

# Royal Mail plc H1 2013-14 Results

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Chief Executive Officer

# H1 2013-14 Overview

## Key Messages

- Financial performance in line with our expectations
  - Low single digit revenue growth
  - Margin expansion
  - Growth in underlying cash flow
- Parcels now **51%** of Group revenue

## Group Financials<sup>1</sup>

- Revenue up **2%**, operating costs after transformation costs **broadly flat**
- Operating profit margin after transformation costs improved to **5.2%**
  - 190bps improvement
- Underlying cash flow generation of **£103m** vs. £14m in H1 2012-13

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for the impact of foreign currency movements in GLS and the difference in working days in UKPIL

# Delivering Our Strategy

## Being a Successful Parcels Business – UK

### #1 in UK Parcels Market

- **>1/3<sup>1</sup>** market share in revenue terms
- **>50%<sup>1</sup>** market share in volume terms
- Handle over **1bn** parcels p.a.
- >90% parcel volume through core network

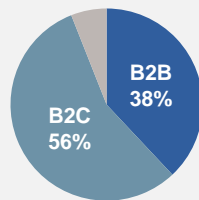


### Market Trends

- E-retailing fuelling parcel volume growth
- UK is the largest e-retailing market in Europe with continued expected growth
- Highly competitive market

### UK Parcels Market (Volume)<sup>2</sup>

C2X 6%



— B2C + C2X growth forecast: 4.5%-5.5%

— B2B growth forecast: c.GDP

### Key Strengths

- Strong track record – historical >10% revenue CAGR for UKPIL parcels over last 2 years
- Powerful brands
- Significant advantages from common core network
- Complementary express parcel network – Parcelforce Worldwide
- High delivery standards

<sup>1</sup> Source: Triangle Management Services/Royal Mail Group Fulfilment Market Measure, 2013

<sup>2</sup> Based on volume growth for calendar years 2009-2012, sourced from 2012 Triangle UK Fulfilment Market Measure

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## Market Dynamics

### Market Developments

### Royal Mail Response

#### Amazon

- Building own delivery network in key areas
- Introducing Sunday deliveries in London
- Using couriers for 'final mile'

- Existing volume based contracts
- Working closely to provide most economic and high quality service for Amazon parcels
- Ability to deliver Sunday service during Christmas period

#### eBay

- Trial with Argos for Click and Collect
- Purchase of Shuti 'same hour' courier to support eBay Now roll out

- Expanded Small Parcel size to target fastest growing categories
- Added 2C lowest cost services to eBay portal – lowest price for parcels under 1kg
- Launch of Local Collect

#### Retailers /e-retailers

- Click and Collect used to capture growth in online shopping and drive footfall in stores
- Pick Up Drop Off networks (ParcelShop, Collect+) used by pure play e-retailers

- Launch of Local Collect
- Tracked return service launched – growth in clothing and footwear sectors driving returns

#### Other parcel operators

- Notification of delivery services developed by many carriers e.g. DPD continue IT-driven changes
- Additional capacity being built by growing carriers e.g. Hermes increasing capacity

- New SMS & email delivery notification available for Special Delivery
- Parcelforce capacity expansion delivered on time
- Significant seasonal capacity now available in Royal Mail

# Delivering Our Strategy

## H1 2013-14 Strategy Implementation

### Getting the Basics Right

#### ■ Pricing

- Pricing by size for consumer and SME parcels to optimise delivery through most appropriate network according to size, value and urgency
- Contributed to increased volumes in Parcelforce Worldwide of +9%
- Some larger uneconomic items exited our networks
- Expanded Small Parcel category

#### ■ Customers

- Expanded account management to c.5,000 more customers to accelerate growth in smaller & medium customer base



### Getting the Technology Right

- Biggest technology transformation in UK parcels market
- Roll out of handheld scanners complete for Christmas
- Progress on barcoding all parcels for track and trace

### Expanding and Automating Our Networks

- Continued expansion of the Parcelforce network
  - Chorley processing centre open
  - 10 new/replacement/extended depots
- Continuing scoping work for parcels automation

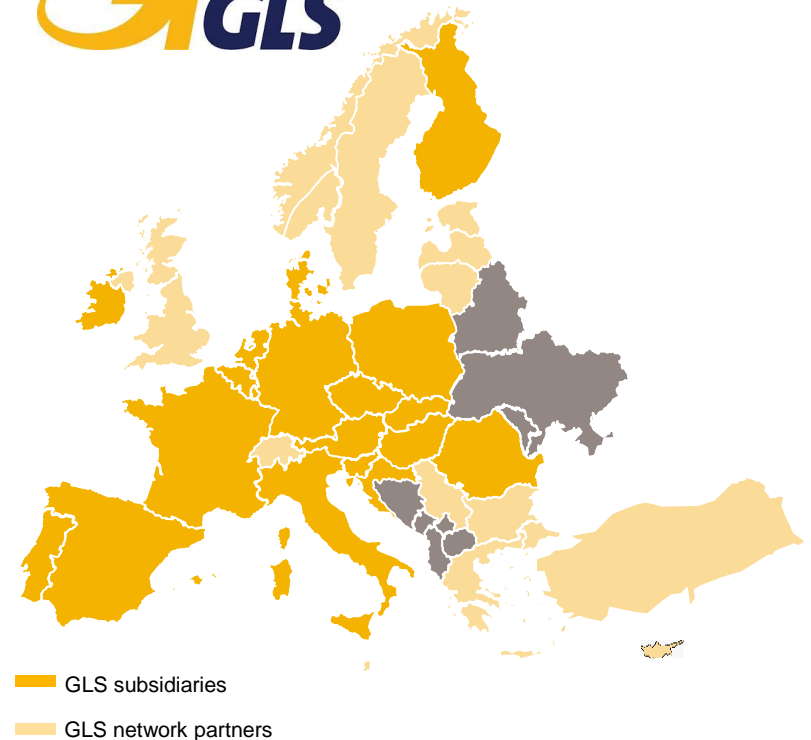
Building on Royal Mail's Core Strengths with a Platform for Future Growth

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## Being a Successful Parcels Business – GLS

### Europe-wide parcels

- A leading ground-based deferred parcel delivery network in Europe
- Presence in 37 countries, 18 covered through wholly-owned subsidiaries
- Handled c.380m parcels in 2012-13
- Well positioned
  - B2B focused – c.73% by volume
  - Broad customer base – no customer >1% of revenue
  - Technology focus – common cross-border IT platform
- c.70% of revenue from three main markets: Germany, France and Italy
- Sub-contractor driver model provides flexible delivery reach





## Being a Successful Parcels Business – GLS

H1 2013-14 – Update

- Germany:
  - Revenue growth driven by domestic volumes
  - Low unemployment driving higher subcontractor costs
  - Using larger transport companies to reduce costs and increase stability and flexibility
  - Healthy margins
- France:
  - Early stage in turnaround but progressing in line with expectations
  - Revenue up marginally, costs stabilised, losses reduced, but more to do
- Italy:
  - Gains from competitor disruption
  - Strong financial performance
  - Acquisition of franchisee
- Emerging European markets expansion – Croatia
- Export volumes growing strongly
- IT – development and roll out of 'Flex Delivery' service

# Delivering Our Strategy

## Managing the Decline in Letters

### Royal Mail's Positioning

Expertise in forecasting rate of volume decline  
c.4-6% p.a. estimated decline in addressed letter volume

Less dependent on letters than peers

Regulatory framework and growth initiatives to mitigate decline

Segmented  
Approach to Pricing

Enhancing Marketing  
Mail Offer

Building Customer Relationships

Adding Additional  
Value to Mail – Mailmark

# Delivering Our Strategy

## H1 2013-14 Update – Letters

### H1 2013-14 Volume and Revenue

- Addressed letter volume decline moderated to 6%, in line with our medium term range
- Letter revenue declined by 4%
- Marketing Mail revenue declined by 3%
  - H1 2012-13 benefited from build up to Olympics and Diamond Jubilee

