

GO-AHEAD FULL YEAR RESULTS

for the year ended 29 June 2013

5 September 2013

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FULL YEAR RESULTS OVERVIEW

- Overall results slightly ahead of management expectations
- Record passenger levels across both bus and rail divisions
- Good progress towards bus operating profit target of £100m by 2015/16
- Sector-leading deregulated passenger revenue growth
- Solid revenue growth in rail
- Shortlisted for Thameslink and Crossrail franchise bid competitions
- Maintained full year dividend at 81.0p



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Group Finance Director

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STRONG PERFORMANCE IN BUS

	Operating profit FY'12 £'m	One-off benefits FY'13 £'m	Acquisitions FY'13 £'m	Like-for-like Variance £'m	Operating profit FY'13 £'m
Deregulated bus	35.4	-	(0.1)	2.6	37.9
Regulated bus	34.8	1.6	2.2	1.7	40.3
Total bus	70.2	1.6	2.1	4.3	78.2
Rail	40.0	-	-	(15.7)	24.3
Total	110.2	1.6	2.1	(11.4)	102.5

- Overall results for the Group slightly ahead of management expectations
- Group revenue up 6.1%
- Like-for-like operating profit down £11.4m due to rail, offset by strong bus performance
- Record full year bus profits, despite significant fuel cost headwinds
- As previously identified, regulated profits helped by Olympic contracts worth £1.6m
- Acquisitions contributed £2.1m



DEREGULATED BUS: Revenue

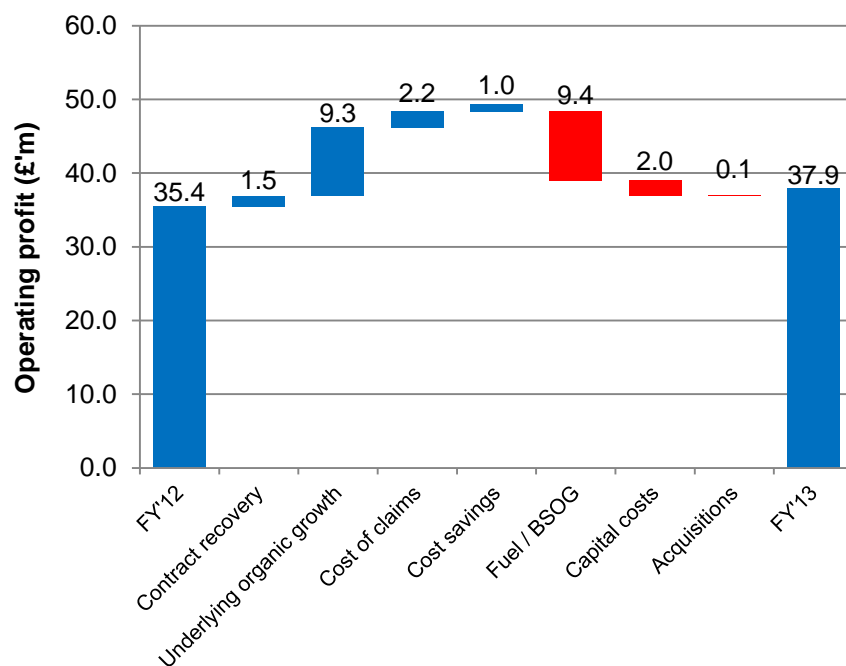
Total	FY'13	H1'13	H2'13
Revenue	7.9%	9.6%	6.1%
Passengers	3.1%	5.5%	0.7%

Excluding acquisitions	FY'13	H1'13	H2'13
Revenue	4.3%	4.7%	3.8%
Passengers	1.1%	2.7%	(0.5)%

- Performance consistent with prior years
- Lower H2 growth impacted by poor weather in Q3
- All companies reported underlying commercial revenue growth in the year.
- Growth in commercial passengers was partially offset by a weaker concessionary performance
- Lower fares increases in FY'13 compared to 4-7% increase in April 2012



