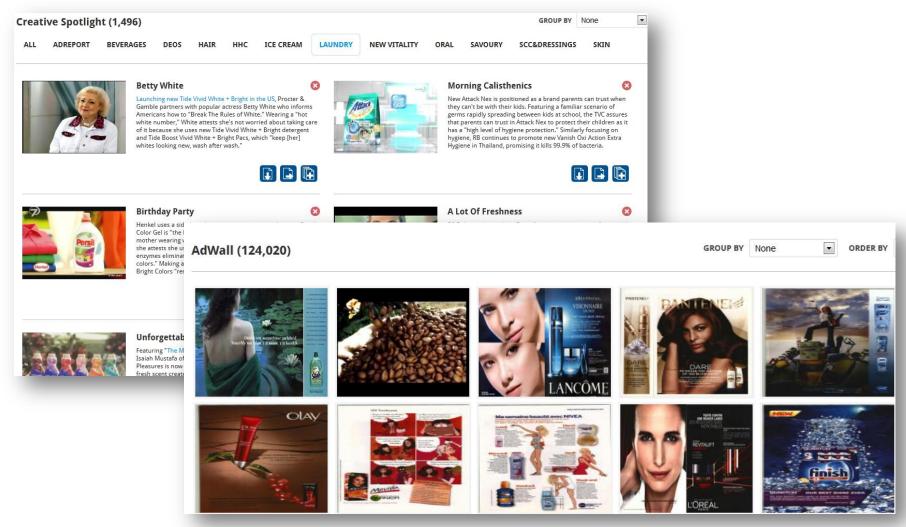


# Portfolio<sub>®</sub> - UK, Germany and Australia Competitive Monitoring





# Portfolio Plus<sub>®</sub> - International Competitive Monitoring





# **Sonar**<sub>®</sub> - Brand sentiment dashboard







# **Marketing Performance Optimization**

7% of total revenue

# **Background**



"Big data are daunting...
r chief executives, on the other han

The guidelines for chief executives, on the other hand, are relatively straightforward: verify, purify, simplify"

FT: 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2012



# **High certainty of outcome**

**Data-informed decisions Benchmark Performance** Set KPI's **Determine key business drivers** Test impact of options/choices **Understand their interconnectivity** Limit number of variables Landscape the market **Judgment-based decisions** 

Low certainty of outcome



# **Marketing Performance Optimization**



Helps brand owners predict how their business will perform by optimizing media choices

#### Measurement

Measure the profit effectiveness of our clients' marketing and advertising activity



#### Modelling

Statistical models calculate the effect of many different variables (eg price) including the influence of external factors (eg weather)



#### Analysis

Provide return-oninvestment figures overall and by channel and we show how these can be improved through changes



#### **Improvement**

Help clients improve their retail promotional effectiveness through proprietary statistical



Provide our clients with a business intelligence platform which helps them measure the key daily metrics of their business



















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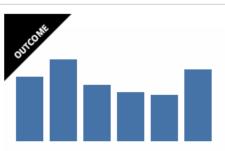
TOTAL QUOTES I 12k

MEDIA SPEND I £5M



#### A slow start to 2013 but the green shoots are appearing

We start 2013 in an uncertain place. Externally the full implications of the Gender Directive are yet to be fully understood. The market remains incredibly competitive; PCW spend is increasing whilst both home and motor search markets have seen considerable YOY declines. Internally we have been working hard to meet the cost challenge whilst maintaining our performance. In January we have reduced media spend for by 38% on car, 49% on home and has seen equally difficult cuts of 53% on car, 34% on home.