### Direct Delivery Competition

- Monitoring developments in direct delivery competition
  - Regulator monitoring impact of direct delivery on sustainability of USO
- TNT direct delivery volumes reaching 1.2m items per week
  - Delivery services in Manchester started

### Barcoding

- Early 2014 – Live trials of Mailmark, new letter barcoding
- £70m investment progressing to plan
- Mailmark
  - Provides new level of mailing data and visibility for business customers
  - Significantly increases customers ability to track consignments of addressed letters through our network
  - Ensures we are fairly paid for the mail we deliver
- Potential to be applied to 90% of machinable letters volume



Note: All like-for-like percentage changes are adjusted for the difference in working days in UKPIL

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## Being Customer Focused

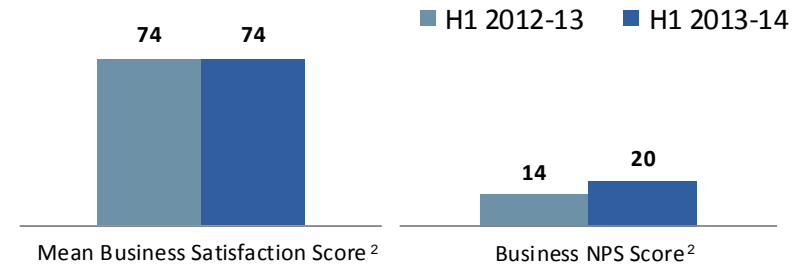
### Quality of Service

- UK has the highest Universal Service specification of any major European country<sup>1</sup>
- In H1 2013-14, cumulatively we exceeded our targets:

	Target	Outcome
<b>First Class</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>93.2%</b>
<b>Second Class</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>

- Continuing to react to customer needs and market developments
  - Expanded Small Parcel category
  - Launched tracked returns service
  - New SMS & email delivery notification available for Special Delivery

### Customer Satisfaction



- Mean Business Customer Satisfaction Score<sup>2</sup> maintained
- Achieved our highest Net Promoter Score<sup>2</sup> for business customers of 20 in H1 2013-14
- Recent Which? survey found that regular post was the consumer's favourite way to have their online shopping delivered

<sup>1</sup> Germany, France, Spain and Italy

<sup>2</sup> Source: Business Customer CSI surveys (2011, 2012 & 2013)

# Delivering Our Strategy

## Industrial Relations

- Making good progress towards an important agreement
- Protections for our employees backed by protections for the company
- Common employer / union understanding
  - Business success is the best job security
- Optimistic that agreement can be reached with little or no disruption

## Operations and Modernisation

- Three mail centres closed in the period, one closed since the end of H1, four more closures expected in H2 2013-14
- Begun modernising 1,000<sup>th</sup> Delivery Office out of total of c.1,400
  - Transformation activity impacted by current industrial relations environment
- Completed roll out of c.74,000 handheld scanners in time for Christmas

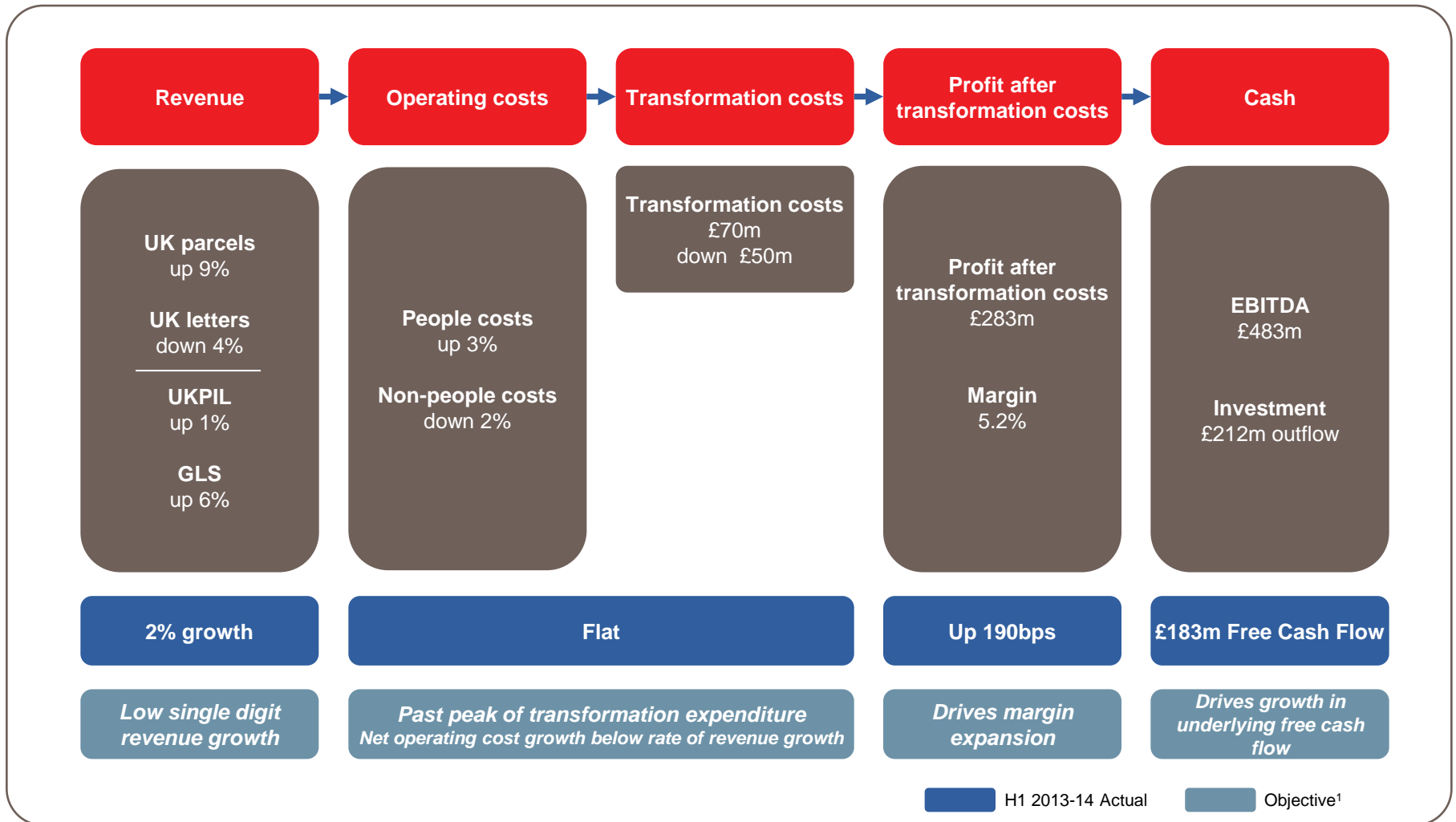
(YoY change)	2011-12	2012-13	H1 2013-14
Gross hours <sup>1</sup>	(3.1%)	(2.2%)	(3.3%)
Workload <sup>1</sup>	0.0%	(0.6%)	(1.7%)
<b>Productivity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

- Productivity improvement of 1.7% impacted by industrial relations environment and lower parcel volumes
- Workload down more than expected because of parcels: therefore greater hours reduction required to meet productivity target of 2-3%

<sup>1</sup> Represents processing, collections and delivery only

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Chief Finance Officer

# H1 2013-14 Value Drivers



<sup>1</sup> See slide 1 on 'Forward Looking Statements'. These objectives do not represent any forecast, target or expectation as to future results or performance. All percentage changes are like-for-like and adjusted for the impact of foreign currency movements in GLS and the difference in working days in UKPIL.

