Investor presentation

FY25 Results

Solid State Group





- **B**usiness overview
- **G** Financial review
- Strategy review
- **G** Components division review
- Systems division review
- Prospects & Outlook
- Q&A















Solid State Group: 'Turning ideas into plans and plans into products'



COMPONENTS **G** solsta









Franchise





Value Added **Services**

Let Key drivers for FY25 & opportunities for FY26 and beyond*

Challenging comparative period



Nato contract confirmed for FY25/26



Industrial slowdown & destocking headwinds





Open orderbook is continuing to strengthen



*See appendix for detailed explanation

Nato

Focus on improving quality of earnings

Adjusted operating profit (millions)



Investment in high value integrated systems



Strategic Defence Review (SDR)

Our technology & capabilities are well aligned with the SDR Key priorities

Investment in the **Industrial Base**, **Innovation & Exports**



Nuclear Submarines & "Modernised Hybrid Navy"



Digitalisation, **AI**, Autonomy & Cyber











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War-fighting **Readiness & NATO Leadership**



Ministry
of Defence

Strategic Defence Review

Making Britain Safer: secure at home, strong abroad

2025



Financial Review

Solid State Group



• FY25 Financial review and prospects for FY26 and beyond

31 March	FY25	FY24	Change
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Revenue	£125.1m	£163.3m	(23%)
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Adjusted* profit before tax	£5.0m	£15.6m	(68%)
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Dividend	2.5p	4.3p*	(42%)
*Restated for impact of bonus share issue			

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Net debt	(£7.4m)	(£4.7m)	(57%)
Net assets	£61.5m	£64.6m	(5%)
ROCE	9.8%	26.4%	(1660) bps
ROE	0.8%	13.8%	(1260) bps

• Order book – May 2025 – £101.6m

• Underlying orderbook continues to strengthen coupled with very strong Q1 billings

Sevenue of £125.1m:

- consensus
- up ~40% y.o.y.

Gross margin and Adj. operating margins:

- Solid and stable gross margin at 31.5%
- CY Operating margins depressed
 - Operational gearing headwind
 - Continuing to invest to drive growth

• Revenue marginally ahead of recently upgraded

• Ex 2024 Comms programme £33.4m and £1.6m FX headwind underlying revenue are down 2.5% y.o.y.

G Components and US Power revenues soft. However orderbook strengthening – US Power is

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➡ Adj PBT £5.0m and Adj diluted EPS 6.2p

- FY26/27
- Dividend 2.5p
- growth

▶ Adj PBT 16% ahead and Adj diluted EPS 7% ahead of recently upgraded consensus

Normalising for the 2024 Comms programme the drop in underlying Adj PBT is less significant

• Overhead investments of ~£1.5m will start to contribute in FY25/26 with meaningful benefit in

Profitable FY25 - Confident in meeting FY25/26 consensus expectations and our mid term goals

• Y/E dividend is proportionate with earnings

Strong cash generation with investment in

• Operating cash conversion of 173%

Modest increase in net debt - M&A and Capex

Revenue Bridge





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• Adjusted operating profit



Net debt bridge



Net assets bridge





Strategy Review

Solid State Group



A profitable & resilient business model



Understand the vision and evolution of the tech requirements

Turning ideas into plans and plans into products Collaboratively design and develop a plan

Turn the plan into an engineered product/ solution/system

Cross section of our customers







Strategic achievements



- Investment & development of talent
 - delivering the strategy;
 - Appointment of Stephen Brown as US Chief Sales officer. E.
- E.
 - **G**____ Systems site at Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.
 - E.
 - **F**_
- Internationalise the Group G.
 - Acquisition of Q-Par Antennas USA
 - E -
 - **I** Increased billings for Internet of Things ("IoT") applications.
- Develop our "own brand" product portfolio G
 - Acquisition of Gateway Electronic Components Ltd

 - E. China second sources for sub-contract manufacturing

• New Executive Board is working well and is driving progress in developing and

Introduction of an online Learning Management System called Eloomi,

Broaden complementary products & capability/ technology profile

Capital investment in excess of £2.0m in our Systems Division and the new Integrated

BAE Silver supplier award and Tech Distributor of the Year for Robustel.

New franchise wins including Smiths Connectivity (UK), Ezurio (UK) and Deep X (UK)

The Power business unit has a secured several major orders for battery systems from key Tier-one customers in the robotics, drone, and naval sonar buoy sectors.

Continued to strengthen the Group's sales through Solsta of its own brand products

Continued to diversify supply chains for own -brand components establishing non-





Cultural Harmony

Fostering workplace culture harmony in organisational blending.

Operational Optimisation

Maximising efficiency through streamlined operations post-merger.

Components Division

Solsta





Solving problems by linking up the industry



Applications

Technologies



Own Brand & Franchised components

Own Brand Components

Franchised Components (top supplier examples)











QUECTEL











Acquisition Gateway Electronics Components Ltd





Core Offerings:

- Ferrite and Magnetic Specialist Components
- IoT connectivity solutions
- Passive and emech components

Value-Added Services:

- Custom ferrite machining
- Production assembly
- Supply chain management

Target Industries:

- Electronics manufacturing
- Industrial automation
- Communications
- Automotive (to some extent)







Positioning: Gateway provides a **broader** range of electronic components along with supply chain optimisation and value-added services to streamline production.

