

Operational Performance continued

Solite – Revenue £3.5m, +33%



Since the Group invested in

the Solite Stockport facility back in 2015, Solite has enjoyed rapid growth, with 2016/17 having the sharpest increase in its history. Growth of this nature has been a challenge to deal with at times, but Solite has responded well, delivering a dramatic improvement in operating profit for the year.

Group investment in plant and machinery, both during the year and previously, has provided the extra capacity required to meet increased customer demand. Solite offers a comprehensive range of clean area products and, like other subsidiaries, has the manufacturing flexibility to offer bespoke products too. The combination of this and, more recently, the incorporation of Thorlux-designed lighting control systems, provides Solite with a market-leading product range.

Solite enjoys strong demand from the Republic of Ireland. In a close working relationship between Solite and the Thorlux office in Dublin, the companies collaborate on projects in the pharmaceutical sector to provide a total lighting solution. On a single project, this approach provides complementary products for both the clean and general areas.

This year has seen the launch of additional new products designed for use in the custodial sector. The new range has been approved by the UK Ministry of Justice and, with government investment expected in this sector, should provide growth opportunities in the future.

The task will be to maintain the 2016/17 figures in 2017/18. Solite starts the year with a strong order book and a number of opportunities to achieve continued success.

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Sharpest increase in its history



Pictured: Belfast City Hospital, Belfast