

# **Engineering Disposal and Future Agriculture Strategy**

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# 2024 Overview: Transformative changes to drive future growth

#### Highlights:

- Process to realise value for the Engineering Division concluded in January 2025 with the sale of most of the businesses to Cadre Holdings, Inc.
- Parallel focus on preparing the Group for its future as a pure-play global agriculture business with a clear strategy for value generation
- Global Agriculture leadership team in place and focussed strategy for the future developed
- FY25 EBIT- enhancing actions taken on under-performing core Agriculture businesses and non-core loss making business closed in October 2024
- Central cost reductions in progress, alongside property sales and pension scheme derisking



# PLC / Central Strategy



#### Simplified and Focussed

- Group Head Office relocated to inexpensive flexible office space
- Rightsizing of central resource to support Agriculture business in train:
  - > 2025 will be a transitional year with c£1m+ pa taken out of cost base
  - Medium term objective to reduce net central costs to nil
- Disposal of seven investment properties completed (£4.1m proceeds received with further £0.8m deferred) with three properties (c£3m) in progress and expected to complete in FY2025
- DB Pension Scheme buy-in agreed with de-risking expected to be in place by Q3 FY2025

#### **Executive Board**

- Leadership focus on return of capital to shareholders, completion of Engineering disposal, right-sizing central costs and pension scheme derisking
- Active focus on delivery of Agriculture Strategy

#### **Dividend Policy**

- Dividend policy to be re-set following disposal of Engineering and payment of final dividend for FY2024
- Future policy to target average 4% yield annually (c33% interim, 67% final)





# Value Realisation: Engineering Division Disposal







# Overview – Strategy Review



#### **Strategy Review**

- In April 2024 we announced we were exploring options regarding the potential disposal of the Engineering Division
- Driving performance across two separate 'small' divisions is costly and generalist
- Engineering Division performance slowly improving on prior years and order book levels holding steady
- Agriculture Division required significant change to unlock full value potential
- Simplify and de-risk non-core activities in parallel with this process

# Value Realisation of Engineering Division



#### **Process Update**

- Contract exchange for sale of the nuclear-focussed Engineering Division on 15 January, for consideration of £75m
- Purchased by Cadre Holdings, Inc, a global business in nuclear sector Carr's assets in this sector attractive for them
- Completion expected in H1 2025, subject to regulatory approvals and customer consents
- Up to £70m of proceeds to be returned to shareholders following completion (likely via Tender Offer)
- Group will remain net cash positive following return to shareholders, leaving capital available to drive growth in the Continuing Group
- Chirton Engineering excluded from agreement, separate sale process underway and progressing positively



# Global Agriculture Strategy







# Progress in Agriculture



#### Simplification and Focus

- Single division allows expert focus on Agriculture, which offers long-term growth based on core products – in existing and new markets
- Will also bring improved capital allocation to assess growth opportunities versus return of capital and subsequent performance
- Phased streamlining of central costs has begun, creating opportunity for significant cost savings

#### Sector Expertise Brought in to Lead Agriculture Business

- Joshua Hoopes joined as CEO Global Agriculture in March 2024
- Supported by new UK Commercial Director and UK Operations Director bringing consistency of approach across customers, products and sites
- New leadership in US feed blocks business, with Zach Westberg appointed as President
- Shift of functional support from centre to dedicated divisional roles brings focus on talent development
- Leadership team has new markets experience to execute strategic plans



### • Who we are...

A global specialist of feed supplements for cattle, horses, sheep and goats.

Multinational manufacturing across3 different countries

Over **20 countries** sold to globally

• 5 market leading product brands: Crystalyx™, Smartlic™, Feed in a Drum™, Horslyx™ and Tracesure™

Led by global leadership team with agricultural depth



## What we do...

Manufacture and sell research proven supplements delivered through block, bolus and bagged mineral formats.



The core product for our business.
Making up 90% of our

revenue.