# H1 2013-14 Financial Summary

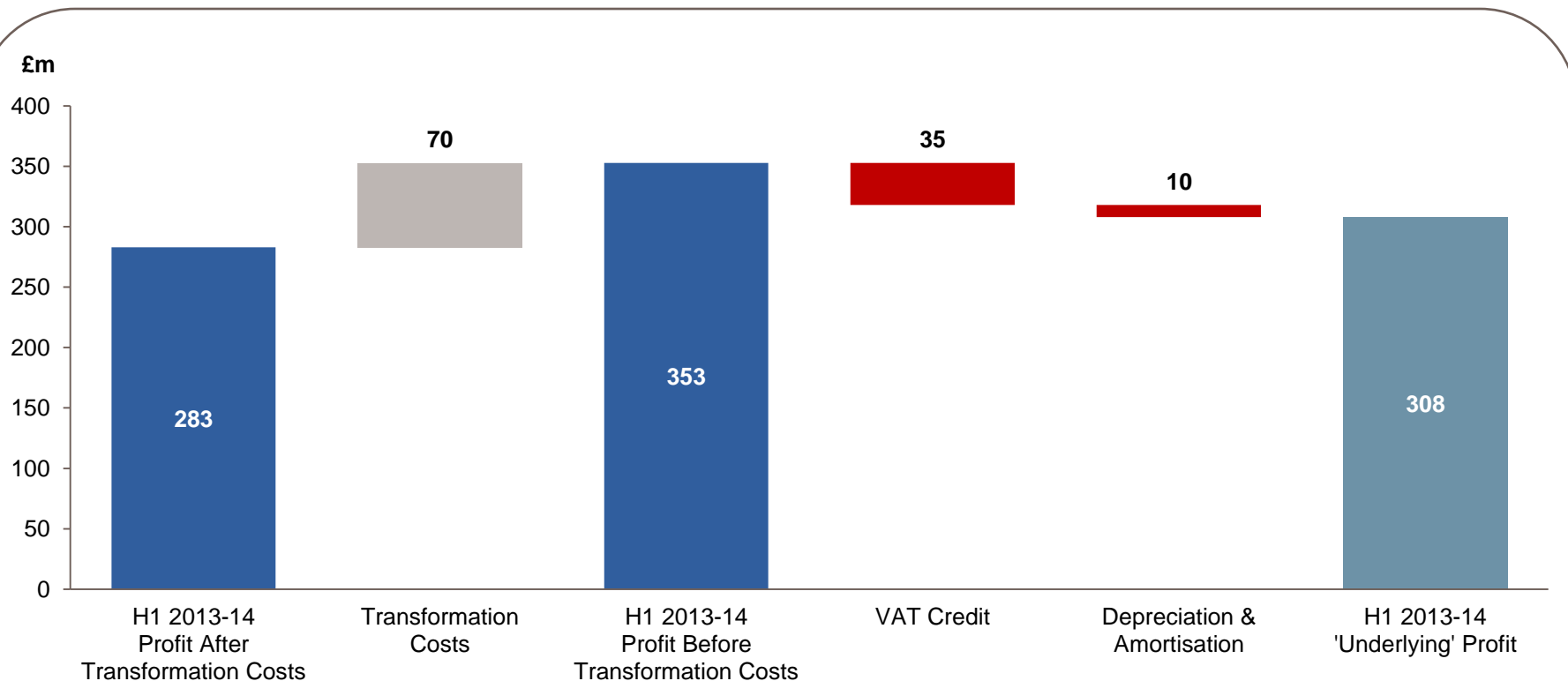
£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13	Change
<b>Revenue</b>			
UKPIL	<b>3,711</b>	3,636	1%
GLS	<b>801</b>	712	6%
Other	<b>8</b>	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,520</b>	4,355	2%
<b>Operating profit after transformation costs</b>			
UKPIL	<b>224</b>	97	
GLS	<b>53</b>	45	
Other	<b>6</b>	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	144	
<b>Operating profit margin after transformation costs</b>			
UKPIL	<b>4.8%</b>	2.7%	+210bps
GLS	<b>6.6%</b>	6.3%	+30bps
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	3.3%	+190bps

- UKPIL delivered revenue growth and lower costs
  - Q1 revenue up 3%
  - Q2 impacted by slowdown in summer
- GLS continued trends seen in Q1
- Margin benefitted from £35m VAT credit and £10m lower depreciation and amortisation
  - Equivalent to 1 percentage point

Note: All like-for-like percentage changes are adjusted for the impact of foreign currency movements in GLS and the difference in working days in UKPIL. Like-for-like margin adjusted for the difference in working days in UKPIL



# H1 Operating Profit 'One-Offs'



H1 2013-14 impacted by:

- One-off VAT credit of £35m due to increased VAT recoverable rate for 2012-13
  - Regulation change in April 2012 increased scope of products attracting VAT leading to an increased recovery rate
- Depreciation and amortisation £10m lower year on year due to different mix in depreciable assets
  - H2 2013-14 depreciation and amortisation charge expected to be flat year on year

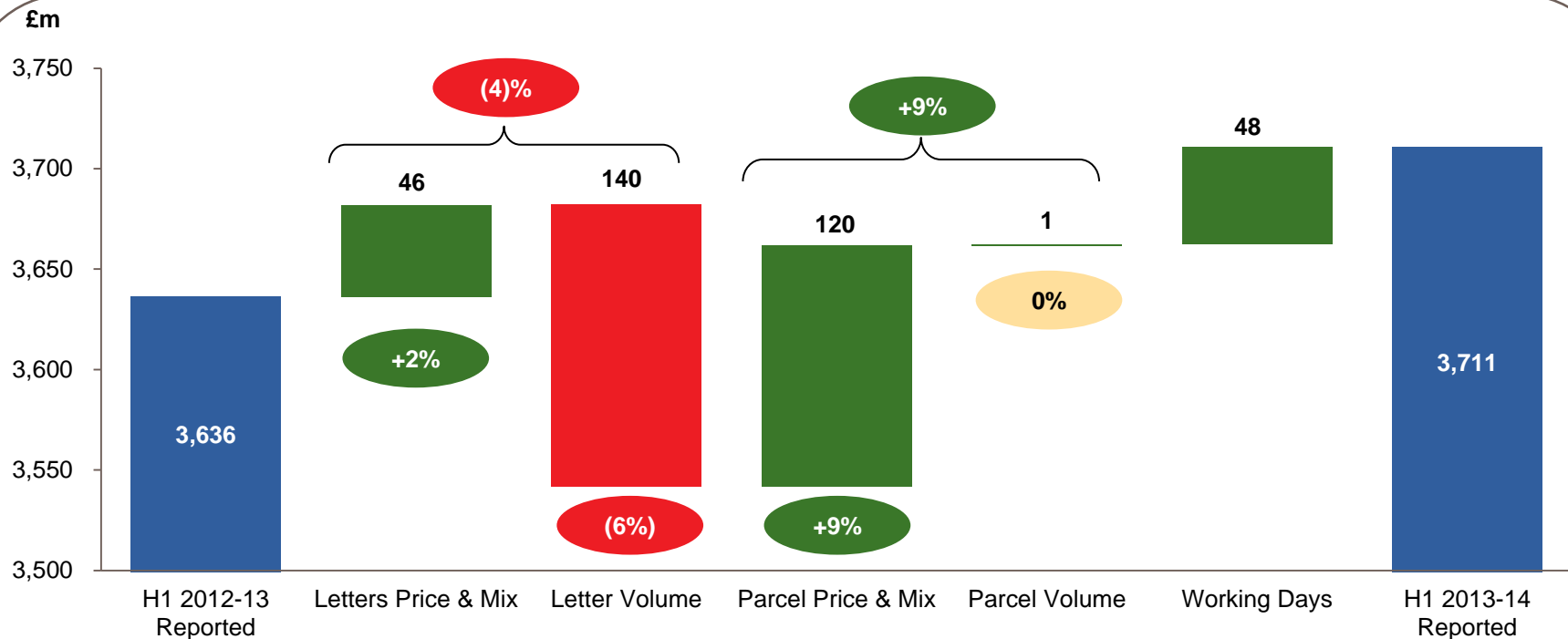
# UKPIL Results

£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13	Change
Revenue	<b>3,711</b>	3,636	1%
Net operating costs	<b>(3,417)</b>	(3,419)	0%
Transformation costs	<b>(70)</b>	(120)	(42%)
Net operating costs after transformation costs	<b>(3,487)</b>	(3,539)	(1%)
<b>Operating profit after transformation costs</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>97</b>	
Operating profit margin - like-for-like	<b>4.8%</b>	2.7%	+210bps
after transformation costs - reported	<b>6.0%</b>	2.7%	+330bps