DEREGULATED BUS: Profit bridge



- Operating profit up £2.5m to £37.9m
- BSOG impact and increased cost of fuel, as expected
- Capital costs in line with increased investment in fleet
- Cost savings ahead of schedule as part of £100m target
- Focus for FY'12 acquisitions has been investment to bring in line with Group standards
- Decline in number of accidents and reduced claim costs due to management action
- Underlying organic growth reflects like-for-like revenue growth outstripping cost inflation
- Improved margins in H2'13 reflect cost saving initiatives and improved claim performance

Margin performance

%	FY'13	H1'13	H2'13	FY'12
Operating profit margin	11.2%	10.0%	12.5%	11.3%

* Refers to a loss making contract which began in the first half of FY'12



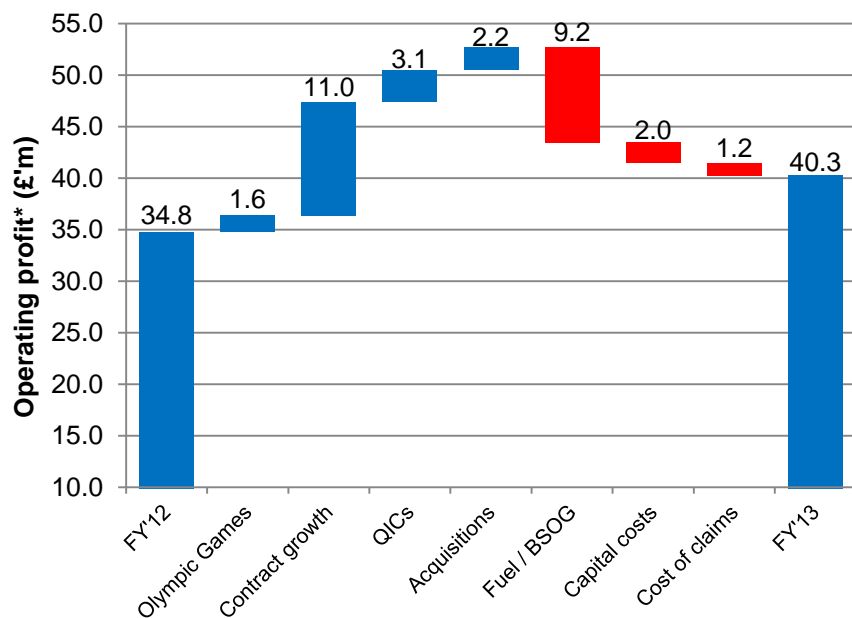
REGULATED BUS: Revenue

Total	FY'13 (inc Olympics)	FY'13 (exc Olympics)	H2'13	H1'13 (inc Olympics)	H1'13 (exc Olympics)
Revenue	12.0%	10.5%	7.5%	16.9%	13.9%
Mileage	7.3%	6.8%	3.9%	11.1%	10.0%
Excluding acquisitions					
Revenue	6.5%	5.0%	3.8%	9.4%	6.3%
Mileage	2.5%	1.9%	0.6%	4.4%	3.3%
QICs	£9.9m	n/a	£5.4m	£4.5m	n/a

- Like-for-like revenue up 5.0%
- Like-for-like mileage up 1.9%
- Total regulated mileage increased by 7.3%, ahead of expectations due to contract wins
- Underlying mileage growth of 0.6% in H2 relatively stable as expected
- Expect mileage in FY'14 to be broadly flat +/- 1%
- Strong contribution from QICs due to strong performance and fewer roadworks around Olympics in H1 and excellent operational performance in H2



REGULATED BUS: Profit bridge



- Operating profit up £5.5m to £40.3m
- BSOG impact and increased cost of fuel, as expected
- Continued strong QICs performance post Olympics
- Capital costs in line with increased investment in fleet
- Acquisitions reflects the benefit from Northumberland Park, acquired in FY'12
- Successful delivery of Olympic contracts
- Small increase in insurance claim costs
- Margin improved in H2 due to QICs performance