Feed licks

Bagged minerals

Boluses



# Why farmers purchase our products...

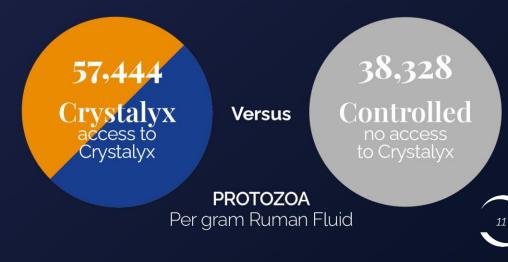
Because forages aren't enough,
Crystalyx nutrition solutions
help maximise your herd's
potential and your profits.

- Our products improve the health, performance, and fertility of livestock.
- We boost microbial activity in the rumen which enhances feed digestibility.
- Product nutrients are delivered as a **highly palatable**low moisture feed lick that self-moderate intake.
- They can be used in all-weather, all-season, all conditions both in the barn and in the field.

#### **Crystalyx** vs **competitor**



**Crystalyx** feed licks have been shown to be consumed by animals far **more consistently** than competitors' products.



### Our strategy...



Improve operating margin across Global Agriculture portfolio

Deliver profitable commercial growth in the core business

**Expand** into **new** extensive, grazing based **growth geographies** 

Drive shareholder returns and growth by leveraging our **feed supplement expertise** as a **global specialist** for extensive, grazing based food systems.



### Improve operating margin across Global Agriculture portfolio

- Portfolio shift away from low margin, commodity-based products
  - Recent sale and disposal of Afgritech
     (New York, US based rumen bypass business)
- Introduce operational excellence programme
  - Integrated UK operations leadership across three sites
  - Oklahoma US site leadership change
- Execute cost improvement plan
  - Group procurement established
  - Animax commissioned automated bolus machines







# Deliver profitable commercial growth in the core business

- Focus on driving branded, differentiated and patented products within portfolio
  - Farm level marketing and demand generation investment initiated
  - Global NPD programme established
- Reinvigorated commerciality and sales capability
  - New UK commercial leadership with integrated sales team across all product ranges
  - Additional commercial resources applied to Poteau, Oklahoma site territories
- Underpinned by expected improvement in underlying market conditions across our core markets







- New distribution partner and model established for New Zealand market
  - Volume growth expected
  - Cost reduction in progress
- Explore opportunities for targeted investment into new, specially selected, high potential markets
- Leverage global product portfolio and intellectual property



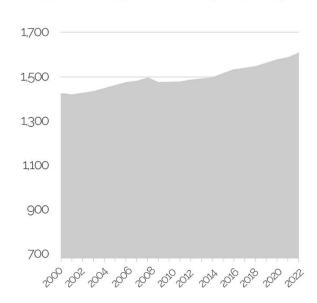
The OECD has forecast beef consumption will increase to 76Mt between 2020 and 2029, while the FAO predicts global protein availability from beef will rise 8% in the 10 years to 2031.



# • Industry growth and future demand...

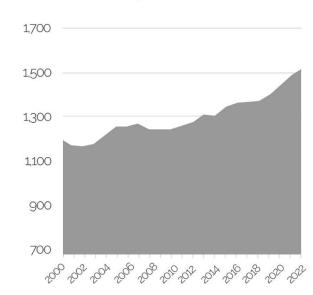
# Increasing demand for animal protein due to global population growth and rising affluence

#### Global Cattle Stocks (millions)



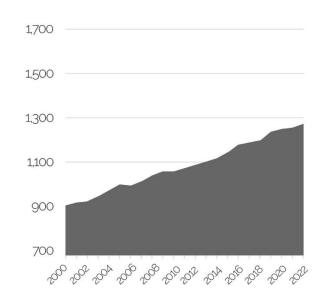
	Growth	CAGR
5 Years	4%	0.81%
10 Years	8%	0.76%
20 Years	12%	0.57%

Global Sheep Stocks (millions)



	Growth	CAGR
5 Years	10%	2.01%
10 Years	16%	1.47%
20 Years	29%	1.27%

Global **Goats** Stocks (millions)