- Revenue up 1%
- Net operating costs after transformation costs down 1%
- Operating profit margin up 210bps on a like-for-like basis

Note: All like-for-like percentage changes are adjusted for the difference in working days in UKPIL

# UKPIL Revenue



## Letters (£2,230m):

- Addressed letter volume decline moderated to 6%, in line with our medium term range
- Excluding impact of London 2012 philatelic sales in H1 2012-13, letter revenue was down 3%
- Marketing mail revenue of £545m – down 3% but strong comparator period due to Olympics and Diamond Jubilee build-up

## Parcels (£1,481m):

- As expected, volume growth impacted by temporary slow-down in growth of e-retailing due to good summer weather and impact of size-based pricing
- Strong growth in account parcel/Parcelforce volumes offsetting lower volumes in consumer channels

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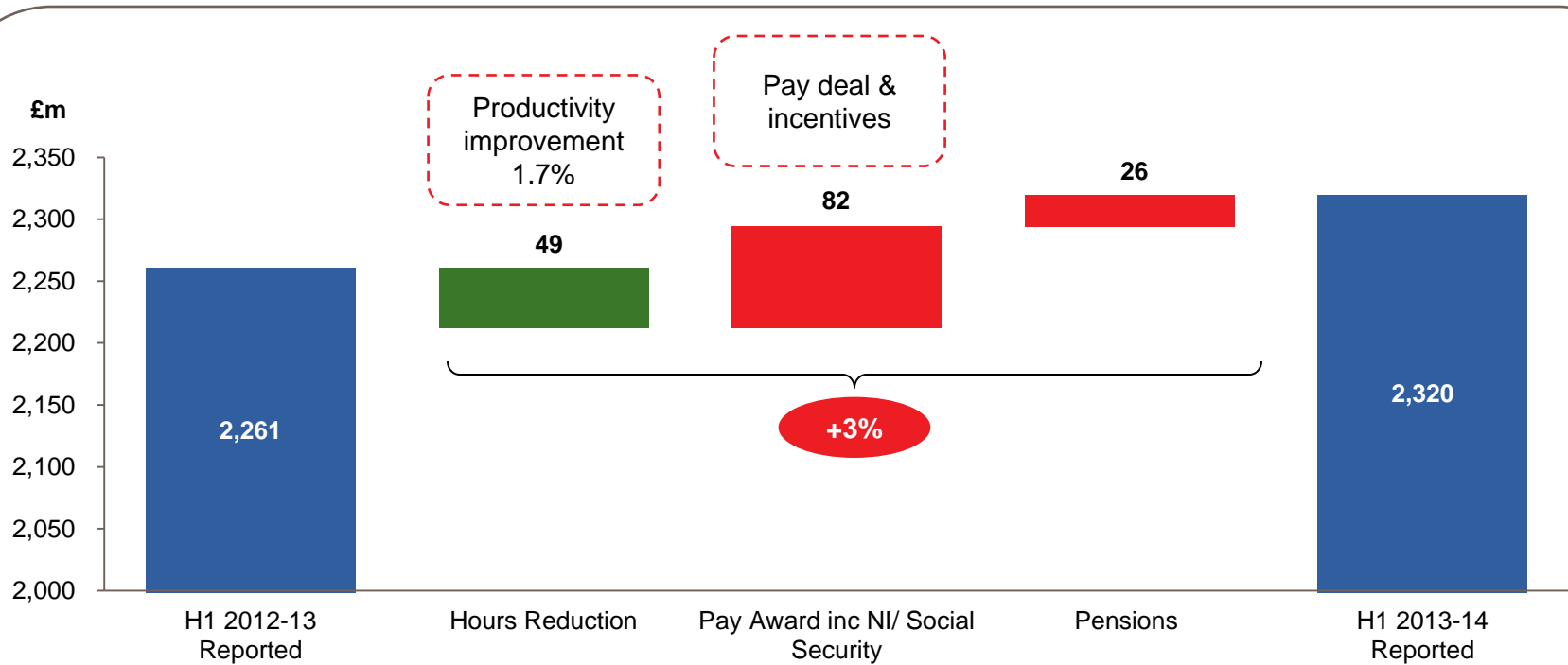
# UKPIL Costs

£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13	Change
People costs	<b>2,320</b>	2,261	3%
Distribution & conveyance costs	<b>387</b>	382	1%
Infrastructure costs	<b>452</b>	459	(2%)
Other operating costs	<b>258</b>	317	(19%)
<b>Net operating costs</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>3,419</b>	0%
Transformation costs	<b>70</b>	120	(42%)
<b>Net operating costs after transformation costs</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>3,539</b>	(1%)

- Net operating costs flat including a £35m one-off VAT benefit allocated across all cost categories
- People costs up 3%:
  - Increased pension charge
  - Accrual for pay deal and incentives
- Distribution and conveyance costs up 1%:
  - Vehicle related costs
  - Export payments (terminal dues)
- Infrastructure costs down 2%:
  - Reduced depreciation and amortisation costs
- Reduction in other operating costs mainly reflects strong procurement and other demand management

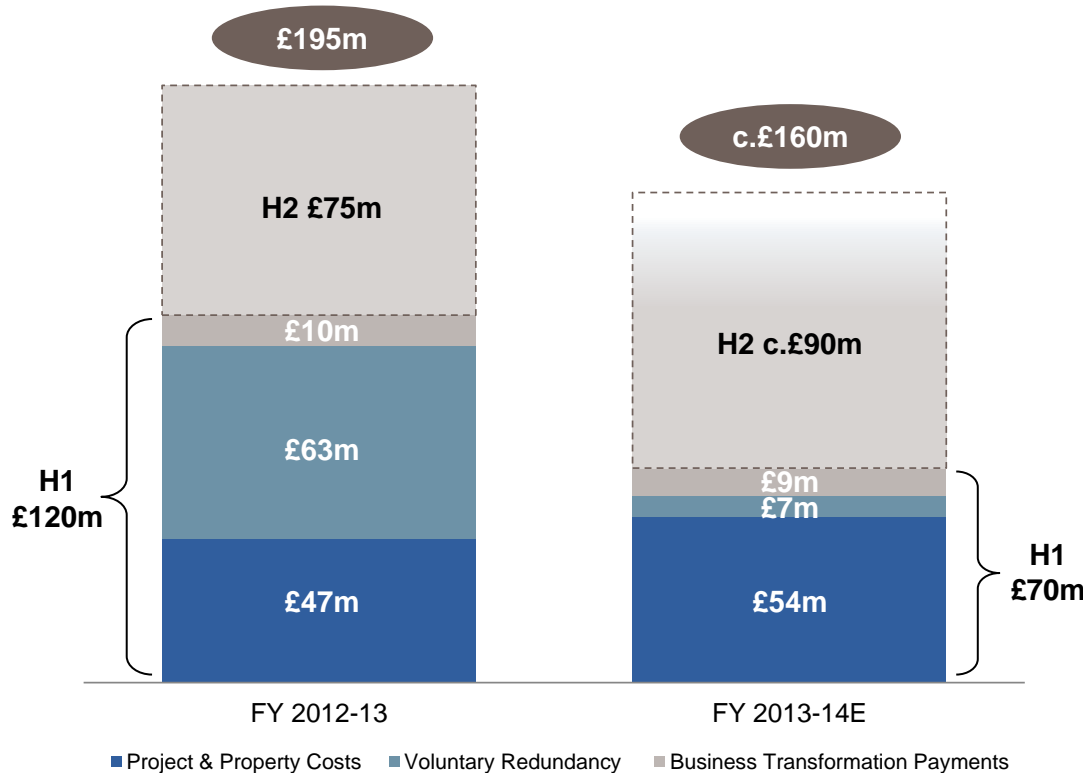
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# UKPIL People Costs



