

# **Project Pine**

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# **Acquisition of Carnell Support Services Limited**

# Provider of specialist renewal and maintenance engineering services to the strategic highways network

## Strategic rationale

- · Excellent fit with our established and proven strategy
- Operating in a regulated sector with long-term framework contracts
- Expanding our addressable markets into an attractive growth sector

## **Funding**

- Total consideration of up to £38m1
- £15m equity placing
- · £23m in debt funding from HSBC & NatWest

## **Financial impact**

- · Immediately earnings enhancing
- Expected return on investment comfortably ahead of cost of capital
- · Conservative approach to gearing maintained
  - <1.0x net debt to EBITDA on pro-forma, enlarged basis\*

## **Renew current trading**

- Trading, net debt and cash generation all in line with management expectations\*\*\*\*
- For explanations of footnotes, please refer to slide 16.
- \* Renew estimates based on 3 months' actual and 9 months' forecast for the YE 30 September 2020, extracted from due diligence report and based on unaudited management accounts prepared by Carnell management and Carnell management forecasts incorporating conservative adjustments for integration into Renew model.





<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> AGM trading update RNS dated 29 January 2020.

## **About Renew**







**Environmental** 



**HQR & Science** 



## **Energy**

- Our branded businesses provide multidisciplinary engineering services nationwide through our directly employed workforce where we maintain and renew UK infrastructure
- · We carry out high quality residential and science projects in London and the home counties specialising in major structural engineering works

## **Our core values**



## **About Renew**

# Our markets enjoy committed funding

 Visible, reliable and resilient revenues via long-term maintenance and renewal programmes

# Non-discretionary maintenance and renewals

- Lower financial and contractual risk than those delivering large enhancement schemes
- Rail maintenance average task size less than £20k
- Opex budgets

## Complex, challenging and highly regulated environments

 Markets with high barriers to entry

## Highly skilled, directly employed workforce

- Safe working practices
- Responsiveness
- Reduced exposure to sub-contractor pricing volatility

Proven track record of revenue growth, profitability and cash generation

 Attractive, longterm investment case





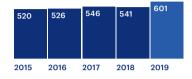




### Group revenue<sup>2</sup>£m

£600.6m

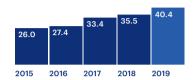
(2018: £541.5m)



### Adjusted EPS<sup>2</sup> p

40.43p

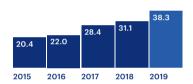
(2018: 35.5p)



### Adjusted operating profit<sup>2</sup> £m

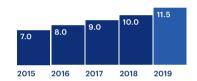
£38.3m

(2018: £31.1m)



### **Dividend** p

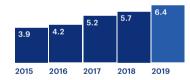
11.5p



### Adjusted operating margin<sup>2</sup>%

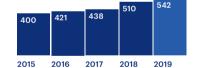
6.4%

(2018: 5.7%)



### Engineering Services order book<sup>2</sup> £m

£542m



<sup>2</sup> Renew uses a range of statutory performance measures and alternative performance measures when reviewing the performance of the Group against its strategy. Definitions of the alternative performance measures, and a reconciliation to statutory performance measures, are included in the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts.





# Infrastructure

CP6 spending plan<sup>3</sup>



# **Energy**

UK nuclear decommissioning provision 412460



# **Environmental**

Estimated AMP7 spend<sup>5</sup>

## **Our opportunities**

- Network Rail £47.9bn agreed spending plan for CP6 (2019–2024)
- Maintaining and renewing assets for Train Operating Companies and London Underground
- Continued opportunities in 4G and 50

## **Our opportunities**

- UK nuclear decommissioning provision current estimate £124bn<sup>4</sup>
- •£3bn per annum nuclear decommissioning programme<sup>4</sup>
- Low carbon generation essential to the UK's energy future
- New nuclear generation

## **Our opportunities**

- Long-term opportunities through AMP7
- Investment on flood and coastal defences
- Long-term conservation works at Palace of Westminster

For explanations of footnotes, please refer to slide 16.



## **Carnell overview**

## **Business**

- Specialist engineering to the strategic highway network
- Based in Staffordshire operating nationally
- Established in 1992
- · Direct delivery model

## **Financials**

- FY20F\* revenue £48m
- FY20E\* EBITDA £5m
- · Strong cash generation
- 4-year average EBITDA margin 13.5%

## **Key attractions**

- · Opportunity to enter a new growth market in line with our stated strategy
- Highways England shift from ASC to AD contracting model
- · Well-established national presence across the strategic highway network
- · Operating in a regulated market with high barriers to entry
- Experienced management team to be retained
- Focused on direct delivery, non-discretionary renewals and maintenance
- Differentiated service offering through innovation

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## **Market opportunities**

- Government committed to increased roads infrastructure expenditure
- · Focus on maintenance and renewals
- · Highways England transitioning to asset delivery model

Road Investment Strategy 1 (RIS1)<sup>6</sup>

£15.2bn



Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2)<sup>7</sup>

£25.3bn



For explanations of footnotes, please refer to slide 16.