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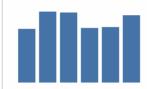
CPQ | CURR £350

CONVERSION | CURR 35%





NPS | CURR



CONSIDERATION | CURR

0.60



TOTAL QUOTES | CURR 12k

WEB QUOTES I CURR

4.2k

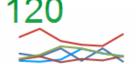
PCW QUOTES | CURR

6.3k

PHONE QUOTES I CURR

2.3k





WEB SEARCH INTEREST I CURR



CUSTOMER SATISFACTION |

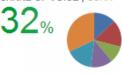
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MEDIA SPEND | CURR

£5M

SHARE OF VOICE | CURR



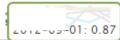
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AWARENESS | CURR





PRICE METRIC |

# Interim Results

6 months ended 31 October 2013



#### Revenue

Year on year growth of 7%

Revenue

2013

£32.7m

2012

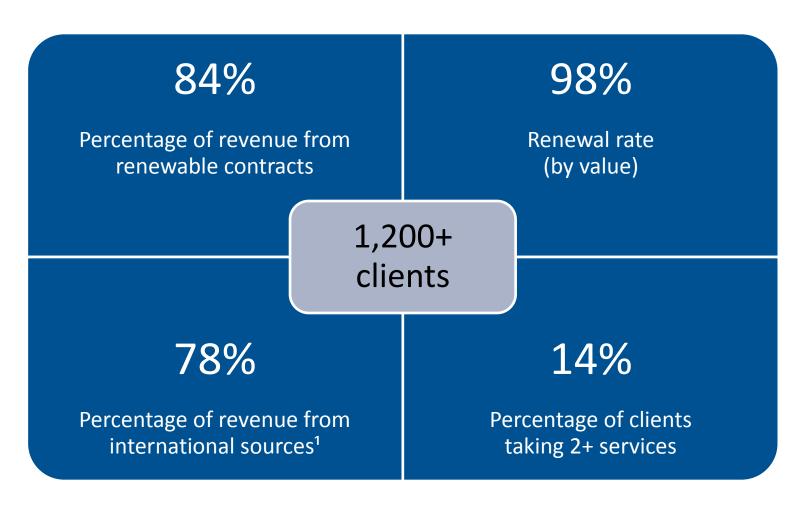
£30.5m

- Total revenue up 7%
- Total organic revenue increase of 4%
- Organic MVM growth of 8% now 50% of total revenue
- Organic MPO growth of 77% now 7% of total revenue



# Revenue and client analysis

As at 31 October 2013





# **Underlying operating profit**

Year on year growth of 26%

Op profit

Margin

2013

£4.1m

12.5%

2012

£3.2m

10.6%

- Total operating profit up 26%
- 7% organic increase in operating profit
- Margin increase driven by operational gearing
- EBITDA margins up from 12.7% to 14.7%



# **Highlighted items**

Increase in non-recurring costs

Recurring (non-cash)

Non-recurring (cash)

**Total** 

2013

£1.0m

£0.8m

£1.8m

2012

£1.2m

£0.4m

£1.5m

- Recurring: Reduction in amortisation of purchased intangibles
- Non-recurring: Increase in integration and property costs



# **Profit before tax and EPS**

Strong growth in profit and earnings

		2013	2012
Underlying operating profit	<b>1</b> 26%	4,095	3,243
Highlighted items		(1,862)	(1,545)
Reporting operating profit	<b>1</b> 32%	2,233	1,698
Net finance costs/associates		(532)	(528)
Reported profit before tax	<b>1</b> 45%	1,701	1,170
Underlying profit before tax	<b>1</b> 31%	3,563	2,715
Underlying diluted EPS	<b>18%</b>	3.06р	2.60p



# **Cash generation**

Significant improvement in cash generation

Cash from operations

Underlying cash from ops<sup>1</sup>

Cash conversion<sup>2</sup>

2013

£1.9m

£2.5m

62%

2012

£0.4m

£1.2m

38%

- Significant improvement in cash generation
- Significant improvement in cash conversion (H1 seasonally lower than H2)

