



Annual figures for 2014

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Main points in 2014

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- Net revenue was up 16.5% to €308.6m (2013: €265.0m)
 - Q1 revenue was good
 - A change became apparent from Q2 forward, with H2 visibly poorer
 - The H2 contribution by the BuS Group (consolidated effective 1 July) is expected to be €60.5m
 - 2014 eventually closed with revenue at an all-time high
- Order book was up 228% (€155.9m) relative to year-end 2013 (€68.5m)
 - The definition of 'order book' (confirmed orders for up to a year) has been expanded to include the forecast for the first 3 months
 - The BuS Group contributed €68m to the order book
 - The order book rose €4m relative to the end of Q3
 - Orders increased in the semiconductor sector in particular

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- Operating results, net of exceptional income and expense, rose to €9.0m in 2014 (2013: €6.3m)
 - Profitability fell as the year progressed
 - Postponed orders and downward adjustments to plans forced the capacity utilisation off-balance
 - Non-recurring expenses (external consultants, employee redundancies, new office automation) depressed the H2 results
 - The BuS Group made a solid contribution to the profits in H2
- Net effect of exceptional income and expense is +€1.7m (2013: -€2.8m)
 - Higher eventual costs of NEK fire and closure: -€1.2m
 - Carryover effect of NEE closure: -€0.3m
 - Transaction profit on acquisition of the BuS Group: +€0.7m
 - Upward revaluation of deferred tax asset as a result of higher profit forecast in Germany: €2.4m
- Net profit rose to €7.0m (2013: €1.9m)
- A dividend is proposed of 40% (2013: 30%) based on the net profit including exceptional income and expense
 - €0.25 per share, payable in shares

Main points in 2014

Healthy financial position

- Balance sheet ratios were maintained successfully in a year in which Neways as a group underwent material transformation
 - Balance sheet total rose by 45% as a result of the acquisition of the BuS group
 - Equity was increased by the realised profit and the issuance of new shares in connection with the BuS group takeover
 - Guaranteed capital was reinforced by issuing subordinated convertible bond loans to major shareholders
 - Solvency fell to 40.5% (year-end 2013: 41.5%); steady improvement from the moment that the BuS Group was taken over
- Net cash flow fell to -€32.5m (2013: +€28m)
 - Costs of the fire in Kassel and the closure: approx. €14m
 - Acquisition of the BuS Group: approx. €28m
 - Marked improvement in operating capital management in H2 of 2014
 - Capex (€8.7m) significantly higher than amortisation and depreciation (€4.8m)

Main points in 2014

Continued strategy implementation

- Improvements in higher added value of development activities continued
- Closure of NEK finalised
- Site in NEE thoroughly rebuilt and fitted with new clean rooms, relocations of Neways Cable & Wire Solutions and Neways Micro Electronics finalised
- Warehouse of Neways Slovakia expanded to handle growth in direct deliveries
- BuS Group acquired, significantly reinforcing Neways's position in Germany, Europe's largest EMS market

BuS Group acquisition

Neways among the European Top 5 on the EMS market

- Purchase contract early in July, deal closed late in September
- Takeover financed by extending the current account facility from €30 to €35m, taking out a new €12.5m loan (3 years to maturity), issuing €5m in subordinated convertible bond loans and issuing new ordinary shares (992,701=9.9%) to BuS Group shareholders
- BuS Group's earnings consolidated effective 1 July, contributing directly to the profit per share
- Profit on the advantageous acquisition as at the contract date: €6.0m; balance remaining following adjustment for developing the fair value of new shares issued between contract date (€6.9m) and acquisition date (€9.4m) results in €3.5m badwill
- Impact of the purchase price allocation (IFRS) on the H2 results: -€1.3m
- Transaction costs of €1.5m bring the transaction profit on balance to +€0.7m

BuS Group acquisition

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- The BuS Group: €60.5m contributed to revenue from 1 July forward with a significant contribution to the results
- Acquisition reinforces Neways's position in Germany, Europe's largest market for EMS:
 - new growth opportunities through complementary client bases
 - increased procurement volumes and development capacity
- Additional growth potential for Neways establishments in Asia and Slovakia
- Further possibilities for utilising existing available losses in Germany
- Integration of the BuS Group into the Neways organisation begun in October

