

# Engineering for a better tomorrow

**Renew Holdings plc** 

Preliminary results for the year ended 30 September 2023

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### Introduction

# **Record results**

- Another excellent performance reflecting our resilience
- Strong cash flow and continued EPS¹ growth
- Acquisitions of Enisca and TIS\*
- Organic growth of 10%
- Collaborations driving new growth opportunities
- Final dividend of 12.00p (2022: 11.33p)



**Engineering Services operating margin**<sup>1</sup>

7.2%

**Engineering Services** order book<sup>1</sup>

£777m

# **Our business**

- We provide multidisciplinary, missioncritical engineering services nationwide through our directly employed workforce where we maintain and renew UK infrastructure
- We carry out High Quality Residential, Landmark and Science projects in London and the South East











# Our differentiated business model

# Markets with committed regulatory funding

- Visible, reliable and resilient revenue via maintenance and renewal programmes within longterm regulatory spending periods
- The UK Government committed to a record £600bn<sup>2</sup> investment in the UK's infrastructure from 2020-2025

# Delivering mission-critical infrastructure services across the UK

- Exposure to core infrastructure markets underpins business model strengths
- Providing 24/7 specialist engineering solutions to keep the nation's infrastructure operational

# Low-risk, non-discretionary maintenance and renewals

- Lower financial and contractual risk profile than those delivering large capital-led enhancement schemes with short durations
- Capital-light, opex-led maintenance and renewals model
- Commercial terms within our contracts protect against inflation

### Operating in complex, challenging and highly regulated environments

- End markets with high barriers to new entrants requiring specialist skillsets
- Ensuring compliance through an embedded safety culture

# Highly skilled, directly employed workforce

- High-quality engineering expertise
- Responsiveness, control and agility
- Reduced exposure to sub-contractor pricing volatility

# Proven track record of compounded earnings growth and strong cash generation

- Differentiated investment case based on resilience of business model, structurally attractive end markets and scope for further growth as infrastructure spend increases
- 17% EPS CAGR 2011-2023

# Committed to adding value through innovation and collaboration

- Investing in innovation to deliver superior and more sustainable customer service solutions
- Combining the capabilities of our branded businesses unlocks additional growth opportunities

The Government committed to a record

£600bn<sup>2</sup>

investment in the UK's infrastructure between 2023-2028



# **Highlights**

Another record year

### Group revenue<sup>1</sup>

# £961m

2023		9	61
2022		849	
2021		791	
2020	620		
2019	601		

### Adjusted operating margin<sup>1</sup>

6.6%

2023	6.6
2022	6.9
2021	6.5
2020	6.4
2019	6.4

### Adjusted operating profit<sup>1</sup>

£63.6m

2023		63.6
2022	Ę	58.8
2021	51.2	2
2020	39.6	
2019	38.3	

### Dividend

18.00p

2023		18.0	0
2022		17.00	
2021		16.00	
2020	8.33		
2019	11.50		

### Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>

63.5p

2023		63.5	5
2022	59	9.5	
2021	50.5		
2020	41.2		
2019	40.4		

# Engineering Services order book<sup>1</sup>

£777m

2023	777
2022	717
2021	679
2020	603
2019	542

# Income statement

	FY23 £m	FY22 £m
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	960.9	849.0
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	63.6	58.8
Net finance costs	(0.9)	(0.6)
Profit before exceptional items and amortisation <sup>1</sup>	62.7	58.2
Exceptional items and amortisation	(4.6)	(8.8)
Profit before taxation	58.1	49.4
Taxation	(11.0)	(9.5)
Profit after taxation	47.1	39.9
EPS <sup>1</sup>	63.5	59.5p

- Revenue<sup>1</sup> increased by 13.2% to £960.9m (2022: £849.0m)
- Organic revenue growth of 10% in the year
- Operating profit<sup>1</sup> increased by 8.2% to £63.6m (2022: £58.8m)
- Adjusted<sup>1</sup> operating profit margin of 6.6% (2022: 6.9%)
- EPS increased by 6.6% to 63.5p (2022: 59.5p)
- Final dividend of 12.00p (2022: 11.33p)
  - Full year dividend of 18.00p (2022: 17.00p)