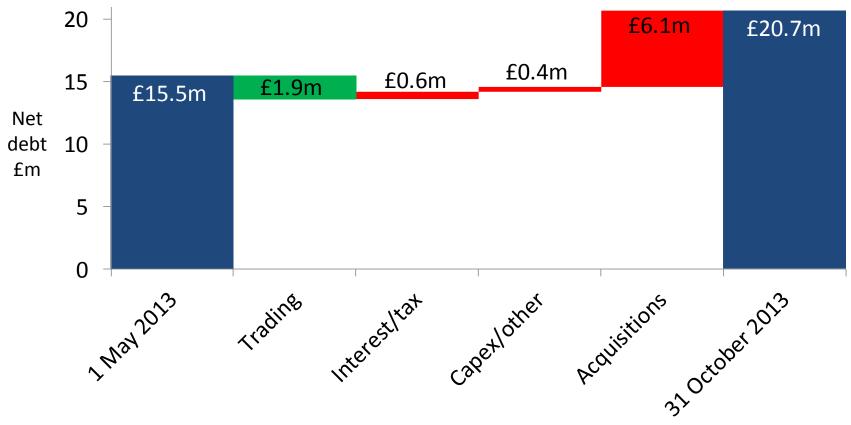


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>excluding the impact of cash highlighted items

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>underlying cash from operations as a percentage of underlying operating profit

# Net debt analysis

Comfortable level of debt funding



Gross debt	(22,636)	(27,287)
Cash	7,109	6,635
Net debt	(15,527)	(20,652)
Gross debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1.9	2.1
Net debt/EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1.3	1.6

# **Interim financial highlights**

Strong year on year growth

Revenue

• Up 7% to £32.7m

Operating profit

• Up 26% to £4.1m

Margins

• Op profit mgn up to 12.5%

Earnings

• U/l dil EPS up 18% to 3.1p



# Outlook

2013/14 full year and beyond



### **Outlook**

- 1. Market dynamics continue to favour Ebiquity's growth strategy
- 2. New structure will enable greater focus on growth markets
- 3. Continued emphasis on software to enable margin growth
- 4. Economic climate building greater customer confidence
- 5. Strong pipeline
- 6. Future prospects encouraging remain confident



# Appendices

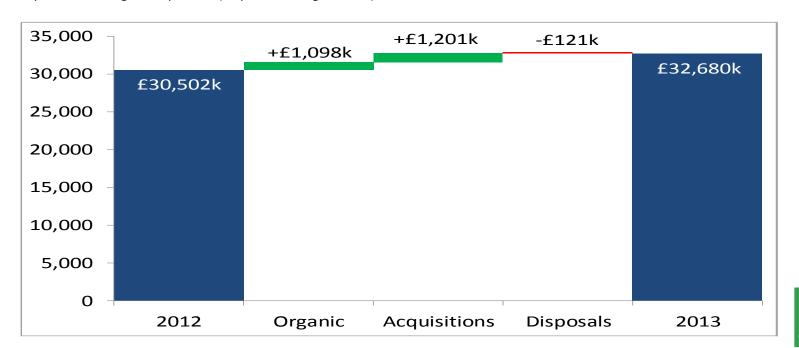
6 months ended 31 October 2013

#### **Appendix: Year on year revenue analysis**

	Organic	Acquisitions	Total
Six months ended 31 October 2012	29,935	567²	30,502
Prior period disposals	(121)	-	(121)
Six months ended 31 October 2012 pro forma	29,814	567	30,381
Organic revenue increase	1,098¹	-	1,098
Full year impact of prior period acquisition (FD)	-	593²	593
Revenue from current year acquisition (Stratigent)	-	608³	608
Six months ended 31 October 2013	30,912	1,768	32,680

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Representing an organic growth of 4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Represents Stratigent acquisition (acquired 19 August 2013)





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents FD acquisition (acquired 2 August 2012)

## **Appendix: Segmental reporting**

6m to October 2013	Media Value Measurement	Market Intelligence	Marketing Performance Optimization	Reportable Segments	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	16,501	13,889	2,290	32,680	-	32,680
Operating profit before						
highlighted items	3,745	2,477	999	7,221	(3,126)	4,095

6m to October 2012	Media Value Measurement	Market Intelligence	Marketing Performance Optimization	Reportable Segments	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	14,810	14,740	952	30,502	-	30,502
Operating profit before highlighted items	2.794	2,435	370	5,599	(2,356)	3,243

12m to April 2013	Media Value Measurement	Market Intelligence	Marketing Performance Optimization	Reportable Segments	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	32,364	29,639	2,043	64,046	-	64,046
Operating profit before						
highlighted items	8,003	5,936	774	14,713	(4,272)	10,441