Systems Division

Steatite





Steatite antennas & Q-Par USA acquisition Q-Par Antennas USA Fully anechoic RF testing chamber – large dish testing capability





Engineered parabolic dishes

Cross site collaboration



A large parabolic dish being installed into the RF chamber

- Improving prospects for our enlarged Power business Rebranded globally under Custom Power brand
- Revenue comparable year on year
 - **US** impacted by destocking, industrial headwinds and exiting low margin business
 - **UK** business seen growth mitigating US shortfalls
- Re-organised & invested in new management led Globally by Dave Crossman
- Strengthening orderbook wins for Drones & Sonar buoys 6
- Strengthening pipeline opportunities
 - "non military drones and transport"
 - Exciting R&D opportunity with existing defence customer 6

L Custom Power









Steatite Integrated Systems - Ashchurch Why Ashchurch?

- Large production facility with substantial office space
- Strong local Defence & Security business presence
- Good location and access Jct 9 M5
- Rich talent pool production and engineering skills G











Steatite integrated systems Military certified computing engineered for harsh environments





Systems we specialise in

- 6 **Multifunction Operator Consoles**
- Integrated 19" Rack Cabinets 6
- **F Rugged Portable Systems**
- Hardware Refresh for Legacy Equipment







Prospects & Outlook

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Prospects & outlook

Strategic priorities

- Drive improvements in Quality of Earnings (Q.o.E)
- Enhancing operational & technical capabilities
- Diversifying supply chains Taiwan / China + 1

Organic growth opportunities

- Secure opportunities arising from SDR
 - Integrated systems production facility operational in FY25/26
- Leverage Q-PAR USA RF growth opportunities
 - Investment in USA production capability
- Roll out accreditations such as (ISO13485 medical accreditation) across relevant facilities

Acquisition growth opportunities

Continue to target complementary bolt on acquisitions



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G Key shareholders

3% and over

	% Holding
Charles Stanley & Co	13.97%
BGF Investment Management Limited	10.46%
Canaccord Genuity Group Inc	6.48%
Mr & Mrs Gordon Comben	6.40%
aberdeen plc	6.27%
Schroders plc	5.72%
TrinityBridge	5.23%
Mrs Barbara Marsh	4.85%
GPIM	4.85%
Hargreaves Lansdown Asset Management	4.81%

• Acquisition history and timeline







Senior leadership team



Gary Marsh Chief Executive Officer



Peter James Chief Financial Officer



Matthew Richards

Managing Director Systems Division



Sharon Dhillon

Senior M&A and **Investor Relations Analyst**



Lyenka Haffner **Group HR Director**



Jon Baxer **Executive Director Sales & Operations EMEA**





Managing Director **Components Division**



Lyn Davidson

Group Financial Controller & **Company Secretary**



Trusted technology for demanding applications

Own brand – systems technology in a box





Mountable Mobile Communications Unit (MMCU)



ESG highlights

We have aligned our ESG goals with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals







Sustainable sourcing & products

- Long life, high performance, high quality premium products
 - Deliver value through reduced consumption



Climate change

- Reduction in our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 60%
- **Intensity ratio has** reduced to 12.68 tonnes















Systems applications





































Component applications























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Challenging comparative period



Nato contract confirmed for FY25/26

FY23/24 and FY25/26 comparatives benefit from Comms revenues

- FY23/24 included £33.4m of comms revenue
- FY25/26 expected to included £19.0m of comms revenue
- Geopolitical and macro factors impacting
 - FY21/22 22/23 impacted by COVID / electronic component shortages
 - FY23/24 24/25 impacted by destocking and industrial slowdown
 - UK and US political changes including tariffs delayed spending

Solid State response

- Core business has remained very stable and resilient despite the market uncertainty
- Secured the \$25m Comms order for delivery in FY25/26
- Secured good orders within our US power business in sonar buoys and drones
- Components order intake continues to recover despite the shortening order schedules

*See appendix for detailed explanation

Nato

L Key drivers for FY25 & opportunities for FY26 and beyond*

Industrial slowdown & destocking headwinds





Open orderbook is continuing to strengthen Orderbook (million)



Electronics Sector

- Headwinds appear to be coming to an end
- Industry Book to bill data recovering but still below 1:1
- Lead times normalised at 12-16 weeks
- Order schedules are shortening as a result

Our underlying open orderbook is building

- Communications programm delivered in FY23/24.
- Communications programm delivered in FY25/26.
- Core businesses orderbook shortening order schedules.



Communications programme orders in Mar 2023 orderbook

Communications programme orders in Mar 2025 orderbook

Core businesses orderbook continues to build despite the

Let Key drivers for FY25 & opportunities for FY26 and beyond*



Focus on improving quality of earnings

Investment in high value integrated systems



- Enhancement of Quality of Earnings (Q.o.E) •

 - the sustainable core business revenues.

Investment in high value engineering capabilities •

- We have committed to investing in our Ashchurch facility which enable us to secure high value added revenues and recuring long term through life programme revenues
- Investment in enhancing our Power and Antenna capabilities both in the UK and in due course in the USA
- Seen margins in the components business recover post the closure of the energy intensive USA production line.



Operating margins depressed due to operational gearing impact - Shareholder feedback at the half year was we need to focus on Q.o.E to mitigate the impact of the project revenues and grow