Margin performance

%	FY'13	H1'13	H2'13	FY'12
Operating profit margin *	9.2%	9.0%	9.5%	9.2%

* Excluding Olympic impact



BUS: Fuel

Fuel hedging prices	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16
% hedged	Fully	Fully	50%	25%
Price (pence per litre)	49.2	50.5	49.6	48.0
Usage (m litres pa)	127	127	127	127
£'m commodity cost	62	64	63*	61*

- FY'14 – fuel fully hedged at 50.5ppl, 2.6% higher than FY'13
- Future years hedging in line with policy
- Current outlook remains relatively stable until FY'16, with potential decrease in cost
- Headwinds of BSOG and fuel increases well managed
- 60% of fuel duty rebated through BSOG

FY'13 bus fuel cost	Pence per litre	Cost £m
Commodity cost	49	62
Duty	58	74
Delivery	1	1
BSOG	(35)	(44)
Net cost	73	93

* Assuming hedging completed at same average price



RAIL: Revenue

Passenger revenue	FY'13 (inc Olympics)	FY'13 (exc Olympics)	H2'13	H1'13 (inc Olympics)	H1'13 (exc Olympics)
Southern	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	6.0%	5.5%
Southeastern	8.0%	6.7%	3.6%	12.7%	10.0%
London Midland	12.0%	11.5%	10.6%	13.6%	12.4%

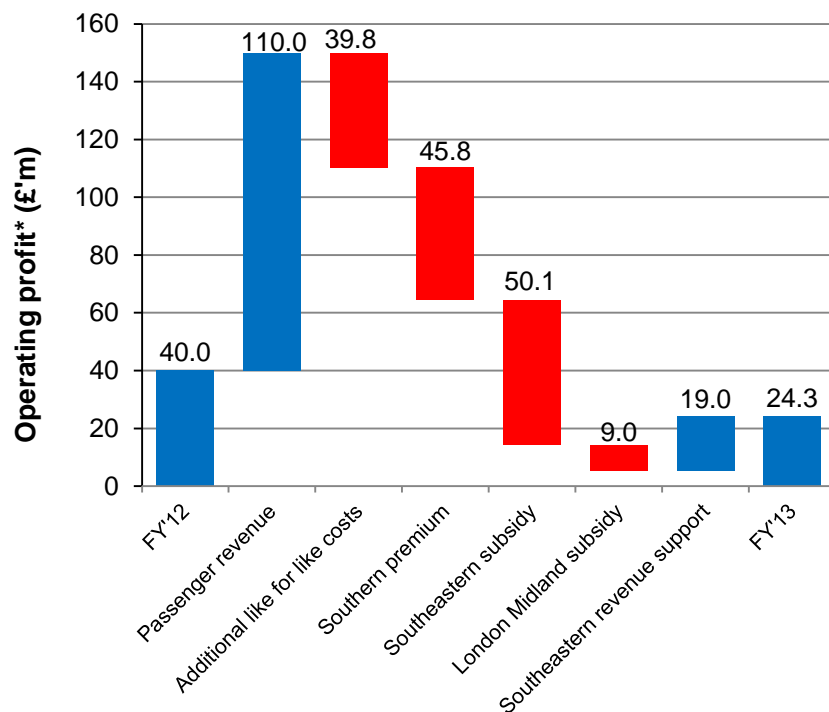
Passenger journeys

Southern	1.1%	0.8%	3.9%	(1.8)%	(2.3)%
Southeastern	4.7%	3.1%	3.9%	5.4%	2.3%
London Midland	2.4%	2.1%	1.6%	3.2%	2.6%

- Southern: Continues to face challenges. The franchise will enter 80% revenue support during FY'14
- Southeastern: H2 weaker due to poor weather in Q3. Remains in 80% revenue support
- London Midland: Continued strong performance despite slower passenger growth and operational issues. Higher yield due to stronger growth on high value routes
- As anticipated yields lower in second half due to lower fare increases in January 2013 than last year (2013: 4.2%, 2012: 5.9%)
- Passenger journeys increased in Q4 due to change in DfT Travelcard allocations