# **Balance sheet**

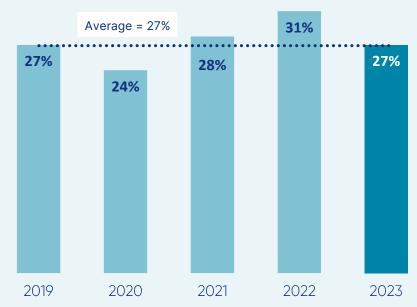
	FY23 £m	FY22 £m
For the year ended 30 September		
Intangible assets	176.7	160.8
Property, plant and equipment	19.4	17.8
Right of use assets	19.1	15.5
Investment in joint ventures	4.0	5.5
Deferred tax (liability) (net)	(6.7)	(4.1)
	212.5	195.5
Current assets	192.3	168.5
Current liabilities	(228.7)	(213.3)
Net current liabilities	(36.4)	(44.8)
Cash	35.7	20.2
Long-term liabilities	(33.4)	(22.9)
Net assets prior to pension schemes	178.4	148.0
Pension schemes (net)	1.0	0.7
Net assets	179.4	148.7

- Pre IFRS16 net cash £35.7m (2022: £20.2m)
  - IFRS16 net cash £18.0m (2022: £5.7m)
- £80m RCF secured until November 2026 providing significant acquisition firepower
  - Margin 180bps
  - Commitment fee 35bps
- Work continues on pension true-up calculations required before a buy-out can take place
- Increased provision against discontinued, historic liabilities in Allenbuild:
  - £1.3m cash outflow in year (2022: £4.0m)
  - Provision increased to £7.5m (2022: £5.3m)
- Acquisition of Enisca in November 2022
- Post year-end acquisition of TIS Cumbria Limited for £4.7m in October 2023

# **ROCE & ROIC**

**ROCE** 

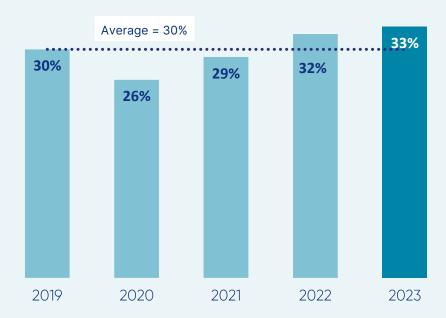
27%



\*ROCE = Adjusted LTM EBIT over average capital employed

**ROIC** 

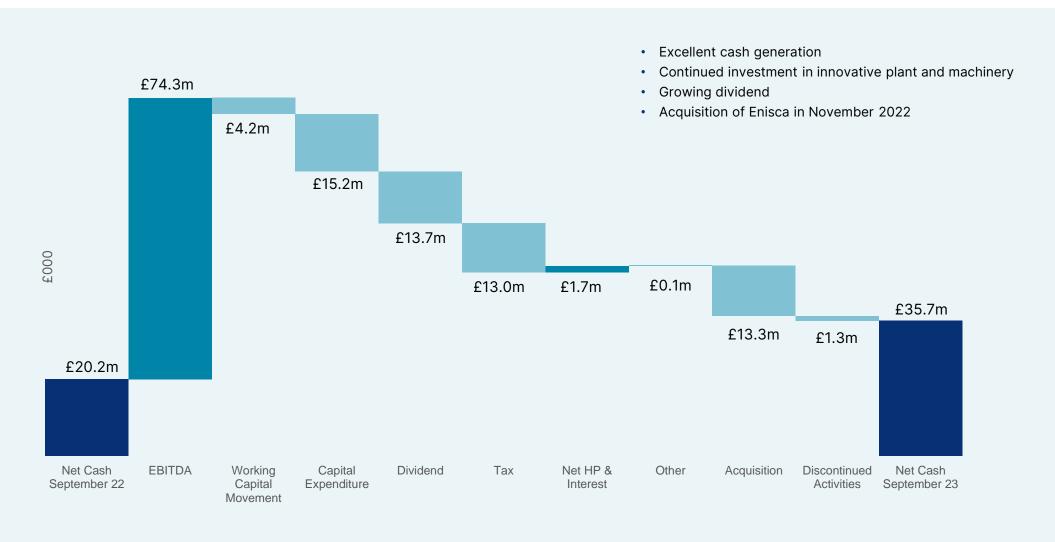
33%



\*ROIC = Adjusted LTM EBIT over average invested capital

# Cash flow bridge

Strong cash generation supporting growth strategy



# Free cash flow conversion\*



FCF = EBITDA (inc. lease depreciation) - Working capital - Provisions - net capex (inc. lease principal payments) - pension - cash exceptional charges - cash interest - cash tax