- 68% of UK net operating costs
- Total UKPIL average FTEs down 2%
- Core processing and delivery hours down 3.3% due to productivity improvement and reduced workload (6% addressed letter volume decline and flat parcel volumes)
- People costs up 3%. Pensions charge increase equates to 1 percentage point

# Transformation Costs – P&L



## H1 2012-13

- Reflects voluntary redundancy provision for Mail Centre closures

## H1 2013-14

- No further Mail Centre voluntary redundancies provided for
- Lower Delivery Office voluntary redundancy than expected partly due to industrial relations environment

## H2 2013-14

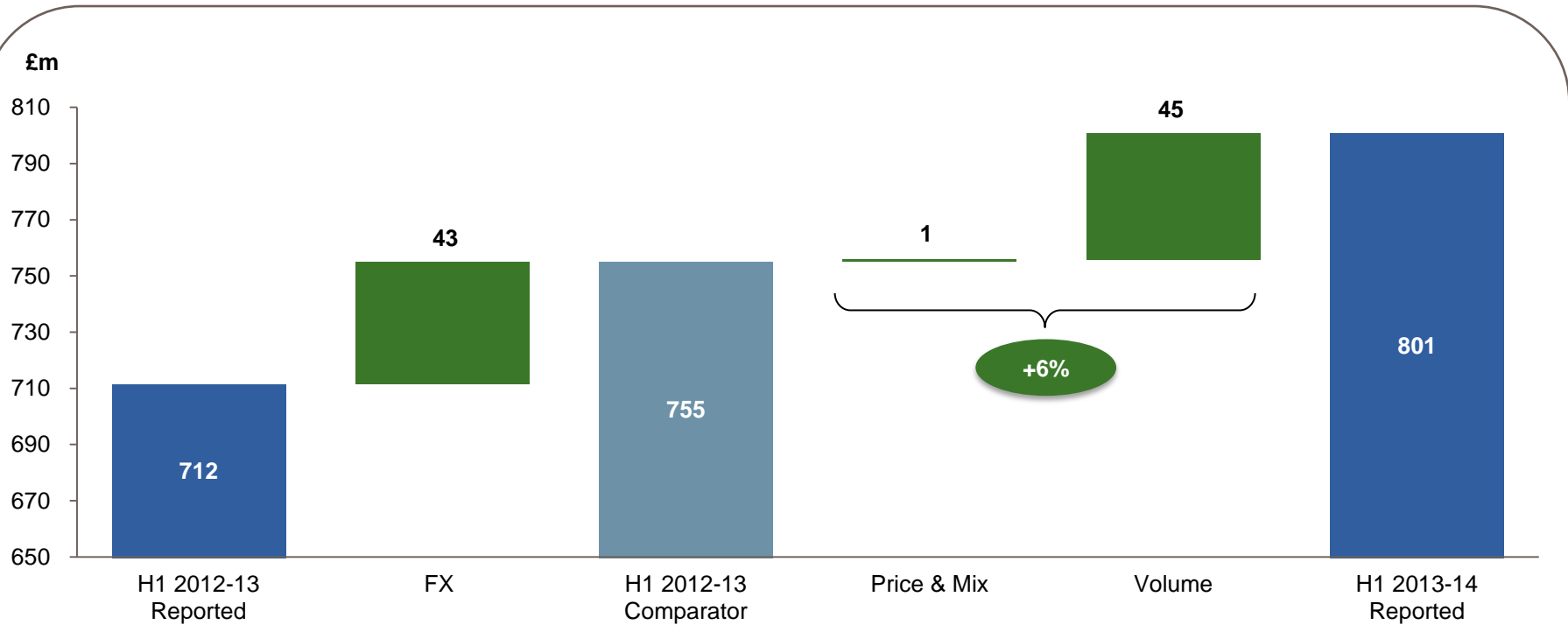
- Project costs linked to Delivery Office revisions
- Lower business transformation payments
  - c.£15m now falls into 2014-15
- Voluntary redundancy expected to be higher than H1 2013-14 due to catch up in Delivery Office revision programme

# GLS Results

£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13	Change
Revenue	<b>801</b>	712	
<i>Euro (m)</i>	<b>940</b>	886	6%
Net operating costs	<b>(748)</b>	(667)	
<i>Euro (m)</i>	<b>(878)</b>	(830)	6%
<b>Profit before transformation costs</b>	<b>53</b>	45	
<i>Euro (m)</i>	<b>62</b>	56	11%
<i>Operating profit margin</i>	<b>6.6%</b>	6.3%	+30bps
Volume (m)	<b>193</b>	182	6%
Average £1 = €	<b>1.17</b>	1.24	(6%)

- Revenue growth well ahead of Eurozone GDP driven by volume increase
- Revenue growth achieved in all major countries
- Margin expansion
  - France operating loss reduced

# GLS Revenue



- c.70% of GLS revenue generated in Germany, France and Italy
- Germany remains largest market; single digit revenue growth
- France revenue up marginally, with lower volumes compensated for by higher average prices, but losses reduced
- Double digit revenue growth in Italy aided by acquisitions
- Growth in developed / emerging European markets



# GLS Costs

€m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13	Change
People costs	<b>209</b>	203	3%
Distribution & conveyance costs	<b>580</b>	544	7%
Infrastructure costs	<b>62</b>	60	4%
Other operating costs	<b>27</b>	23	19%
<b>Net operating costs</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>6%</b>

- Distribution and conveyance costs increased due to higher volumes and higher sub-contractor costs in Germany
- Infrastructure costs higher largely due to higher depreciation
- Other operating costs higher due to IT consultancy costs and turnaround-related costs in France

# Group Profit After Tax

£m	Reported		Before Specific Items	
	H1	H1	H1	H1
	2013-14	2012-13	2013-14	2012-13
<b>Operating profit after transformation costs</b>	<b>283</b>	144	<b>283</b>	144
Operating specific items & disposals	<b>1,328</b>	(18)	<b>0</b>	0
Net finance costs	<b>(50)</b>	(28)	<b>(50)</b>	(50)
Finance costs	<b>(52)</b>	(52)	<b>(52)</b>	(52)
Finance income	<b>2</b>	24	<b>2</b>	2
<b>Profit before net pension interest &amp; tax</b>	<b>1,561</b>	98	<b>233</b>	94
Pension interest (non cash)	<b>19</b>	15	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>1,580</b>	113	<b>233</b>	94
Current taxation	<b>(17)</b>	(26)	<b>(25)</b>	(26)
Deferred taxation	<b>(342)</b>	292	<b>(39)</b>	(5)
<b>Profit after tax from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,221</b>	379	<b>169</b>	63

- Interest of £52m payable on old borrowing facilities
  - Refinanced loans<sup>1</sup> and existing finance leases currently forecast to have blended interest rate of c.3.5% over life of facilities
- IAS19 pension interest credit of c.£50m<sup>2</sup> in H2 2013-14 due to increase in surplus after Pensions Reform
- Current tax:
  - Reflects tax in GLS
  - No current tax charge in the UK
- Deferred tax:
  - Principally due to effect of Pensions Reform

<sup>1</sup> Includes arrangement and commitment fees

<sup>2</sup> £100m on an annualised basis

# Operating Specific Items

£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13
Pensions Reform credit	<b>1,350</b>	-
Transaction related	<b>(32)</b>	(4)
- Transaction related costs	<b>(26)</b>	(4)
- Employee Free Shares costs	<b>(6)</b>	-
Business related costs	<b>(9)</b>	(17)
- Historical employment costs	<b>(15)</b>	-
- Impairments	-	(17)
- Potential industrial diseases claims	<b>6</b>	-
<b>Operating specific items</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>(21)</b>
Profit on disposal of property	<b>17</b>	3
Profit on disposal of business	<b>2</b>	-
<b>Total operating specific items</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>(18)</b>