Key figures 2014

(€m)	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Movement</u>	<u>H1 2014</u>
Gross revenue	337.2	293.1	15%	151.5
Net revenue	308.6	265.0	16%	133.6
Operating results *	9.0	6.3		4.2
Net profit *	5.3	4.7		3.0
Exceptional income/expense	1.7	-2.8		
Net profit	7.0	1.9		3.0
Gross margin/net revenue	40.5%	39.9%		41.2%
Operating margin *	2.9%	2.4%		3.2%
Net margin *	1.7%	1.8%		2.3%
PPS (€)	0.63	0.19		0.30

* Not including exceptional income and expense

Positioning on the EMS market

- **Market**

- Core market of Benelux countries/Germany
- Deliberate focus on growth sectors of industrial, semiconductor, medical, automotive, defence and high-end telecommunication

- **Customers**

- Industrial/professional market
- B2B (OEMs: Original Equipment Manufacturers)

Positioning on the EMS market

- **Specialisations**

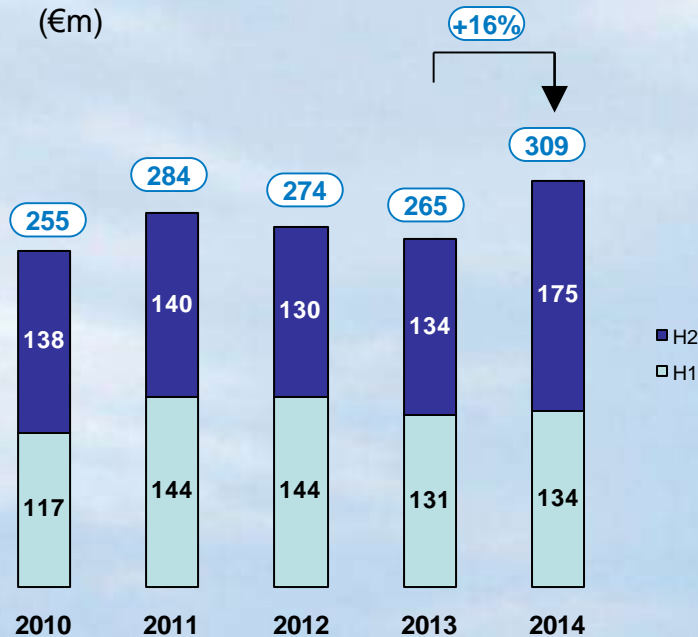
- Smaller, complex and more specialised series
- Development/production of electronic components to create entire box-built systems
- Product lifecycle management/one-stop-provider

- **Key competencies**

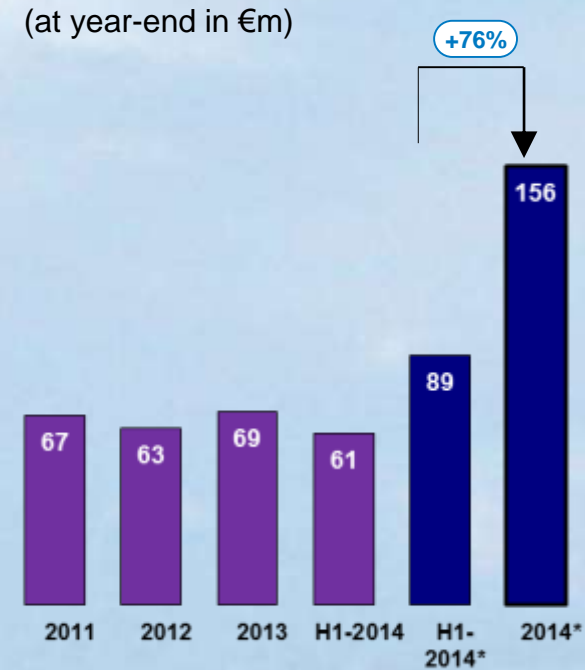
- Short distance from our customers (Netherlands/Germany)
- High added value/expertise and service
- Low production costs (Eastern Europe, China)

