# **Interim Results 7 August 2018**





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Introduction



AZOTE® / ZOTEK® / T-FIT® / MuCell®

## **Business Overview**



## **AUTOCLAVE TECHNOLOGY**

## **EXTRUSION TECHNOLOGY**

# **POLYOLEFINS**

## **ZOTEK®**

## Premium durable foams

Uniformly dense foam sheets with a consistent cell structure. These foam sheets and blocks are manufactured from common polymers using our unique nitrogen expansion process.

#### **Key Markets**

**AZOTE®** 

Automotive / Aviation Construction / Industrial Marine / Military / Sports & leisure

#### **Key Market Drivers**

Light weighting Durability Fire safety Reduced toxicity

## Lightweight tehnical foams

Ultra durable, highly heat- and impact-resistant foam. ZOTEK® foams are manufactured from engineering polymers using our unique nitrogen expansion process.

#### **Key Markets**

Automotive / Aviation Athletic footwear / Construction Product protection

#### **Key Market Drivers**

Light weighting Personal safety High technology insulation Durability Fire safety Health and leisure

#### T-FIT®

**HPP** 

#### **Technical insulation for industry**

A range of bacteria-resistant insulation products manufactured from high-grade polymers using our unique nitrogen expansion process. T-Fit® products are purpose-designed to perform in demanding environments.

#### **Key Markets**

Food and personal care manufacturing High-temperature processing environments Pharmaceutical, biotech and semiconductor cleanrooms

#### **Key Market Drivers**

Ageing population Demographic changes Reduced toxicity

## MEL

#### **MuCell®**

#### Innovative and accessible technology for greener, lowercost plastic products

This pioneering technology, licensed to customers producing plastic parts, injects gas into plastics during manufacture to create microbubbles. The end product uses 15 - 20% less material.

#### **Key Markets**

Automotive **Consumer packaging** 

#### **Key Market Drivers**

Environmental benefit Legislation Cost reduction

# **Strategy**



Our ambition is to be the world leader in cellular materials technology in our chosen markets

We focus
resources primarily
on markets where
we are, or have the
potential to be, a
market leader

We deliver
stakeholder value
by using unique
technology to
create a portfolio
of differentiated
products

We intend to develop business through sustained high levels of organic growth and through partnerships or acquisitions

# **Interim Highlights**



# Continuing strong organic sales growth

Group Revenue
up 12% to
£37.89m

(17% in constant currency)

Adjusted Profit before Tax<sup>1</sup>
up 20% to £4.75m

up 14% to 8.34p

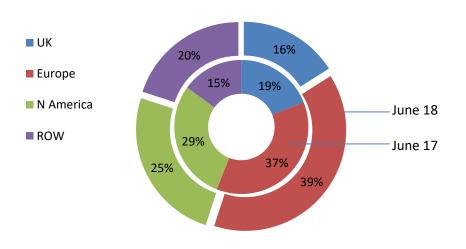
Interim dividend increased by over 3% to 1.97p

- Capacity investment projects on track
- ➤ High Performance Products 24% (15%) of Gross Sales
- > US capacity on line since March 2018

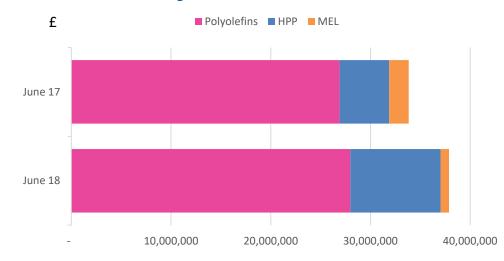
# **Segment Overview**



## Revenue by geography



## Revenue by business unit



## Revenue by industry\* **Product Protection** 35% 30% 25% **Transportation** 20% Building & Construction 15% Sports & Leisure Industrial 10% Medical Other 5% •••