RAIL: Operating profit bridge



- Operating profit down £15.7m to £24.3m
- Passenger revenue increased by 7.6% partially offsetting changes in subsidy/premium
- Net premium payments to DfT up £85.9m
- Overall now a net contributor to DfT totalling £12.4m
- Margin reduced as revenue increased at slower rate than costs and DfT payments
- Bid costs of £3.2m incurred

Margin performance

%	FY'13	H1'13	H2'13	FY'12
Operating profit margin	1.3%	1.5%	1.1%	2.3%



SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT

£'m	FY'13	FY'12	Variance	
Revenue	2,571.8	2,423.8	148.0	
Operating profit	102.5	110.2	(7.7)	
Net finance costs	(16.3)	(16.0)	(0.3)	→ Slightly better than expectations
Profit before tax*	86.2	94.2	(8.0)	
Amortisation	(10.3)	(9.7)	(0.6)	
Profit before tax	75.9	84.5	(8.6)	
Tax	(16.0)	(18.0)	2.0	→ Effective tax rate 21.1% (FY'12: 21.3%)
Profit for the year	59.9	66.5	(6.6)	
Non-controlling interests	(6.2)	(11.0)	4.8	→ 35% Keolis rail holding
Profit attributable to members	53.7	55.5	(1.8)	→ Lower reduction on profit to members reflects underlying bus profits replacing rail
Adjusted, continuing eps (p)	139.6	141.9	(2.3)	EPS down only 1.6%
Total dividend per share (p)	81.0	81.0	-	→ Dividend maintained. Payable 15 November

*Excludes amortisation



FINANCE COSTS

£m	FY'13	FY'12
Finance revenue	1.6	1.8
Interest payable on £200m bond	(11.1)	(11.1)
Interest payable on loans and overdrafts	(3.9)	(4.8)
Other interest payable	(2.3)	(2.6)
Hedging ineffectiveness	0.1	0.7
Unwind of discount on provisions	(0.7)	0.0
Finance costs	(17.9)	(17.8)
Net finance costs	(16.3)	(16.0)

- £200m 7.5 year 5.375% sterling bond issued in March 2010
- Average gross debt interest rate 4.3% (FY'12: 4.9%). Fall due to expiry of interest rate swaps
- Expect finance costs to be relatively stable next year