<sup>\*</sup>From continuing operations

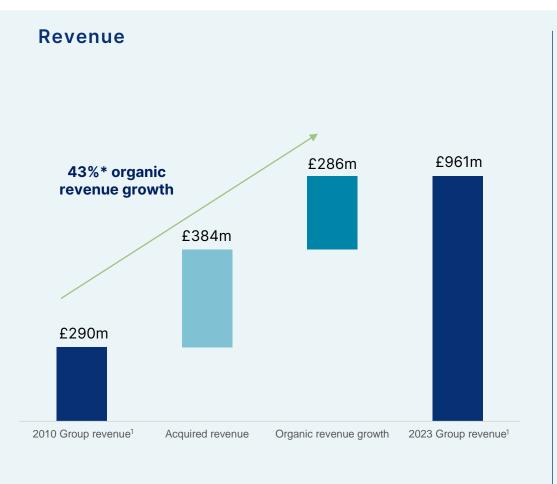
<sup>\*\*</sup>FY20 and FY21 FCF impacted by Covid-19 VAT deferral and repayment.

# Adjusted EPS¹ track record



<sup>\*</sup>Impacted by increase in Corporation Tax to 25% from April 2023

# **Growth drivers**





<sup>\*</sup>All growth from acquisitions that occurs after the date of the acquisition is treated as organic

# **M&A:** The opportunity

## Consolidate fragmented market, expand service offerings, enter new sectors

### **Current Sectors – acquisitions to expand existing service offering**

### Rail

Improve offering ahead of CP7 & support decarbonisation

### **Energy**

Support growth in New Nuclear and PPP programme

### **Environmental**

Increase water offering ahead of AMP8 and consider opportunities in the flood and coastal infrastructure market

### Infrastructure

Widen scope of services within highways, telecoms and aviation

# New Sectors – identifying additional verticals to diversify business

# Energy Transmission & Distribution

Working directly for distribution Network Operators and Transmission Operators

### Renewables

Targeting a range of new opportunities

### What we look for - key M&A attributes

- 1 Engineering Services with opex focused budgets
  - ► Highly attractive finances with EBIT up to £50m, operating margins >5%, a strong cash generative working capital model and inflation resilience
- 3 ► Long term, direct, principal client relationships preferably engaged via frameworks
- 4 Preferably a direct delivery model
- ► Complementary bolt on or standalone brand in markets with high barriers to entry

### Capability expansion through M&A



### Acquired: June 2021

Overhead Line capability (OLE) combined with existing rail skills positions the business strongly for decarbonisation opportunities



### **Acquired: November 2022**

Acquisition of MEICA capabilities increases opportunities in the water sector ahead of AMP8



### **Acquired: October 2023**

Doubles the Group's specialist nuclear manufacturing capacity to target significant new opportunities in the civil nuclear market

# Operational review



# Rail



# Delivering a railway for the future

## **Our services**

- · Essential multidisciplinary engineering support providing maintenance and renewal services across the national rail network
- 24/7 emergency support provision

# **Our opportunities**

- Network Rail £44bn³ agreed spending plan for CP7 (2024-2029)
- £18bn to £26bn<sup>4</sup> estimated cost of decarbonisation to 2040
- Focus on asset performance with increased funding for renewals and maintenance

### Rail - Record year

- Secured new CP7 frameworks
- Wales and Western, North West and Central
- Numerous framework extensions confirmed
- Success via collaboration between our rail brands
- Continue to see record demand for our services good CP7 visibility
- Industry leading innovative plant solutions
- Increase in emergency reactive network support

# Infrastructure



# Working together to meet national needs

## **Our services**

- Multidisciplinary engineering support providing maintenance and renewal services across the strategic highway network
- · Multidisciplinary engineering services to the wireless network infrastructure market
- Civil engineering services to the aviation industry