A well balanced geographical and industrial spread

Improving mix of higher-value HPP business

<sup>\*</sup> disclosed as at 31 December 2017



# Financial Review



AZOTE® / ZOTEK® / T-FIT® / MuCell®

# **Financial Highlights**



Group
Revenue up
17% in
constant
currency

Adjusted
Operating
Profit up 21%,
Adjusted PBT
up 20%

Operating Cash Flow before working capital movements up 25% to £7.5m

Bank facilities increased approx. 64% to £57.5m

Oversubscribed equity raise of £20.6m before fees

# **Financial Highlights**



£million		Jun-18	Jun-17	% Change Reported
Group Revenue		37.89	33.84	12.0%
<b>Gross Profit</b>		12.92	12.02	7.5%
Gross Profit Margin		34.1%	35.5%	
Adjusted Operating Profit	1	5.17	4.27	21.3%
Adjusted Profit before Tax	1	4.75	3.97	19.6%
Tax Charge	1	0.98	0.72	36.5%
Adjusted Profit after Tax	1	3.77	3.25	15.9%
Effective Tax Rate		21.4%	18.1%	
Adjusted EPS (p)	1	8.34	7.34	13.6%
Final Proposed DPS (p)		1.97	1.91	3.1%
Exceptional item		0.00	1.00	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Before amortisation costs of acquired intangible assets and exceptional item

# **Financial Highlights**



£million	Jun-18	Jun-17	% Change Reported
Intangible Assets	6.58	7.08	(7%)
Tangible Assets	58.53	50.98	15%
Net Working Capital	31.51	20.36	55%
Retirement Benefit Obligations	(5.99)	(8.31)	(28%)
Net debt	(7.14)	(13.69)	(48%)
Other	(2.24)	(0.90)	
Total net assets	81.25	55.51	46%
Issued Share Capital	2.42	2.22	9%
Share Premium	44.18	24.34	82%
<b>Translation Reserve</b>	2.98	3.87	(23%)
Retained Earnings	31.90	25.01	28%
Other	(0.22)	0.07	
Total Equity	81.25	55.51	46%

## Free Cash Flow and NetDebt

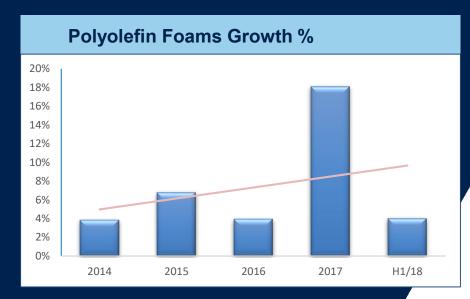


£million	Jun-18	Jun-17
Profit for the period	3.62	2.28
Depreciation	2.29	1.65
Other	1.59	2.06
Operating profit before		
movements in W/C	7.50	5.99
Movement in receivables	(6.05)	(0.33)
Movement in inventory	(1.94)	(0.34)
Movement in payables	0.17	0.80
Pension contributions	(0.31)	(0.32)
Cash (used)/generated		
from operations	(0.63)	5.80
Interest & Income tax paid	(1.05)	(0.32)
Net cash flows from		
operating activities	(1.68)	5.48

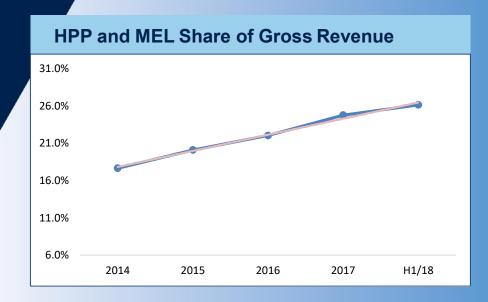
£million	Jun-18	Jun-17
Net cash used in investing		
activities	(5.75)	(4.96)
Proceeds of share issue	20.08	-
Repayment of borrowings	(43.29)	(0.65)
Proceeds from borrowings	36.48	1.50
Dividend paid	(1.76)	(1.71)
Other	0.03	
Cash flows from financing		
activities	11.53	(0.86)
Net movement in cash and		
equivalents	4.10	(0.34)
Cash and cash equivalents		
at period start	1.81	2.06
FX	(0.11)	(0.30)
Cash and cash equivalents		
at period end	5.80	1.43