- Pensions Reform: one-time non-cash credit, no economic value
- Transaction related costs – majority of costs in H1 2013-14
- Employee Free Shares Offer charge pro-rated over period of vesting<sup>1</sup>
  - 13 days worth of charge included in H1 2013-14
  - H2 2013-14 charge will be c.£80m
- Historical employment costs due to change in legislation
- Property – no further material disposals expected this year

<sup>1</sup> Calculated based on market capitalisation at Admission on 15 October 2013 of £4,890m at 10%, pro-rated over vesting period

# Group Taxation - Overview

£m	Reported			Before Specific items		
	UK	GLS	Group	UK	GLS	Group
Profit before tax	1,530	50	1,580	179	54	233
Current tax for the period	0	17	17	8	17	25
Deferred tax for the period	339	3	342	36	3	39
<b>Tax charge</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Current tax rate</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>34%</b>		<b>4%</b>	<b>31%</b>	
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>28%</b>

- UK current tax rate is zero due to tax relief for the Employee Free Shares Offer and utilisation of some brought forward tax reliefs, including capital allowances
- Deferred tax charge principally on Pensions Reform credit. No economic impact
- High GLS effective rate reflects German statutory rate and no tax relief available against French losses

# Group Free Cash Flow

£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13
EBITDA before transformation costs	483	405
Pensions <sup>1</sup>	36	9
Working capital movements	(170)	(94)
	<b>349</b>	<b>320</b>
Total investment	(212)	(270)
Taxation <sup>2</sup>	(13)	(13)
Net finance costs paid	(23)	(23)
Dividends from associates	2	-
<b>Underlying cash inflow</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>14</b>
One-off working capital movements	65	215
Other operating specific items <sup>3</sup>	(13)	(18)
Property and business disposals	28	7
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>218</b>

- H1 2013-14 and H1 2012-13 benefited from one-off working capital inflows:

£m	H1 2013-14	H1 2012-13
Pay deal accrual	65	-
Buy forward of stamps in April 2012	-	100
Impact of increase in VAT-rated products	-	75
Unwind of March 2012 pension prepayment	-	40
<b>One-off working capital movements</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>215</b>

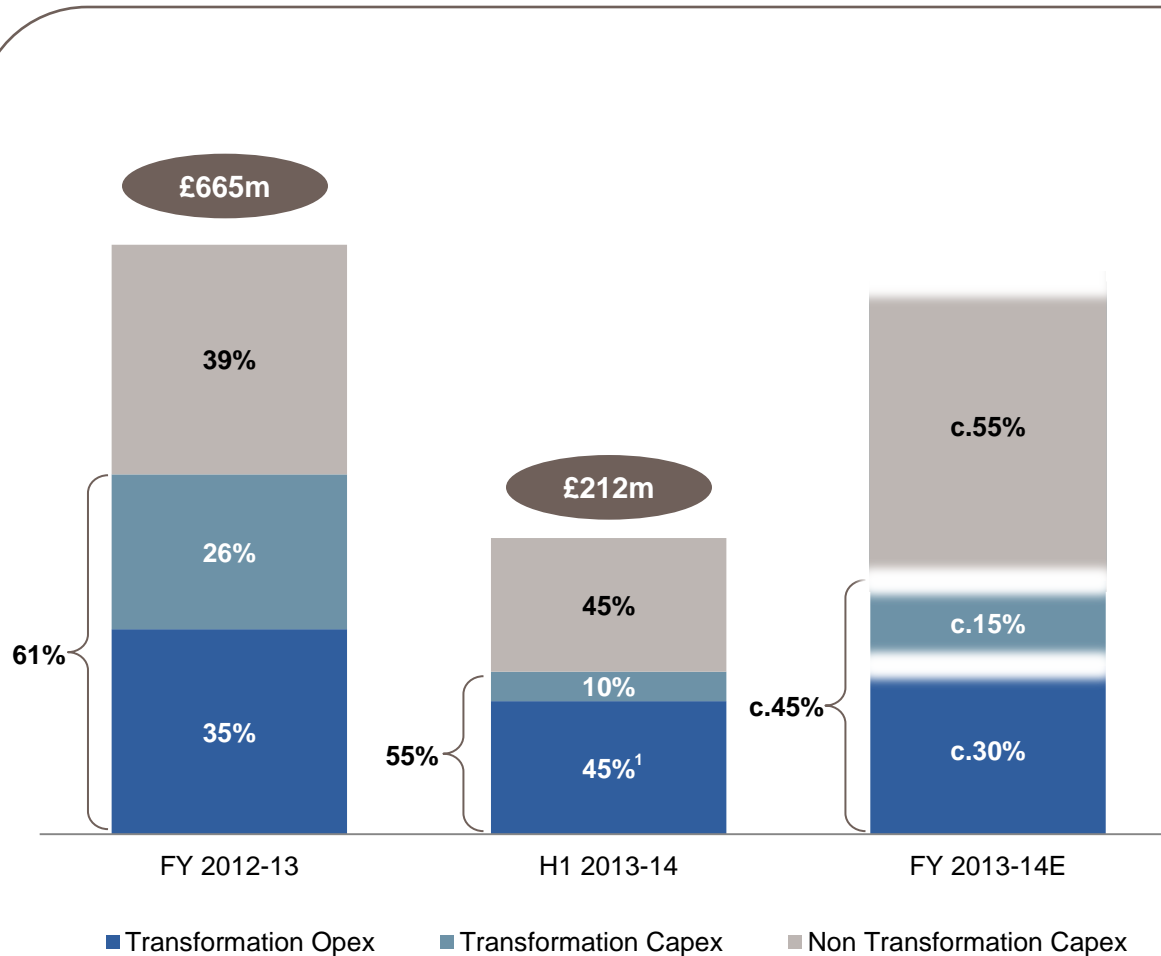
- Total investment includes:
  - Transformation spend: £117m (2012-13 £206m)
  - Non-transformation spend: £95m (2012-13 £64m)
- Majority of FY 2013-14 planned property disposals completed
- H2 2013-14 benefits from unwinding of remaining c.£150m pension related prepayment partially offset by outflow from delayed pay award

<sup>1</sup> Total pensions cash cost of £209m, including £5m RMSEPP deficit payment vs. P&L pensions service charge of £245m, including £111m RMDCP

<sup>2</sup> Cash tax paid quarterly in arrears therefore different to P&L amount

<sup>3</sup> Including transaction related costs

# Group Investment - Cash



## H1 2013-14

- Non-transformation capex principally GLS, Parcelforce expansion, and Mailmark
- Past peak of transformation therefore lower transformation investment year-on-year

## FY 2013-14E

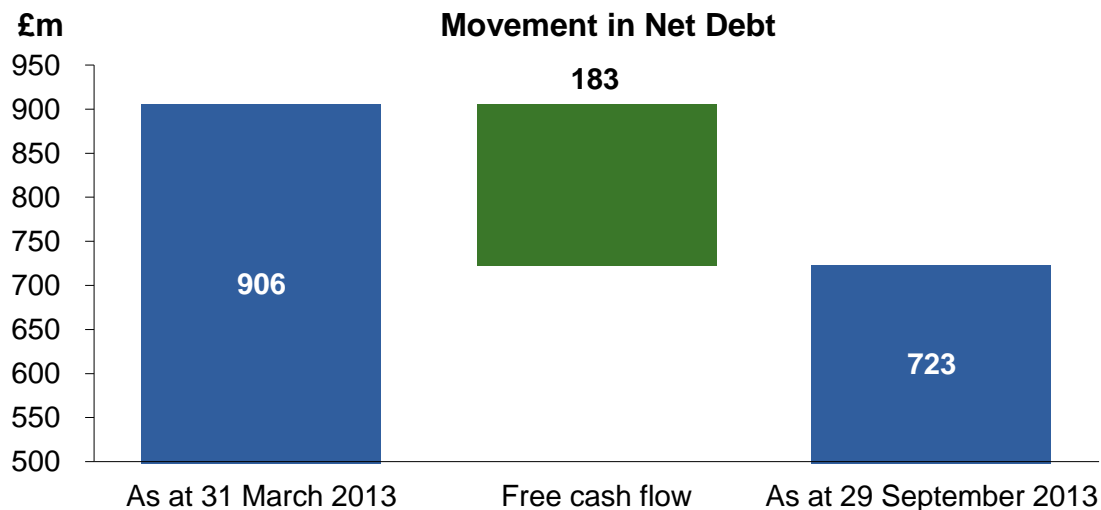
- Slightly lower than FY 2012-13
- Delayed transformation capex due to industrial relations environment