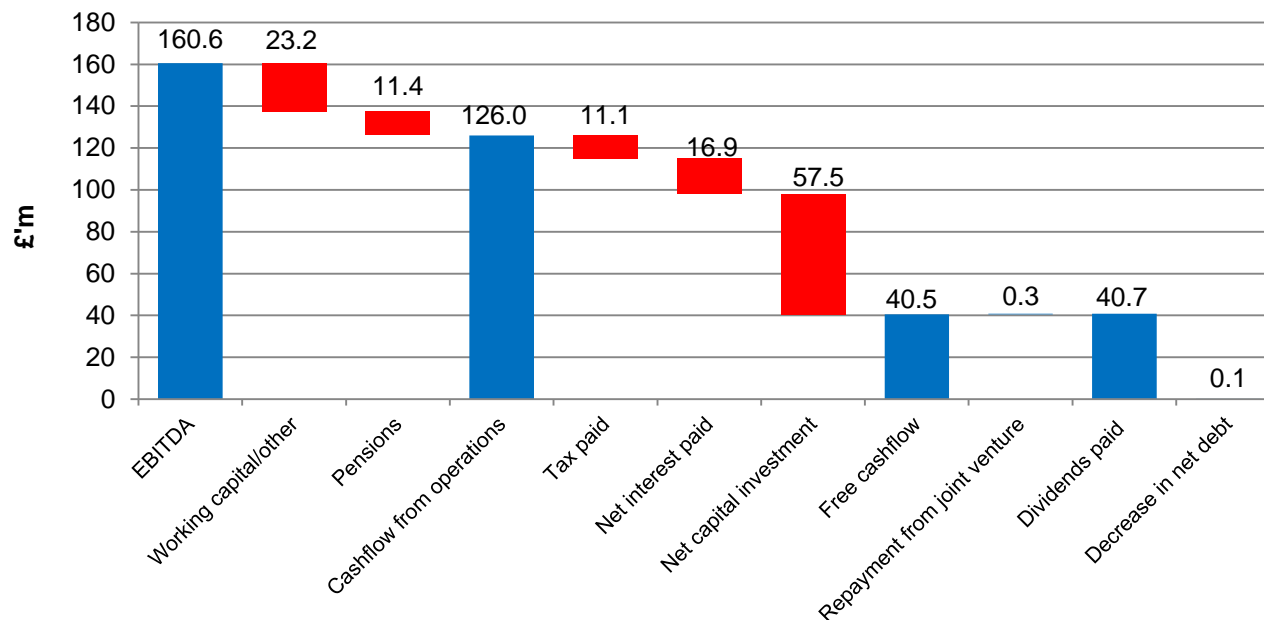
TAX

£m	FY'13	FY'12
Operating profit	102.5	110.2
Net finance costs	(16.3)	(16.0)
Amortisation	(10.3)	(9.7)
Profit before tax	75.9	84.5
Tax	(16.0)	(18.0)
Effective rate	21.1%	21.3%

- Effective rate of 21.1%, below the UK statutory rate due to a £2.2m deferred tax credit
- Statutory rate expected to reduce by a further 2%, ultimately dropping to 20% by 2015
- Effective tax rate expected to be around 18% in FY'14 and broadly in line with statutory rate in future years
- Tax paid of £11.1m (FY'12: £15.7m)



CASHFLOW ANALYSIS

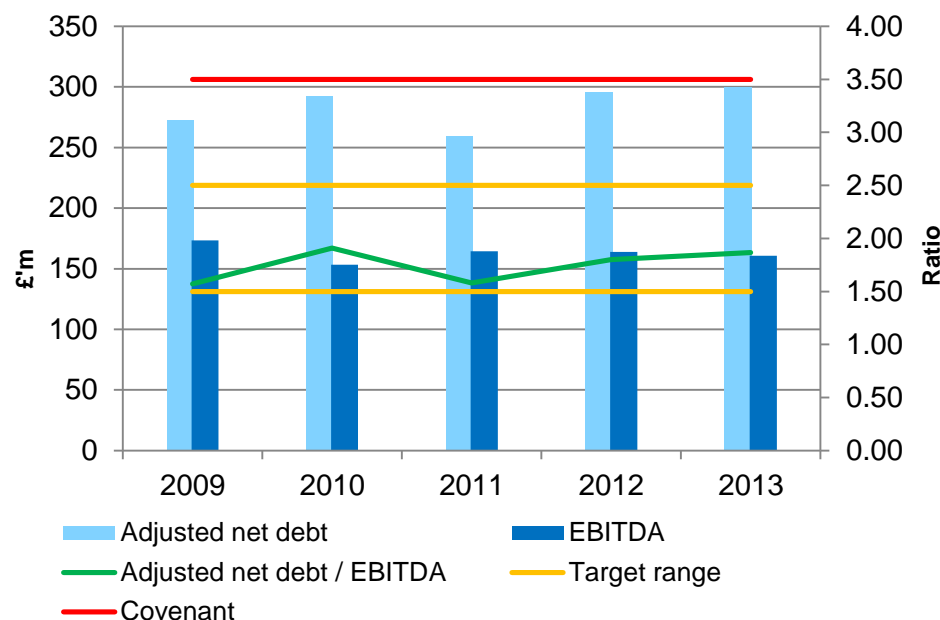


- Overall no movement in net debt year on year
- As expected, H1 positive working capital movement reversed into negative movement in H2
- Similar working capital outflow next year reflecting settlement of franchise commitments
- Free cashflow £40.5m despite £56.8m of capital expenditure
- One small acquisition in the year for a total cash consideration of £0.7m (FY'12: £29.3m)
- Expect increase in net debt next year in line with working capital outflow