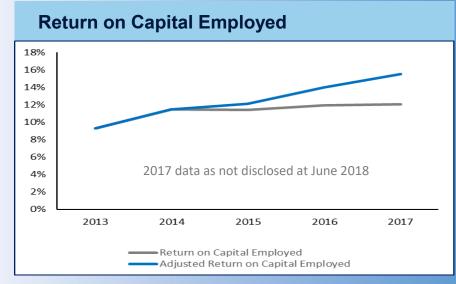
# **Key Performance Metrics**











# **Segment Highlights**



High Performance
Products sales up
82%, driven by
ZOTEK® PEBA
elastomeric foams

Polyolefin Foams sales **up 4%**, supported by new USA capacity

MuCell Extrusion sales **up 20%**, excluding the one-off capital equipment sale in 2017

## **HPP Results**





**ZOTEK®** foams: retaining the attributes of high-performance polymers with the added benefits of consistent foaming

**T-FIT® high-performance insulation** 

## Revenue

- 82% sales growth (95% constant currency)
- Footwear now the largest market of the HPP business segment, following deal with Nike in 2017
- ZOTEK® F growth after two years of aviation customer destocking

## **Costs and Margin**

- HPP remains an aggregation of products and markets at different stages of development
- Development investment still under way to position all product ranges to meet their expected potential
- ZOTEK® F & PEBA of sufficient scale that they are profitable. T-FIT result reflects planned investment in new products/markets

HPP	June 18 £m	June 17 £m	Change
Segment revenue	9.04	4.98	82%
Segment profit pre- amortisation	1.68	0.65	158%
Segment profit post amortisation	1.68	0.65	158%
Segment profit margin	19%	13%	

- ZOTEK® F fluoropolymer foams: fire, smoke, chemical resistance
- ZOTEK® N nylon foams: high temperature performance
- ZOTEK® PEBA foams: excellent kinetic energy return
- T-FIT® technical insulation products

# HPP: high-margin growth portfolio



# **ZOTEK® T-FIT®**

Investment in UK plant to deliver significant uplift on HPP capacity during 2019



## **Footwear**

- Foam becoming established in more shoe models, further development ongoing
- Focusing on cycle time and material efficiency

## T-FIT® technical insulation

- A mixture of profitable lines and earlier stage products
- Investment in operational capability in China and sales teams globally
- Good potential to support our long-term ambition

# **Polyolefin Foams Results**



June 17

£m

26.90

5.73

5.73

Change

4%

(21%)

(21%)

# **AZOTE**®

Common polymers made extraordinary by Zotefoams' unique process, creating premium, durable, consistent materials

**Polyolefin** 

**Foams** 

Segment revenue

Segment profit pre

Segment profit post

amortisation

## Revenue

- 4% sales value growth (7% constant currency)
- US capacity came on stream in March 2018, helping global volumes up 3%
- Continental Europe strongest growth, at 12%

<ul> <li>Operated at full capacity during the period,</li> </ul>	amortisation		
giving up UK capacity to HPP	Segment profit margin	16%	21%

## **Costs and Margin**

- Period impacted by operational gearing effects of slower US start up, with depreciation on a capital intensive asset and US operating costs
- LDPE polymer costs lower than H1:2017

•	Sales backlog and operational efficiency improvements will define progress in

June-18

£m

27.98

4.55

4.55

Allocation policies will define sales progress by geography

## **MuCell Extrusion: Results**



## **MuCell®**

## Revenue

- Licence and royalty revenue up 20%
- Sales in 2017 benefited from the shipment of a full extrusion line to a customer in Japan.
   Excluding this, 2018 sales are 20% up in constant currency

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- Costs under control
- Segment loss narrowed on lower revenue
- Continued investment in IP development and long-term value

MEL	June 18 £m	June 17 £m	Change
Segment revenue	0.86	1.96	(56%)
Segment loss pre amortisation	(0.63)	(0.71)	1
Amortisation	(0.15)	(0.16)	-
Segment loss post amortisation	(0.78)	(0.87)	10%

- MuCell remains below critical mass and business administration and development costs are not yet carried by gross profit
- Restructuring / refocus of engineering and sales staff and simplification and investment in administration to leverage key skills
- Good progress in technology development