	Growth	CAGR
5 Years	6%	1.24%
10 Years	15%	1.45%
20 Years	35%	1.50%





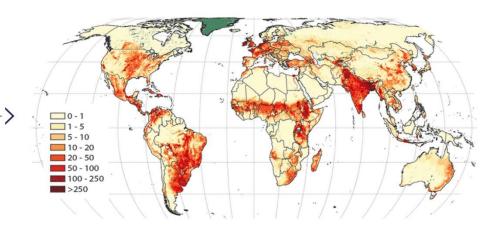


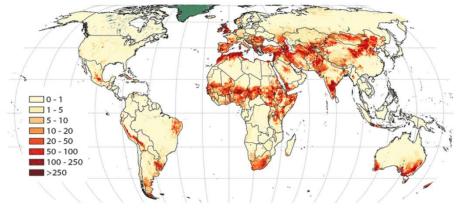
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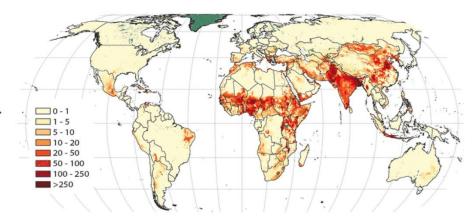
Cattle Stocks (millions per sq km)

Sheep Stocks (millions per sq km)

Goat Stocks
(millions per sq km)











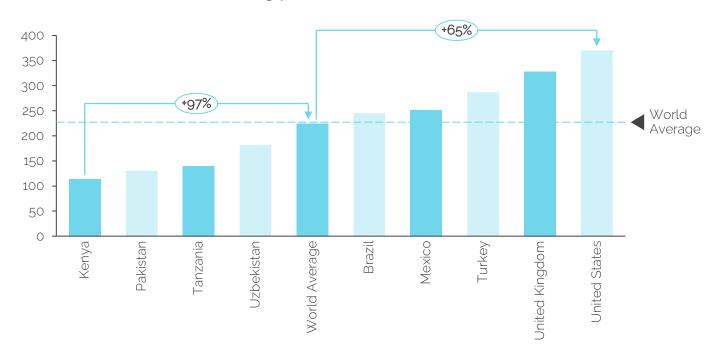




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**Strategic use of supplements** can improve **productivity**, rural livelihoods and food security.

#### Global Cattle Meat Yields (Kg per animal)









# Our operating model...



#### Global Leadership Team

Disciplined **capital allocation** and risk management.

Corporate development.

Performance management.

#### Coordinated Research and Development

New product innovation.

Scale research projects.

Intellectual property development.

#### **Local Businesses**

**Deep customer** intimacy and market **insight**.

**Demand generation** and sales execution.

Manufacturing excellence







Our operating model is designed to **drive** shareholder returns and growth.







# Summary







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#### **Conclusion of Strategic Review**

- Disposal process of Engineering Division now progressed to conclusion
- Return of vast majority of capital to shareholders
- Tender offer process expected to take 8-10 weeks from completion

#### Agriculture

- Strategy defined and focus is clear
- Actions already taken on under-performing businesses.
- Simplification of Group removes distractions and reduces central costs
- Leadership team and functional expertise in place to drive top line growth and operating efficiencies



# Appendix







# **Continuing Operations**



	FY24 £m	FY23 £m	Change <b>£m</b>
Revenue: UK Agriculture	38.2	36.1	2.1
US Agriculture	37.5	45.7	(8.2)
Total	75.7	81.8	(6.1)
Adjusted EBIT: UK	1.1	2.6	(1.5)
US	2.7	1.8	0.9
JV profits	1.4	1.4	-
Central	(3.0)	(3.0)	-
Total	2.2	2.8	(0.6)
Adjusted EPS (p)	2.5	2.5	-
Basic EPS (p)	(4.8)	(1.0)	(3.8)

Continuing Operations represents our Agriculture businesses in the UK, US (continuing) and New Zealand, and JVs in the US and Germany

Agriculture recovery momentum building:

YOY variance (%)		H1	H2
Volume	UK	+11	+13
	US	-18	-9

(excludes Animax)

- UK feed blocks recovery more advanced in recovery than the US, where southern states continue to be drought impacted
- US feed blocks volume influenced by closure of Nevada plant in December 2023 and volume recovery much stronger in northern states than southern (drought)
- UK influenced by Animax sales performance:
   H1: -1%, H2: -15%. Rapid turnaround plan in progress
- Structure of subscale, loss making New Zealand business changed post Y/E
- Central costs cover group functions, cost reductions underway
   H2 down 18% YOY



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