BALANCE SHEET

- Adjusted net debt / EBITDA 1.87x, well within target range* of 1.5x - 2.5x
- BBB- / Baa3 (stable) rating
- Restricted cash was £208.7m
- Full year net debt of £90.9m less than expected
- Adjusted net debt reflects a significant proportion of the impact on the balance sheet of loss of rail franchises



As at 29 June 2013	£'m
Five year syndicated facility 2016	275
7.5 year £200m sterling bond 2017	200
Total core facilities	475
Amount drawn down	333
Total headroom	142

As at 29 June 2013	£'m
Restricted cash	208.7
Net debt	90.9
Adjusted net debt	299.6
EBITDA	160.6
Adjusted net debt/EBITDA	1.87x

* Targets and covenant refer to adjusted net debt to EBITDA



PENSIONS

£m	FY'13	FY'12
Assets	569.6	535.9
Liabilities	617.3	558.7
Net deficit	(47.7)	(22.8)
Less tax	11.0	5.5
Post tax deficit	(36.7)	(17.3)

Bus pensions:

- Net operating cost £4.8m (FY'12: £4.9m)
- Discount rate: 4.7% (FY'12 : 5.0%)
- +/- 0.1% discount rate = +/- c£10.1m deficit
- Different assumptions applied on actuarial valuation compared to accounting valuation above
- Actuarial valuation results due late 2013
- Commenced consultation to close scheme to future accrual

Rail pensions:

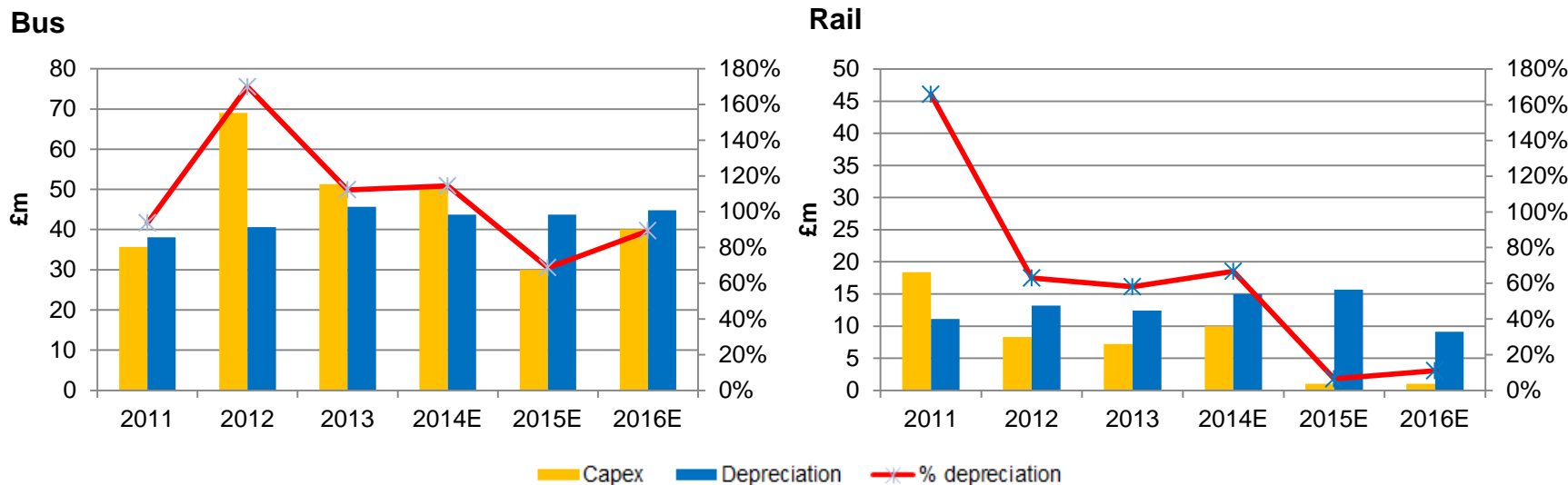
- Net operating cost of £30.7m (FY'11: £29.4m)
- Net deficit £nil (FY'12: £7.7m). DfT guarantee any deficit after franchise end