## Strength of market position

- Working on the Highways England network since 1992
- First Highways England scheme as Tier 1 in 2011
- · Excellent track record of framework growth and renewal

## **Carnell framework positions**

As at December 2019 Road Investment Strategy 1 Road Investment Strategy 2 ARFA CLIENT 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 6&8 Highways England Highways England 10 Highways England 13 Highways England 14 Highways England Highways England 9 Kier 3 Kier A-One+ 12 A-One+ NRTs Telent Current framework AD framework renewal New AD framework Previous framework

## **Carnell capabilities**



## **Infrastructure Civils**

- Renewal and maintenance infrastructure schemes across the UK
- Services include groundworks, fencing & geotechnical works



## **Specialist Drainage**

- Repair, refurbish & install highway drainage networks across the UK
- Reactive services for Highways England and a number of Local Authorities
- Broad range of drainage surveys
- Services include pipe jetting & record digitisation



## **Technology & Innovation**

- Maintaining the National Roads Telecom Service (NRTS)
- Improving value through innovation
  - CleverScan
  - FLOODprevent
  - SAFETYcam
  - FASTtrack
  - SMARTscan
  - STONEmaster
  - SMARTview
  - STABLEdrain



## **Lighting & Electrical**

- Full turnkey road lighting service
- Civils, cabling, column erection & commissioning

**Complementary service offering to existing Renew businesses** 

# Strategic fit

## **Renew's strategic priorities:**

To be a key provider of engineering services in our target markets To focus on asset support, maintenance and renewals programmes with non-discretionary funding To expand our direct delivery model through strong local brands

To establish long-term relationships through responsiveness to clients' needs

To continue to deliver organic growth combined with selective complementary acquisitions

How the acquisition of Carnell fits with Renew's established strategy:

- ✓ Provides engineering services to the strategic highway's market
- ✓ Provides renewal and maintenance services through Highways England operational budgets
- ✓ A direct delivery model
- ✓ A well-established brand
- Enters a new market diversifying revenues
- ✓ Proven track record of delivering highway infrastructure
- Ability to respond quickly to events across the highway network
- ✓ Meets Renew's acquisition criteria and is in line with stated strategy
- New capabilities broaden the enlarged Group's service offering

# **Immediately earnings enhancing**

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# **Summary of Carnell financial performance**

Year ended 30 September

£m	FY18A**	FY19A**	FY20E**
Sales	46.1	32.6	48.0
EBITDA	6.2	3.2	5.0
Depreciation	0.3	0.4	0.3
Operating profit	5.9	2.8	4.7
Free cashflow	7.2	2.9	3.2
EBITDA %	13.5%	9.9%	10.4%
Operating profit %	12.8%	8.6%	9.8%
EBITDA to FCF conversion	116.1%	89.6%	64.4%

- Revenue momentum in FY20E driven by commencement of next Highways England investment period RIS2
  - More consistent Highways England expenditure profile anticipated
  - Focus on renewals and maintenance where budget is protected
- Proven strong cash generation
- Margin accretive to existing Renew Engineering business
  - Driven by innovation and specialist services

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# **Indicative unaudited pro-forma enlarged Group**

	Renew FYSEP19A <sup>2</sup> £m	Carnell FYSEP20E** £m	Indicative unaudited pro-forma enlarged Group*** £m
Revenue	600.6	48.0	648.6
EBITDA	43.9	5.0	48.9
Operating profit	38.3	4.7	43.0
Operating profit margin	6.4%	9.8%	6.6%
Net cash/(debt)	(10.5)	_	(33.5)
Net debt/EBITDA	0.2x	_	0.7x

- Attractive standalone acquisition
- · Conservative gearing:
  - £45m 4-year RCF (replacing existing facilities)
  - £15m accordion facility on RCF
  - £15m 2-year term loan (to be repaid from placing proceeds)
- Strong cash generation supporting rapid reduction in net debt
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# **Successful acquisition and integration of QTS**

- QTS acquired in May 2018 for cash consideration of £80m
- 6.7x EBITDA multiple
- Funded by £45m equity raise and £35m new debt
- Successfully renewed all frameworks
- Post-acquisition revenue growth ahead of management expectations
- Margins maintained
- Fully integrated and synergies emerging
- Post deal reduction of net debt as forecast by management





# **Placing and timetable**

- Cash placing to raise gross proceeds of £15m under existing shareholder authorities
- Key dates:
  - Announcement of acquisition and placing 30 January (7am)
  - Admission of new shares 3 February (8am) T+2
  - Settlement 3 February (pm) T+2
- New shares will rank pari passu with existing shares and will be entitled to any future dividends post the FY19 full year dividend



# **Sources and glossary**

### Sources

- 1 The acquisition comprises of the purchase of Agger Limited and its subsidiary Carnell Support Services Limited through a share purchase agreement and the purchase of certain plant and machinery from Adger Limited through an asset purchase agreement.
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### **Glossary**

AD Asset delivery

ASC Asset support contract

**EBITDA** Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation

**HE** Highways England

**RCF** Revolving credit facility

RIS1 Road Investment Strategy 1

RIS2 Road Investment Strategy 2