Movements in revenue and order book

Net revenue



Order book



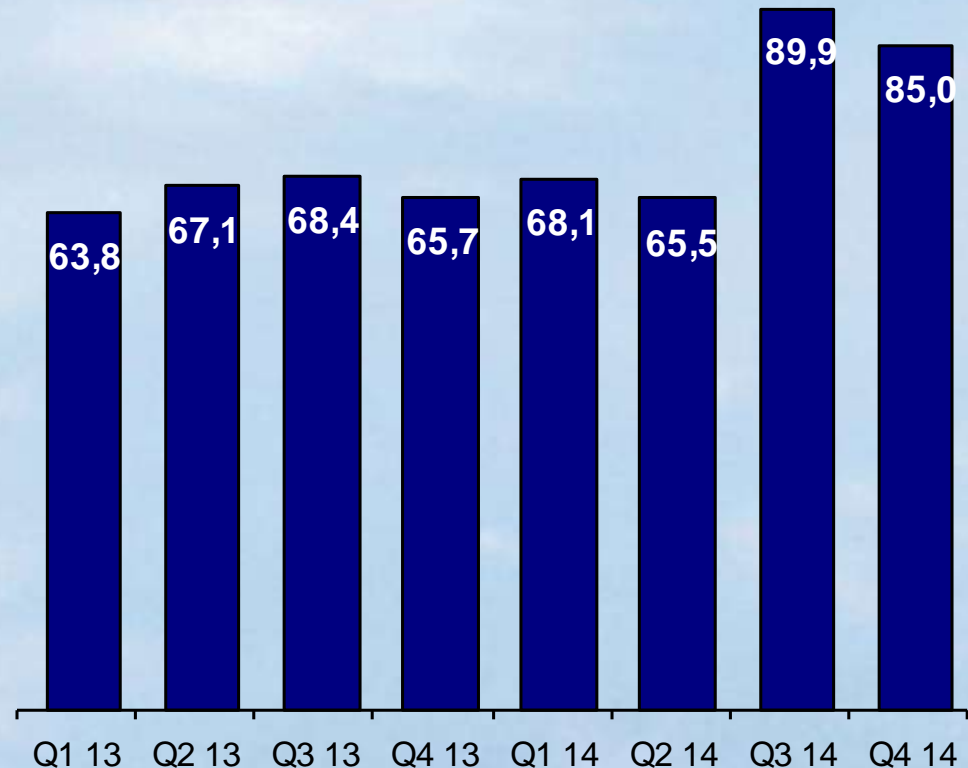
* Order book for H1 2014: New definition of order book to include not only the confirmed orders (up to 1 year) but also the forecast for the first 3 months.

Breakdown of revenue by market sector

(€m)	2014	%	H1 2014	%	2013	%	2012	%
Industrial	118	38	50	37	96	36	103	38
Semiconductor	62	20	34	25	69	26	71	26
Medical	59	19	29	22	64	24	68	25
Automotive	55	18	14	10	23	9	20	8
Defence	8	3	3	2	6	2	4	1
Telecom	4	1	2	2	3	1	4	1
Other	3	1	2	2	4	2	4	1
TOTAL	309	100	134	100	265	100	274	100

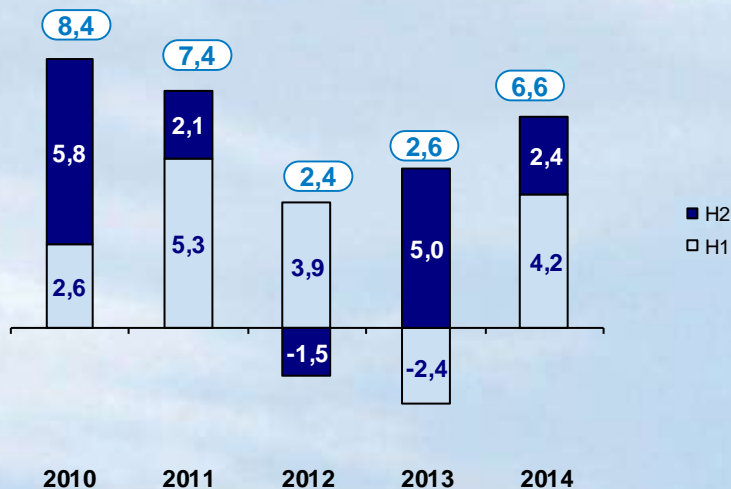
Movements in revenue by quarter (€m)

- Beginning in Q2, revenue adversely affected by falling demand in semiconductor and medical market sectors
- Revenue of BuS Group included from Q3 forward