IAS 19 (revised):

- IAS 19 (revised) becomes effective for the Group in the FY'14 financial year
- Had it been effective in FY'13, reported operating profit before tax would have been £16.6m lower, down £12.8m in rail and £3.8m in bus. EPS and adjusted EPS would have reduced by 21.7p
- The impact on FY'14 operating profit before tax is expected to be a reduction of £17.9m, £13.4m in rail and £4.5m in bus. Basic EPS expected to reduce by 24.0p
- No impact on cash, credit rating or bank covenant



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



- Bus capex decreased to £51.3m due to successful regulated contract extensions and less regulated contract wins
- Rail capex marginally down year on year to £7.2m due to fewer franchise commitments falling within the year
- Expect FY'14 bus capital spend of c£50m and rail capital spend of c£10m
- Overall spend of £60m for FY'14
- Based on current forecasts total spend on existing bus businesses is expected to drop to around £30m and £40m in FY'15 and FY'16



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Group Chief Executive

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DEREGULATED BUS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Another year of record operating profit
- Sector-leading growth
- Sector-leading customer satisfaction rates of 90%

	FY'13	FY'12
Operating margin	11.2%	11.3%
Revenue growth (lfl)	4.3%	4.7%
Passenger growth (lfl)	1.1%	2.8%

- Good performance – high quality and locally focused
- 90% of our business remains commercially operated
- No significant regional variations
- Absorbed significant cost headwinds of around £10m
- Continuing investment in fleet
- 86 hybrid buses acquired, first gas buses introduced to our fleet
- Fare increases largely in line with inflation this year
- Continued growth of ‘the key’ and a strong start with m-ticketing





REGULATED BUS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sector-leading margins
- Performance boosted by Olympics and Northumberland Park acquisition

	FY'13*	FY'12
Operating margin	9.2%	9.2%
Revenue growth (lfl)	5.0%	5.8%
Mileage growth (lfl)	1.9%	3.9%

* Excluding Olympic impact

- Largest operator in a mature and relatively stable market
- Excellent operational performance highlighted through improved QICs up £3.1m to £9.9m
- Successfully absorbed significant headwinds of around £10m
- Northumberland Park profit margins now in line with our existing London business
- High contract retention rate
- Small acquisition of 11 residual TfL routes in Dagenham
- Strong operational performance resulted in contract extensions
- Contract extensions require lower capital expenditure over next 2 to 3 years





TARGET 100

In October 2012 we announced our target to organically grow bus operating profit to £100m by 2015/16*



- The target assumed:
 - Flat profits in FY'13 (c£70m) due to fuel and BSOG headwinds of c£20m
 - No significant growth in regulated bus
 - Achieved through combination of revenue growth and cost efficiencies
 - Excluding future acquisitions and the impact of IAS 19 (revised)
- Strong track record of delivering growth in deregulated bus
- High quality London bus operation



* Target excludes amortisation and exceptional items



TARGET 100 continued

How are we doing?

- We have exceeded our first year expectations by around £8m, with operating profit for the division of £78.2m
- This was helped by :
 - Good revenue performance – total bus revenue growth of 10.2%
 - Continued development of ‘the key’ and a strong start with m-ticketing
 - Benefits from the Olympic Games
 - A good start to cost saving initiatives – £1.0m already achieved
 - Improvements in insurance claim costs





TARGET 100 continued



What next?