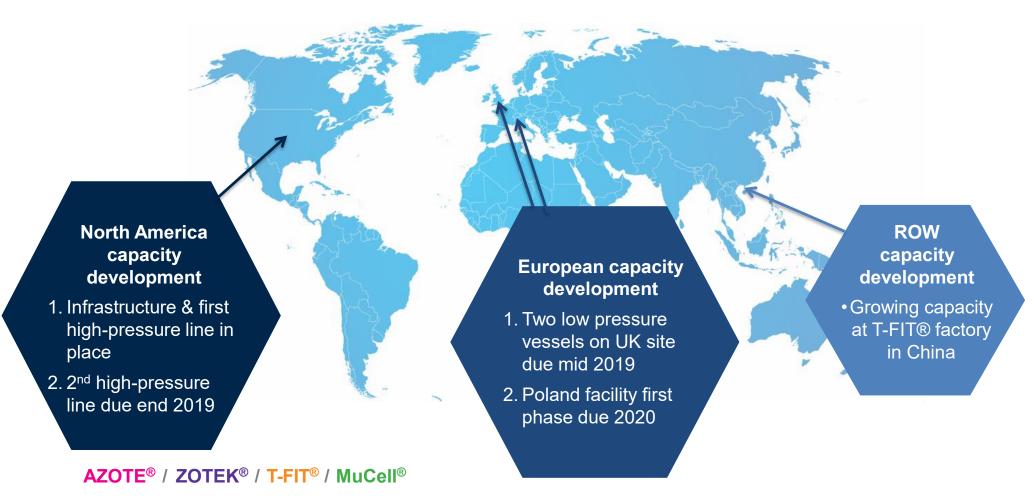
# Global investment strategy



North America 25% of Revenue

Europe 55% of Revenue

ROW 20% of Revenue



# **Key Messages & Outlook**



## **KEY MESSAGES**

Record organic sales growth

**HPP now 24% of Group sales** 

All three major capital projects to expand capacity on schedule

## **OUTLOOK**

Additional US capacity allowing to deliver against strong order book H2 2018

Continued good growth expectations across all business units







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## **Investment Case**

**HPP** growth rates

significantly above

AZOTE® foam,

with superior

margins



# Sustained high levels of organic growth with margin enhancement through product mix and operational gearing

Flexible core
autoclave
capacity for block
foam production
(AZOTE® &
ZOTEK®)

Investment in KY, USA will add to cost base initially but underpins growth potential

**ZOTEFOAMS** 

ZOTEK®

(HPP) portfolio
of products at
different stages of
development and
market
penetration

MuCell optionality: investment in customer base with long value tail

Sustainable
high levels of
organic growth
due to innovative
product portfolio
and megatrend
alignment

Downstream investment (ZMW, KZKL) to increase influence on supply chain and enhance margins

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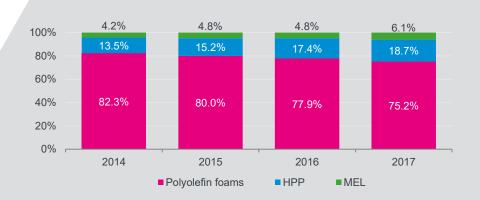
## **Revenue and Profit Momentum**