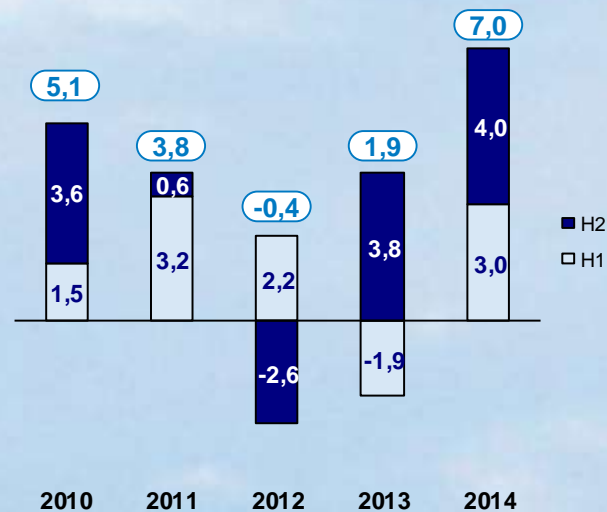


Movements in results

Operating results* (€m)



Net profit* (€m)



* 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 include exceptional income and expense

Movemens in operating margin

- **Margin depressed by:**
 - disappointing movements in revenue
 - non-recurring expenses in H2
- **7% margin targeted**
 - in years of bullish economy
 - provided that present high volatility in demand/frequency of plan adjustments diminish materially



* Not including exceptional income and expense

Balance sheet

- Increase in equity through realised profit and issuance of new shares (acquisition of BuS Group)
- Increase in balance sheet total (+45%) through acquisition of BuS Group
- Solvency adjusted for tax asset and intangible assets 33.2% (year-end 2013: 39.5%)

Solvency (at year-end, %)



Working capital

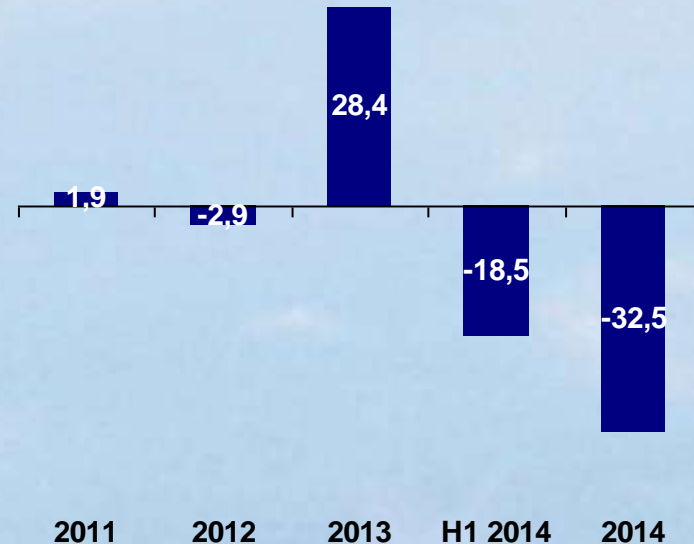
- Sharp increase in utilisation of working capital through acquisition of BuS Group, followed by significant drop in H2
- Turnover ratio of inventories rising in consequence of low turnover ratio at BuS Group (~100 days)
- Campaigns aimed at suppliers launched in order to implement SMOI
- Turnover ratio of receivables very good (including at BuS Group)

(at year-end, €m)	<u>2014</u>	<u>H1 2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Inventories	79.4	51.0	47.4
Turnover ratio in days	76	66	59
Receivables	34.1	29.5	27.9
Turnover ratio in days	36	39	34
Working capital	53.5	33.6	13.3