### **Appendix: Old format segmental reporting**

#### Disclosed for comparison purposes only

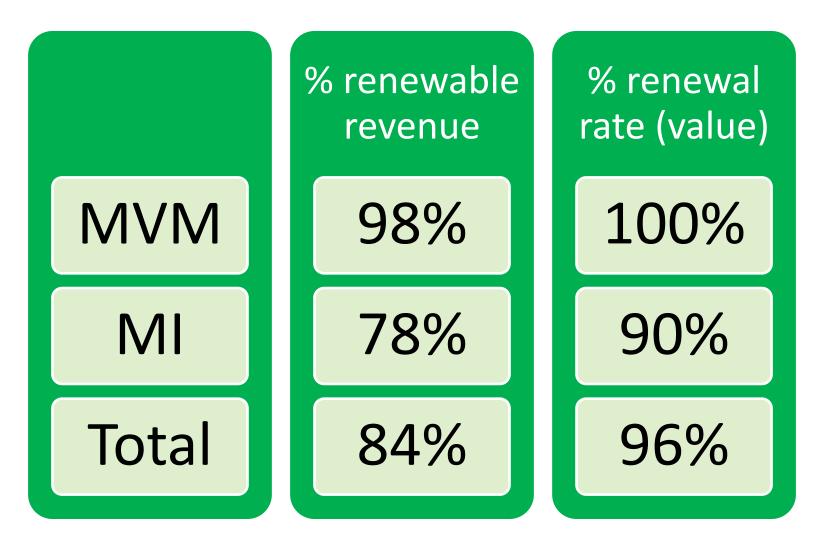
6m to October 2013	Analytics	Platform	Reportable Segments	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	21,084	11,596	32,680	-	32,680
Operating profit before highlighted items	4,840	2,381	7,221	(3,126)	4,095

6m to October 2012	Analytics	Platform	Reportable Segments	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	17,971	12,531	30,502	-	30,502
Operating profit before highlighted items	3,046	2,553	5,599	(2,356)	3,243

12m to April 2013	Analytics	Platform	Reportable Segments	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	39,542	24,504	64,046	_	64,046
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Operating profit before highlighted items	9,024	5,689	14,713	(4,272)	10,441



#### **Appendix: Renewals analysis**







## **Appendix: Cross-selling analysis**

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Total group			
2 services	10%	13%	11%
3 services	1%	1%	3%
2+ services	11%	14%	14%
Top 100 global advertisers	84 of the 100	89 of the 100	91 of the 100
2 services	46%	54%	39%
3 services	4%	3%	25%
4 services	0%	1%	4%
2+ services	50%	58%	68%

Strong penetration into big spenders...lots of potential for additional cross-sell



#### **Appendix: Outstanding deferred consideration as at 31 October 2013**

	Previous financial yea	2013/14	
	Joined Up Media Company	Firm Decisions	Stratigent
Nature of business	Media analytics in Russia/CEE	Media cost auditing globally	Multi-channel analytics in the US
Operations	Moscow, London	London, NYC, Sydney	Nr Chicago
Transaction date	27 May 2011	3 August 2012	19 August 2013
Transaction detail	50.1% acquisition	100% acquisition	100% acquisition
Cash up front	£318k	£1,000K	£2,700k
Deferred consideration max Deferred consideration paid	£882k £nil	£6,000K £2,637k	£2,928k £nil
Estimated remaining deferred consideration*: H2 2013/14 H1 2014/15 H1 2015/16 H1 2016/17	£334k:	£2,179k: - £2,179k - -	£2,356k:  £1,421k  £202k  £305k  £428k
Total potential consideration	£1,200k	£7,000k	£5.628k
Total estimated consideration	£652k	£5,816k	£5,056k
Earn out end date	April 2013	April 2014	April 2016
Earn out basis	2 yrs based on rev/profit mgns	2 yrs based on profit multiple	1 yr based on profit multiple & 3 yr on rev growth/profit mgns
Key financials at acquisition	Apr 11: Rev £0.8m u/l op profit £0.1m 7 staff	Jun 12: Rev £2.0m u/l op profit £0.3m 14 staff	Dec 12: Rev £2.2m u/l op profit £0.6m 20 staff