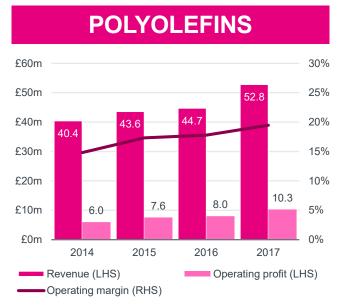
## **Group Revenue**

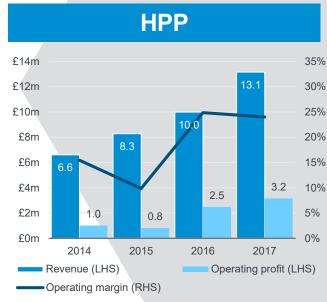


## **Divisional Revenue Split**

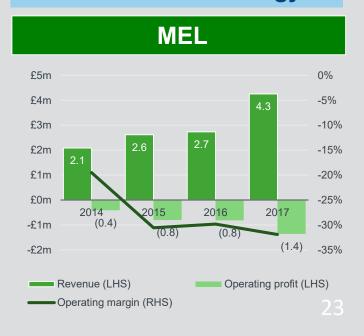


## **Autoclave technology**





## **Extrusion technology**



## **Overview**

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#### **Organisation Products AZOTE®** Founded on Polyolefin innovation Foams stretching back to 1921 **ZOTEK**® **Environmentally ZOTEFOAMS** friendly High Nitrogen/CO2 A world leader Performance gas foaming in cellular **Products Barriers** materials processes MuCell<sup>®</sup> to entry: technology IP, capital, **Technology** application Licencing for specifications micro-cellular and supply materials Unique chain T-FIT® Global technology workforce delivering **Technical** approximately solutions in tube and pipe 420 growth insulation markets

# **Group Overview - Locations**



MuCell Extrusion HQ Woburn, MA, USA licences MuCell® technology to end users

Zotefoams Inc, Walton, KY, USA AZOTE® block foam expansion

Zotefoams Midwest Tulsa, OK, USA foam cutting Zotefoams Plc Croydon UK Block foam main manufacturing site



AZOTE® Asia Limited
Hong Kong
Sales Joint Venture

Kunshan ZOTEK KingLai Co Ltd. Kunshan, PRC T-FIT® products manufacturing site

Zotefoams Operations Limited Phuket, Thailand Thai sales branch

# Main markets & typical applications



# Product Protection



#### **AZOTE® ZOTEK® MuCell®**

Luxury, fine art and museum Industrial protective and transit Aviation & aerospace Electronics Space station transit pods Consumer (food and household)

# Transport @



#### **AZOTE® ZOTEK® MuCell®**

Aircraft seats, seals
Automotive seals, gaskets
Galley areas / window seals
ECS (air ducting)
Soft touch trim / close outs
Composites panels
Automotive airducts

## **Industrial**



#### **AZOTE® ZOTEK® T-FIT®**

Seals and gaskets
Marine hoses and fenders
Clean room environments
High heat up to 205°C including
food processing & personal care
plants

## Sports & leisure



#### **AZOTE® ZOTEK®**

Impact protection padding Life jackets, swim floats, Paddle boards, sports turf underlay Athletic shoes, impact pads

# Building & Construction

#### **AZOTE® ZOTEK® MuCell®**

Roof & wall insulation
District heating pipe spacers
Seals and gaskets, acoustic
dampening
Piping, signage and insulation

## Medical



#### **AZOTE®**

Product protection
Buoyancy aids
Prosthetics / orthoses
Pads, seats and cushions

# **Group Overview – Our Process**



What sets us apart from competition is a unique, environmentallyfriendly process that uses nitrogen gas to produce a range of uniform closed cell crosslinked foams.

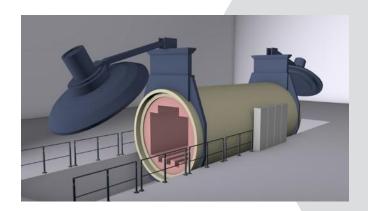
Stage 1
High quality
extrusion
and crosslinking of solid
polymeric
sheet