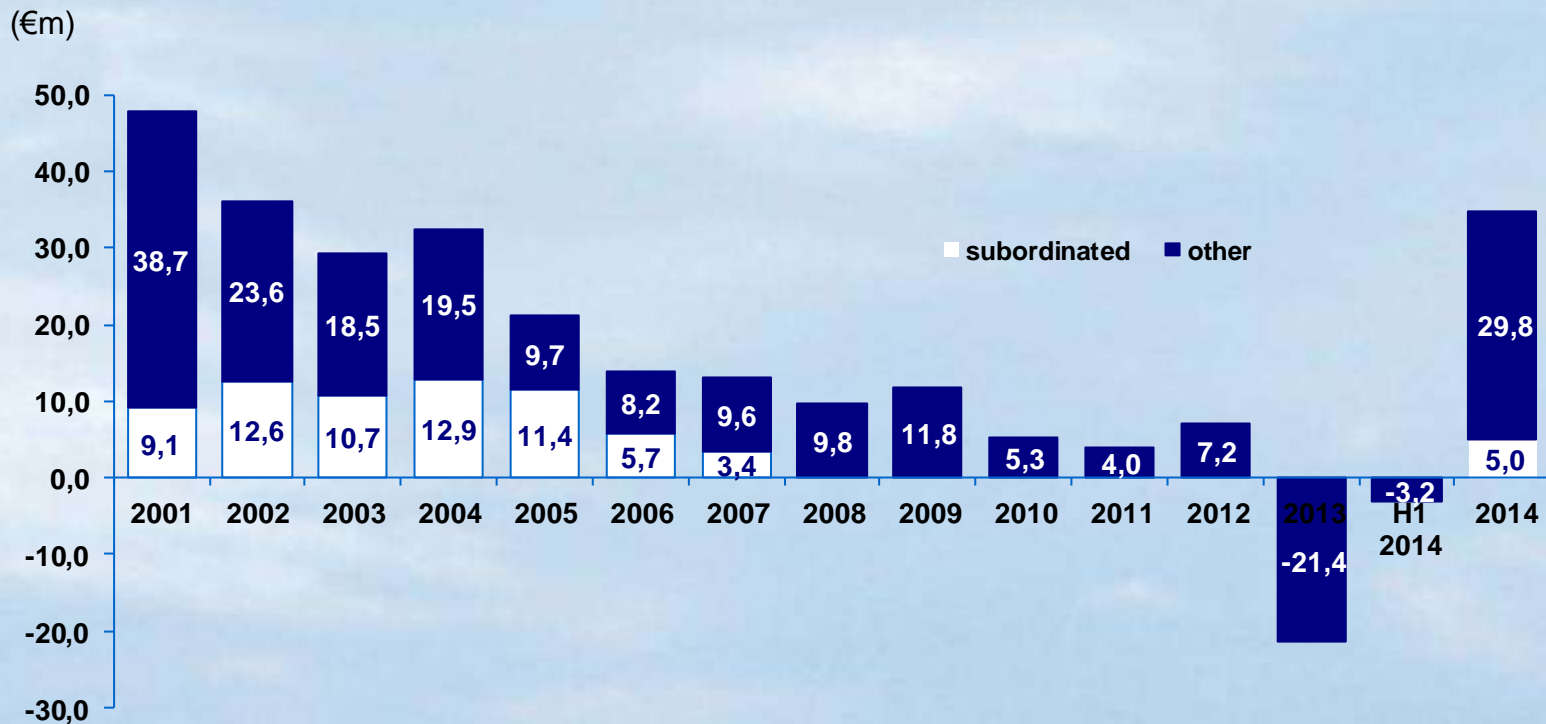
Cash flow

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Net cash flow (€m)