## **Appendix: Statement of financial position**

		October 2013	October 2012	April 2013
Non current assets	Goodwill	51,493	47,589	47,864
	Purchased intangibles	12,103	12,759	11,970
	Other	5,436	4,549	5,018
		69,032	64,897	64,852
Current assets	Trade debtors	12,509	13,773	13,890
	Accrued income	5,611	4,773	6,014
	Cash	6,635	4,335	7,109
	Prepayments	1,531	1,359	1,589
	Other	844	839	902
		27,130	25,079	29,504
Current liabilities	Trade creditors	2,944	3,907	4,611
	Loans	2,639	2,243	2,179
	Deferred income	5,404	5,720	7,451
	Accruals	3,319	3,455	3,420
	Other	10,177	15,318	8,890
		24,483	30,643	26,551
Non current liabilities	Loans	24,467	16,471	20,238
	Deferred tax	3,129	3,062	2,908
	Other	1,072	2,823	2,543
		28,668	22,356	25,689
Net assets		43,011	36,977	42,116



## **Appendix: Cash flow statement**

	6m to 31 October 2013	6m to 31 October 2012	12m to 30 April 2013
Cash generated from operations	1,871	412	7,526
Finance expense	(441)	(295)	(714)
Income taxes paid	(114)	(322)	(1,582)
Net cash from operating activities	1,316	(205)	5,230
Investing activities			
Acq'n of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(5,862)	(1,941)	(7,202)
Purchase of PPE	(603)	(382)	(892)
Capitalised development costs	-	-	(414)
Finance income	5	7	13
	(6,460)	(2,316)	(8,495)
Financing activities			
Issue of new shares	64	257	381
New borrowings	7,037	1,750	6,456
Loan repayments	(2,378)	(1,125)	(2,309)
Acquisition of interest in subsidiary from NCI	(78)	-	-
Repayment of finance leases	(89)	(146)	(157)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(60)	(65)	(65)
	4,496	671	4,306
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	(648)	(1,850)	1,041



#### **Appendix: Summary of banking facility**

- £36m multi-currency facility in place, maturing in March 2016
- Approx £32.5m drawn (£27.3m outstanding)
- Approx £3.7m available
- Interest rate of 2.75% plus LIBOR (can be lowered depending on covenants)
- Analysis of repayment plan on outstanding balance set out below:

	Currency	GBP	Future repayments	Bullet
GBP	£23,928k	£23,928k	£5,667k	£18,261k
Dollar	\$1,953k	£1,217k	£438k	£779k
Euro	€2,500k	£2,142k	-	£2,142k
		£27,287k	£6,105k	£21,182k
Repayment quarters			/9	
Repayment/quarter			£678k	



## **Appendix: Cash and net debt analysis**

	Cash	Gross debt	Net debt
Opening at 1 May 2013	7,109	(22,636)	(15,527)
Trading cash flow	1,871	-	1,871
Interest and tax	(550)	-	(550)
Debt repayments	(2,378)	2,378	-
Drawdown for acquisitions	7,037	(7,037)	-
Payments for acquisitions	(6,087)	-	(6,087)
Capex	(603)	-	(603)
Other/forex	236	8	244
Closing at 31 October 2013	6,635	(27,287)	(20,652)
vs pro forma EBITDA		2.1	1.6



#### **Appendix: Shareholder analysis**

Name	Amount	% Holding
VSS	15,109,549	24.98%
Sarah Jane Thomson (Director)	7,603,787	12.57%
Artemis Investment Management	6,674,430	11.04%
Kabouter Management	6,578,199	10.88%
Herald Investment Management	3,916,125	6.48%
Blackrock	3,365,132	5.56%
Other Directors		
Paul Adams	1,308,804	2.16%
Michael Greenlees	230,000	0.38%
Nick Manning	230,000	0.38%
Richard Nichols	100,000	0.17%
Michael Higgins	64,500	0.11%
Andrew Beach	20,000	0.03%
Stephen Thomson	1,000	0.00%

Total shares in issue at 31 October 2013: 60,475,510. Of these, 9,558,091 (15.8%) are held by Directors.