## FY 2014-15 Onwards

- c.£100-120m step down vs. 2012-13 peak
- Majority of investment away from transformation

<sup>1</sup> H1 2013-14 Transformation Opex consists of voluntary redundancy (£30m); business transformation payments (£11m); and project and property costs (£55m)

# Group Net Debt and Liquidity



- Annualised FFO to net debt at H1 2013-14 of 51%; 38% for FY 2012-13
- Annualised FCF to net debt of 41% at H1 2013-14; 37% for FY 2012-13
- Targeting investment grade profile
- Loans previously provided by HM Government refinanced and replaced
- New debt facilities

Facility (as at 15 October 2013)	LIBOR Spread	Facility £m	Drawn £m	Facility End Date
Term Loan A	+1.00%	300	50	Sep 2018
Term Loan B	+0.90%	300	300	Sep 2016
Revolving loan facility C	+0.85%	800	250	Sep 2018
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,400</b>	<b>600</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Includes arrangement and commitment fees

# Illustrative Impact of Operational Gearing in UKPIL

£m	FY 2012-13 <sup>1</sup>
Group revenue	9,146
Group operating profit	403
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<b>± 1% change in UKPIL revenue<sup>2</sup>:</b>	
- Impact on revenue	c. ± 75
- Impact on costs <sup>3</sup>	c. ± 7
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Impact of operating profit	c. ± 68
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<b>Impact on Group operating profit</b>	<b>c. ± 17%</b>
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- High operational gearing:

**1% change in UKPIL revenue**  
 =  
**c.17% change in Group  
 operating profit**

<sup>1</sup> 52 week adjusted

<sup>2</sup> As set out in Royal Mail plc Prospectus (27 September 2013) p.144

<sup>3</sup> Cost impact assumed at mid-point of stated range of £5-9m in the immediate term



# Update on FY 2013-14

- H1 2013-14 performance in line with our expectations

## **P&L FY 2013-14:**

- Adverse revenue impact of customer reaction to industrial relations environment in H2 expected to offset profit benefit of VAT credit and lower depreciation and amortisation in H1
  - Expect significant growth in parcel revenue although, depending on strength of seasonal volume growth, parcel volumes may be flat in 9 months to December 2013
- Full year transformation costs now expected to be c.£35m lower than 2012-13 at c.£160m
- Effective tax rate of c.28% on group PBT excluding specific items expected to apply for full year

## **Cash flow FY 2013-14:**

- Group cash investment slightly lower than FY 2012-2013, mix moving away from transformation
- Working capital benefits from unwind of c.£150m pension prepayment partly offset by delayed pay award of c.£65m

Note: see slide 1 on 'Forward-Looking Statements'. These objectives do not represent any forecast, target or expectation as to future results or performance

Moya Greene  
Chief Executive Officer

# Outlook

- Key medium term value drivers remain unchanged
  - Low single digit revenue growth
  - Targeting 2% - 3% p.a. productivity improvements
  - Targeting operating profit margin expansion (after transformation costs) in line with peers over next 3-5 years
- E-retailing continues to grow share of UK retail spending, driving parcel volumes
- Letters decline within expected range of -4% to -6% p.a.
- Moving towards resolving industrial relations situation
- Christmas is key
  - Royal Mail better prepared than ever to benefit from seasonal up tick

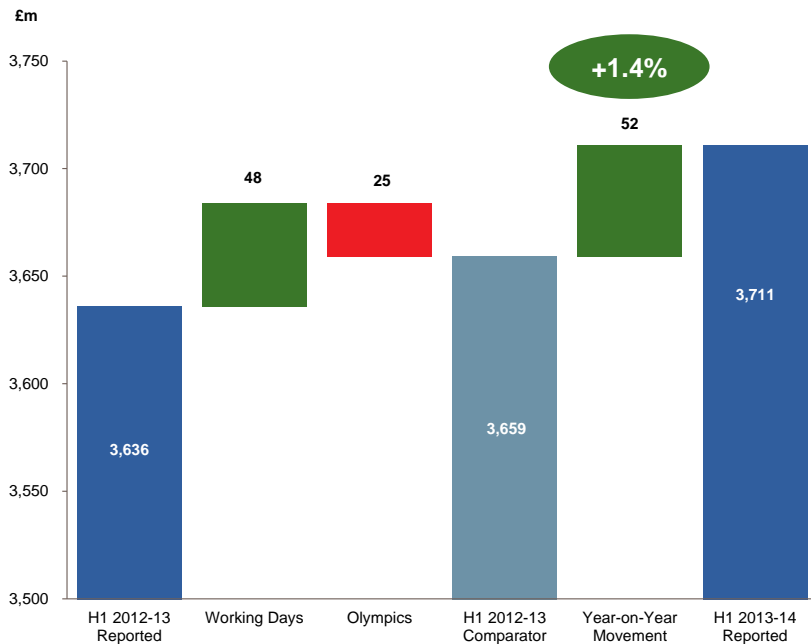
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# Q&A

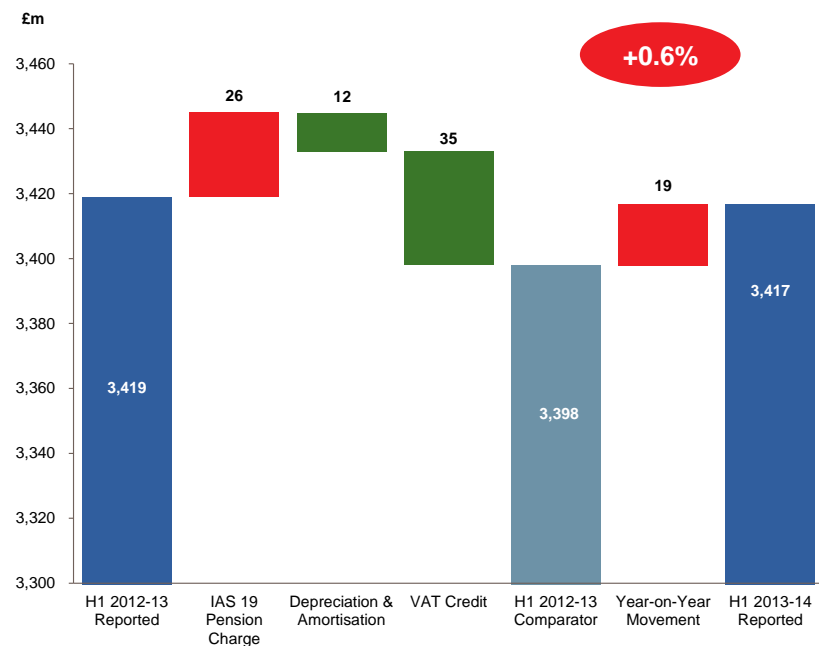
# Appendix

# UKPIL Margin Evolution

## Revenue



## Costs



- Adjusting for certain one-off and other items, revenue increase of 1.4% is c.80 basis points ahead of increase in costs before transformation costs of 0.6%