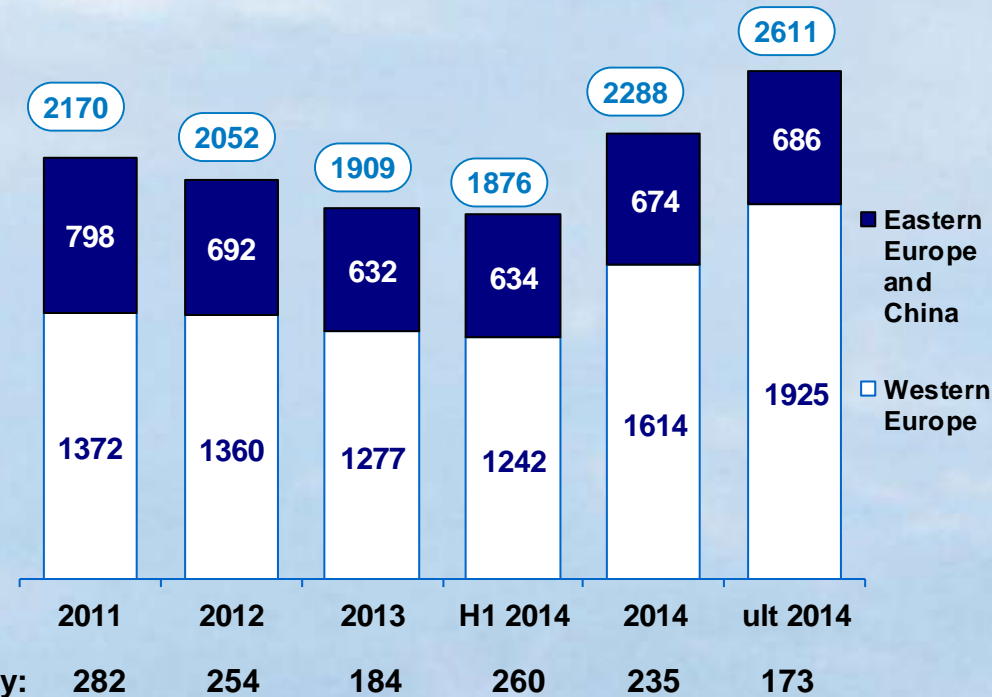
Bank debts/credit balance



Human resources

- Knowledge component in human resources mix increasingly important
- Number of technical engineers increasing steadily, approx. 8% of total workforce (including BuS)
- Number of FTEs at BuS at year-end 2014: 917
- Number of FTEs down following NEK closure
- Number of temporary employees reduced considerably in H2
- Total workforce in Eastern Europe and Asia down to approx. 26% following BuS Group takeover; focus on expanding operations/numbers of employees in these regions

Average number of employees



Information per share

(€m)	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating results	0.60	0.26	0.24
Net profit	0.63	0.19	(0.04)
Dividend	0.25	0.06	0.01
Equity 6,01	5.03	4.90	
Number of outstanding shares (x 1,000 at year-end)	10,986	9,946	9,943

EMS – market trends

- Globalisation leads to more competition among OEMs; increase in outsourcing by OEMs continues to intensify
- Higher rate of technological innovation leads to increasingly shorter product lifecycles
- Demand for more added value; product lifecycle management and earlier involvement in development by OEMs
- Distinctiveness based on quality and flexibility versus efficiency and reduction in costs (specifically production costs) is becoming more important
- Further intensification of cooperation in the supply chain (partnerships) with customers – battle will be won close to the customer

EMS – market trends

- Increasing demand and production in emerging markets (Eastern Europe, China and India)
- Increasing transparency and use of modern means of communication are strengthening opportunities for close cooperation in the supply chain; increasing demand for SMOI (Supplier Managed Owned Inventory)
- Persistently high volatility in demand: customers adjust their plans more quickly, postpone and reactivate their orders more quickly; this creates pressure on the balance between quality and flexibility on the one hand and efficiency and cutting costs on the other

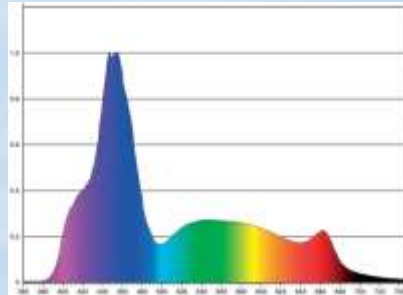
Strategy (long term)

- Aimed at organic growth, supplemented by acquisitions
- Expand 'one-stop provider' concept / higher added value
 - Expand development branch, prototype building and 'box build' system-building activities
 - Expand service & repair activities
 - Further intensify cooperation with customers, expand role as knowledge partner for cost effective ('product lifecycle') solutions for electronic components and entire or partial systems
- More balanced distribution to market sectors aimed at more stable revenue and higher added value
 - Medical sector
 - Defence market (under pressure in recent years from low public spending, though a slight turnaround is visible)
 - Automotive sector, specifically German manufactures

Strategy (long term)

- Make use of opportunities in emerging markets (Asia)
 - Grow along with OEMs that are building up production capacity in Asia
 - Increase commercial strength in the region; expand procurement components in Asia
- Improve internal cooperation and exchange opportunities / efficiency of the organisation
 - Optimise and expand production in Eastern Europe and China (own facilities)
 - Reduce number of suppliers / make better use of procurement benefits and stronger use of 'preferred suppliership'
 - Continue initiatives for increasing flexibility and improving cost structure

High-end aquarium – lighting fixture



Neways – Bus joint presentation Electronics trade fair, Munich



Expansion of NSK warehouse



NME clean room – Echt



Outlook for 2015

- Order book increased in Q4 of 2014
- Satisfactory start to 2015
- More stable basis with a more balanced spread across market sectors following BuS Group acquisition
- Financial position is healthy and offers scope for investments targeting growth
- Neways is confident about 2015

Assumptions and issues in 2015

- Integrate the BuS Group into the Neways organisation, including the available synergy benefits
- Improve margins by applying process innovation and expanding production in Eastern Europe / China
- Expand direct supplies from production facilities in China to OEMs in the region and expand central procurement of materials in Asia
- Further reduce inventories / reduce balance sheet total and continue the focus on cash flow management
- Roll out Infor/BaaN's new ERP LN system
- Implement Lean Leadership Model to improve customer focus throughout the organisation