## **Our opportunities**

- £27.4bn<sup>5</sup> of Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) funding
- RIS3 increased roads infrastructure expenditure, focus on operations, renewals and maintenance
- £30bn<sup>6</sup> estimated investment for gigabit-capable broadband speeds
- · £5bn investment in 5G rollout

### Highways - Record year

- · Working on National Highways SDF across five framework lots
- AGC collaboration delivering road restraint systems nationally
- Customer expansion (Scotland and Manchester)

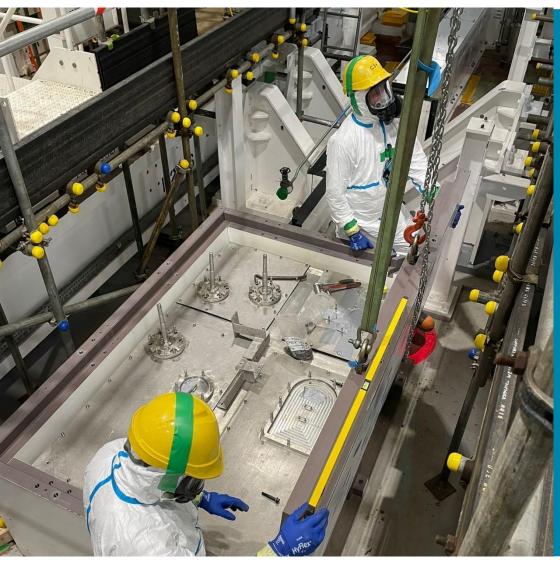
### **Aviation**

Good momentum with our organically grown capability

### Wireless Telecoms - Record year

- Continue to broaden our customer base
- New opportunities with 5G private networks

# **Energy**



# High hazard risk reduction

## **Our services**

- · Multidisciplinary engineering support to nuclear facilities
- · Decommissioning, asset care, maintenance, new build support and specialist manufacturing
- · Mechanical, electrical and instrumentation services

## **Our opportunities**

- £3bn NDA\* spend per annum
- UK nuclear decommissioning provision current estimate £124bn<sup>7</sup>
- UK net-zero target
- New nuclear British Energy Security Strategy
- £950m8 Rapid Charging Fund to support high powered charge points rollout

### **Nuclear**

- Long-term frameworks at Sellafield critical UK decommissioning
- Appointed by all four PPP Key Delivery Partners on a 20-year programme delivering critical M&E and HVAC services
- Expanding our civil nuclear customer base
- Acquisition of TIS doubles specialist manufacturing capacity

### **EV** Infrastructure

• Growing momentum with fleet and charge point operators

# **Environmental**



# Maintaining complex water infrastructure

### **Our services**

- · Maintaining and renewing clean and wastewater networks and waterway assets
- Flood risk management programmes
- 24/7 emergency reactive works
- · Specialist restoration and land remediation

# **Our opportunities**

- £51bn9 estimated spend in AMP7
- AMP8 expected to see greater investment - AMP8 business plans proposed spending almost doubles
- Increase focus on climate and weather resilience - £5.2bn<sup>10</sup> flood defence investment (2021-2027)

### Water

- Notable successes include
  - Welsh Water Major Civils, Major Electrical & Major Mechanical
  - New customer in South West Water
  - Thames Water Mains Renewals £200m
- MEICA capabilities via acquisition of Enisca access to new growth areas
- Water brands collaboration unlocking additional opportunities

### Conservation and restoration

Long-term conservation opportunities at the Palace of Westminster

# High Quality Residential, Landmark and Science



# One hundred year heritage

### **Our services**

- Landmark schemes
- · Development of research and laboratory schemes
- Prestigious private residential refurbishment
- Specialist restoration

## **Our opportunities**

- Increased Government investment in research facilities
- Opportunities in the ultra High Quality Residential and Landmark market in London and the South East

- Specialist restoration work continues at Lambeth Palace, Natural History Museum and the Parliamentary Estate
- Successful completion and handover of MRC project at Hammersmith
- · New works via frameworks in science
  - MRC at Harwell and DEFRA

# Leveraging organic growth through collaboration

## ARQ



Overhead Line capability (OLE) combined with existing rail skills positions the business strongly for decarbonisation opportunities

# envolve<sup>3</sup>





Successfully awarded fencing framework with Welsh Water (DCWW)

### sbewater



Collaborating on AMP8 water procurement strategy





Collaborating on heritage restoration schemes





Collaboration between AmcoGiffen and Carnell resulting in successful award of National Highways Restraint Framework





Collaborative opportunities with South East Water and Essex & Suffolk (Northumbrian)







Collaborating on water schemes for Yorkshire Water and Welsh Water (DCWW)





Delivering EV charging infrastructure to Network Rail sites

# Our commitment to ESG





# The Renew Resilience Plan

### Create long-standing customer value

### Our purpose led approach

Our purpose-led approach to ESG is based on our four commitments. These ensure we continue to align our business with the environmental, social and governance ("ESG") requirements of our stakeholders.