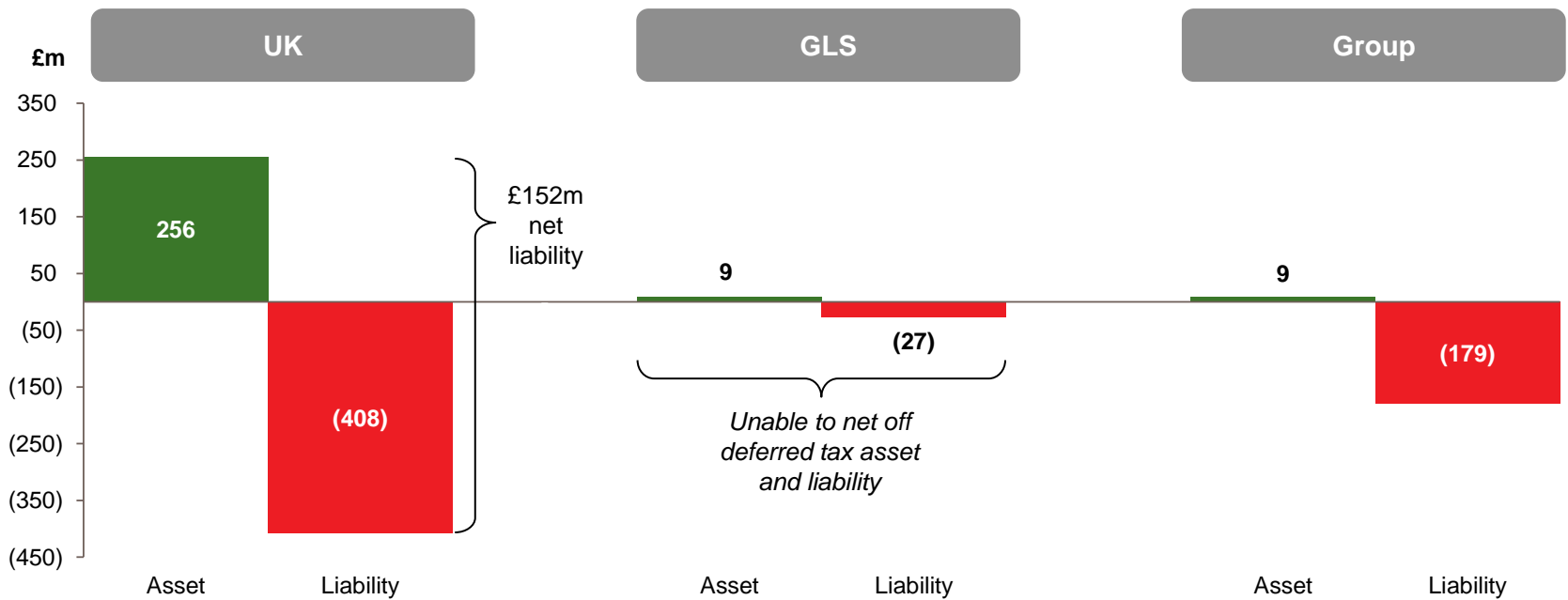
# Specific Items – Tax Effects

£m	P&L Impact	Current Tax	Deferred Tax	Total
Transaction costs	(22)	-	-	-
Employee Free Shares costs	(6)	(8)	7	(1)
Pensions Reform	1,300	-	299	299
Pension subject to IFRIC 14	50	-	-	-
Potential industrial diseases claims	6	-	-	-
Historical employment costs	(15)	-	(3)	(3)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	17	-	-	-
Profit on disposal of associate undertaking	2	-	-	-
Pension interest	19	-	4	4
<b>UK tax impact</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>299</b>
GLS transaction costs <sup>1</sup>	(4)	-	-	-
<b>Group tax impact pre rate change</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>299</b>
Statutory rate change - Pensions Reform	-	-	(38)	(38)
- Other	-	-	34	34
<b>Group tax impact</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>295</b>

- Employee Free Shares Offer only item which impacts current tax
- Pensions Reform deferred tax charge by far most significant item
- Brought forward asset was offset by Pensions Reform impact leading to minimal impact from rate change

<sup>1</sup> Relates to real estate transfer tax on German property (due to insertion of Royal Mail plc)

# Deferred Tax – Balance Sheet



- UK – £256m asset represents a deferred tax asset in relation to capital allowances and losses. Liability mainly relates to Pensions Reform
- GLS – can only net off deferred tax assets and liabilities within a tax jurisdiction
- Group – UK position netted and added to GLS deficit position. GLS asset remains



# Update on Pensions

Actuarial Basis	31 March 2012	1 April 2012	31 March 2013	29 Sept 2013
DB Assets	£28.8bn	£2.4bn	£3.3bn	£3.5bn
DB Liabilities	£37.4bn	£2.5bn	£3.5bn	£2.0bn
Surplus/(Deficit)	(£8.6bn)	(£0.1bn)	(£0.2bn)	£1.5bn
Accounting Basis	25 March 2012	1 April 2012	31 March 2013	29 Sept 2013
DB Assets	£28.6bn	£2.4bn	£3.3bn	£3.5bn
DB Liabilities (Net of IFRIC 14 adj)	£31.3bn	£1.8bn	£2.5bn	£1.6bn
Surplus/(Deficit)	(£2.7bn)	£0.6bn	£0.8bn	£1.9bn
Ongoing P&L / Cash Flow	FY 2012		FY 2013	29 Sept 2013
EBIT P&L Expense	£400m		£434m	£245m
Cash Cost	£401m		£409m	£204m

- Almost all RMPP pension assets and liabilities transferred to HMG on 1 April 2012
- Royal Mail left with £2.4bn (of which £0.3bn for RMSEPP) assets to cover future liabilities, assuming salary growth at RPI+1%
- Trustee will use RPI salary growth assumptions to evaluate future liabilities from 1 April 2014

- IAS 19 accounting surplus of £1.9bn at 29 September 2013
- Accounting liabilities decreased by net c. £0.9bn at H1 2013-14 due to changes in assumptions and impact of Pensions Reform<sup>1</sup>
- Pensions Reform was implemented 26 September 2013, effective from 1 April 2014

## DB Schemes - RMPP & RMSEPP

- RMPP closed to new members – March 2008
- c.108k active members still accruing benefits at 30 September 2013
- RMSEPP closed to future accruals December 2012

## DC Schemes

- c.35k members at 30 September 2013 and average contribution rate of c.4% in UK

<sup>1</sup> Reduction in discount rate from 1.5% at 31 March 2013 to 1.3% results in an increase in liabilities of £0.5bn prior to Pensions Reform. Past service credit of £1.35bn due to Pensions Reform

# Summary of Key Drivers

## P&L Drivers

### Revenue

#### UKPIL parcels

- Volume growth driven by B2C growth
- B2B volume growth slightly above GDP
- Pricing broadly in line with RPI

#### UKPIL letters

- Estimate for addressed letter volume decline is c.4-6% p.a.
- Pricing broadly in line with RPI

#### GLS

- Revenue growth broadly in line with Eurozone GDP growth

#### Group

- Low single digit revenue growth objective

### Operating Costs

- Increase broadly in line with RPI
- Productivity improvements of 2-3% p.a.

Objective to remain below revenue growth

### Transformation Opex

- Past peak of transformation opex spending

### Profit Margin After Transformation

- Objective of profit margin expansion (post transformation costs) over the next 3-5 years to achieve margins in line with peers

### Tax (P&L)

- UKPIL effective tax rate expected to normalise going forward

## Cash Flow Drivers

### Investment

- Past peak of transformation investment
- c.£100-120m step down vs. 2012-13 peak
- c.60%+ non-transformation capex for 2014-15 onwards

### Pensions

- Pension costs c.£400m p.a. post Pensions Reform

### Working Capital

- Underlying working capital trend broadly flat
- Unwinding of remaining c.£150m pension related prepayment in H2 2013-14

### Tax (Cash)

- Low cash rate for next 3 years
- Trend towards normalised tax rate subsequently

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