- We have developed a simple 'roadmap'
- These targets are the expected average for the next 3 years. Results may vary from year to year
- Our key assumptions are:
 - Average annual deregulated revenue growth of 3.5%
 - Average annual regulated revenue growth of 2.5%
 - Average annual cost inflation of 2.5% - 3.0%
 - Cost efficiency savings of £10m by 2015/16
 - No significant mileage growth in the regulated and deregulated businesses
 - Still based on organic growth and excluding future acquisitions
 - IAS 19 (revised) absorbed into Target 100





TARGET 100 continued



Delivering our marketing plans:

- Rollout of 'the key' now largely complete
- 400,000 smartcards now in issue
- 130,000 passenger journeys a day made using 'the key'
- M-ticketing being rolled out across businesses
- Generated £1m revenue in less than 12 months through m-ticketing
- Expect around £5m of sales through m-ticketing this year
- Free Wi-Fi on many services
- New journey planning and retail apps in development
- Expanding our B2B capability





TARGET 100 continued



Cost efficiencies:

- Achieved cost savings totalling £1.0m in the second half of the year
 - Delivered through fuel savings and initiatives in procurement, IT infrastructure and staff productivity
- Further cost efficiencies of £10m will be targetted in
 - Engineering systems
 - Insurance
 - IT infrastructure
 - Staff productivity
 - Shared services
 - Procurement
 - Fuel





RAIL

HIGHLIGHTS

- Solid revenue growth in all franchises
- Delivery of Olympic Games transport

	FY'13*	FY'12
Operating margin	1.3%	2.3%
Passenger revenue growth	6.9%	9.6%
Passenger journey growth	2.0%	2.1%

* Excluding Olympic impact

Southeastern

- Good operational performance
- Highest ever punctuality and passenger satisfaction achieved in the year
- Stable revenue and volume growth trends
- High Speed success – 25 million passenger journeys in first 3 years
- Investors in People Champion status
- Initial 7-month contract extension from March 2014 expected to be unprofitable
- In discussions with DfT regarding planned extension to June 2018





RAIL continued

Southern

- Remains profitable
- Final two years of franchise term
- Public Transport Operator of the year at London Transport Awards
- Working with Network Rail to improve performance
- Cost efficiency programme introduced
- Smartcard initiatives



London Midland

- Improving performance following operational issues in first half of year
- In discussions with DfT regarding planned extension to June 2017
- Entitled to revenue support but not required
- Continued revenue generation through innovative marketing and value for money offers
- Growth on 110 mph services



RAIL GOING FORWARD - THAMESLINK

- Govia is pre-qualified for the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise (Thameslink). Franchise starts in September 2014
- The largest rail operations contract ever tendered in the UK, representing over 19% of passenger journeys on the UK network
- An ITT is anticipated in September 2013. Bid submission is expected in December 2013 and award in the spring of 2014
- DfT has been engaging with all pre-qualified bidders



RAIL GOING FORWARD - CROSSRAIL

- Govia shortlisted as a pre-qualified bidder for the Crossrail Train Operating Concession (Crossrail)
- An ITT is anticipated in late September 2013. Bid submission is expected in February 2014 and award in late 2014. The new franchise will start in May 2015
- TfL is currently procuring the rolling stock that will be used to operate the service
- Strategically important to London and the UK
- TfL has just begun to engage with all pre-qualified bidders, the commercial proposition is likely to be similar to Overground



RAIL GOING FORWARD

- Focus on delivering value over remaining life of existing franchises
- Commitment to improving operational performance
- Continue to drive revenue through targeted marketing of value for money products
- Maintain focus on cost efficiencies
- Expect profitability to be lower in FY'14 due to the unprofitable Southeastern 7 month extension, continued challenging trading conditions and bid costs
- In discussions with DfT regarding planned extension periods for Southeastern and London Midland
- Impact of IAS 19 (revised) on operating profit in 2013/14 expected to be £13.4m





SUMMARY

- We have leading positions in the bus and rail markets
- Robust business model
- Growth opportunities exist across both sectors
- Ahead of plan in our progress towards Target 100 in the bus division
- Focus on delivering high quality services and maximising value from existing rail franchise
- Working on strong bids for Thameslink and Crossrail franchises
- Continued focus on revenue growth and cost efficiencies
- We operate with financial discipline and are committed to maintaining the dividend at least at current levels
- New year started well – trading in line with expectations



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