It is important that we work responsibly and in a sustainable manner to leave a lasting positive impact.

### To achieve our purpose to









Made possible through

**Unique collaboration** 

# **Our commitments**



### **Empower our people**

- Improve the rate of response to our employee surveys
- · Increase the number of mental health first aiders
- Continuous focus on employee development

70% employee survey response rate



1:20 mental health first aiders



4.5 training days per employee





### **Build social value**

- · Commitment to community projects
- Focus on STEM engagement within our communities

1 working day per employee assisting community projects (measured in hours)



50 STEM events supported

166





### Take climate action

- Increase use of energy from "green" tariffs
- Improvements in electric and hybrid company car options
- Move our commercial fleet to low carbon

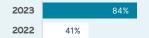
Reduction in carbon intensity ratio 1 (tCO\_e/£000)



80% of our commercial fleet will be low 100% of energy we use will be derived carbon by 2030



from "green" energy tariffs





### Operate responsibly

- Reduce our Lost Time Incident Frequency Rate
- Reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
- Mandatory waste broker
- Improve our gender pay gap

0 Lost Time Incident Frequency Rate ("LTIFR")



95% of eligible\* waste diverted from landfill



# Our investment case

### Differentiated low-risk business model

- Our subsidiary businesses operate across a diversified range of markets.
- Critical asset maintenance and renewals services that are not dependent on large, capital-heavy contract awards, providing a lower risk profile.
- Supported by the commercial terms and short task execution periods within our frameworks, we continue to successfully manage the industry-wide material shortages and inflation challenges effectively.

### Value-accretive model of compounding earnings

- Proven history of shareholder value creation through consistent execution of our strategy to deliver reliable capital growth.
- A track record of organic growth and M&A in high margin, high growth end markets, twinned with strong cash generation and shareholder returns.

### **Exposed to attractive** long-term, non-discretionary structural growth drivers

- We operate in markets underpinned by resilient. long-term growth dynamics and committed regulatory spending periods, with maintenance and renewals expenditure continuing to increase.
- We deliver the day-to-day renewal and maintenance tasks required to keep critical networks operational.

### Market leading position, expertise and capabilities

- Our businesses work in markets with high barriers to entry which demand a highly skilled, experienced workforce and a proven track record of safe delivery.
- We continue to develop our range of specialist skills enabling us to provide a more efficient and valuable service to our clients.

### Ideally poised to benefit from green infrastructure investment

 Our purpose-led ESG approach enables us to add value to our customers through investment in innovation and technology, assisting in the delivery of the UK's net-zero carbon target by 2050.

### Strong long-term growth prospects

• The Group is committed to growing the business in its chosen markets both organically and through selective complementary acquisitions whilst maintaining a disciplined approach to capital allocation and risk.

# **Outlook**

- Attractive structural growth drivers in our end markets
- Investment prioritisation in renewals and maintenance of existing assets
- Continued focus on long-term, non-discretionary spending programmes
- Collaborations unlocking new organic growth potential
- Strong balance sheet leaves us well positioned to seize acquisitive opportunities
- Strong order book and positive momentum going into 2024



# Appendix



# Segmental analysis

# **Engineering Services**

	2023	2022
For the year ended 30 September	£m	£m
Revenue	887.5	778.9
Operating profit*	64.3	59.1
Operating margin*	7.2%	7.6%
Order book	777	717

<sup>\*</sup> Stated prior to amortisation and exceptional items.

# **Specialist Building**

	2023	2022
For the year ended 30 September	£m	£m
Revenue	73.4	70.1
Operating profit	1.3	1.7
Operating margin	1.8%	2.4%
Order book	83	58

### **Appendix**

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