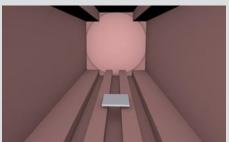


Stage 2 Impregnation and saturation



Stage 3
Expansion



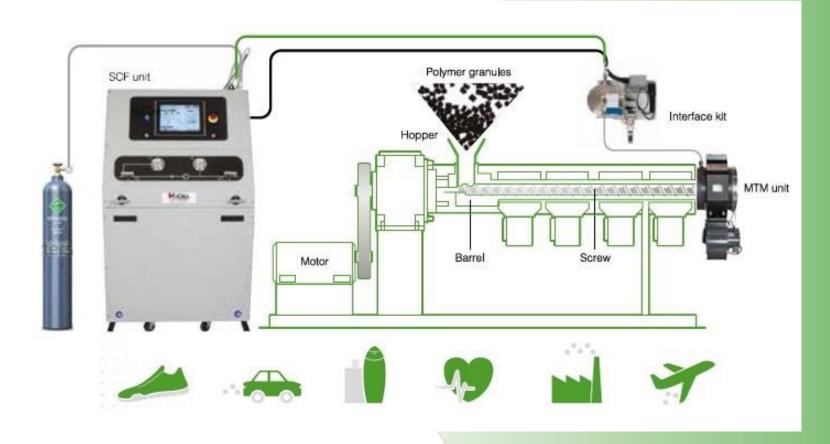




# MuCell® Process Technology



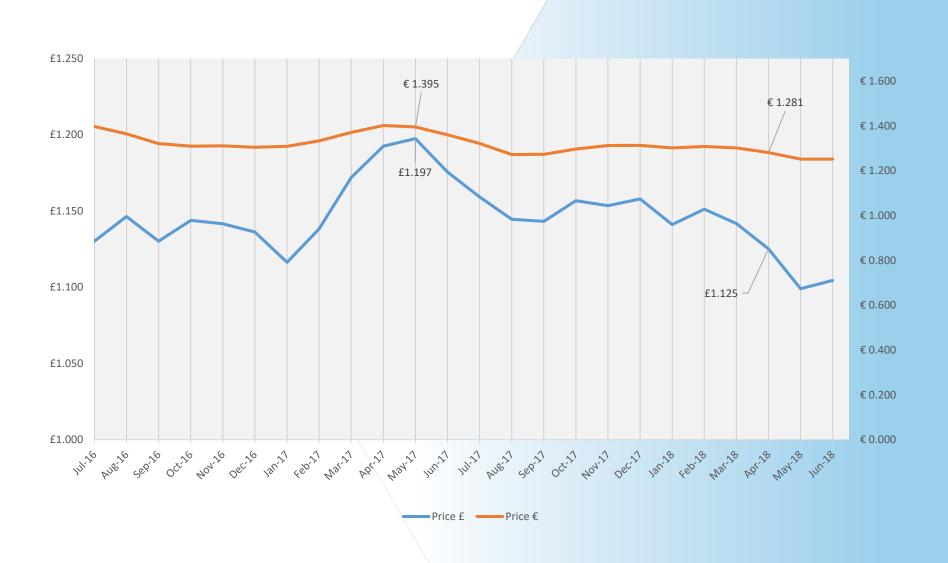
MuCell® technology produces foam that performs like solid plastic. It creates microbubbles in the centre of plastic extrusions by injecting gas into the melt during manufacture.



Lighter Greener Lower cost

# Polymer (LDPE) Prices





## **Market information**



Share price 556p (02/08/18)

Market Main Market

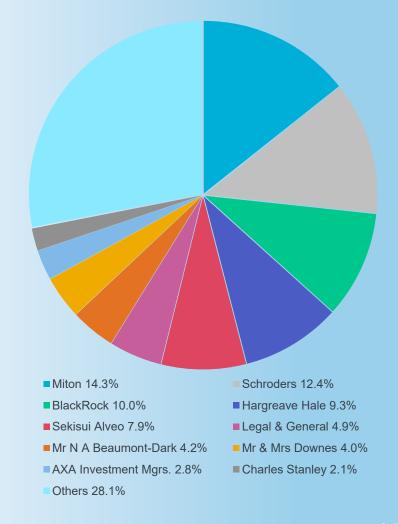
Ticker ZTF.L

Market cap. £267.1m

Ord. shares in issue 48,301,234



## **Shareholder Profile\***



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Company Share Register (29/06/18)

## **Board of Directors**





#### Steve Good Non-Executive Chairman

(Chair of the Nominations Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee)

Appointed to the Board in October 2014 as a Non-Executive Director and became Chairman on 1 April 2016. Steve was Chief Executive of Low & Bonar plc between September 2009 and September 2014. Prior to that role, he was Managing Director of its technical textiles division between 2006 and 2009, Director of new business between 2005 and 2006, and Managing Director of its plastics division between 2004 and 2005. Prior to joining Low & Bonar he spent 10 years with BTP plc (now part of Clariant) in a variety of leadership positions managing international speciality chemicals businesses. He is a Chartered Accountant.



#### Angela Bromfield MBA Non-Executive Director

(Chair of the Remuneration Committee and member of the Audit and Nominations Committees)

Appointed to the Board in October 2014. Angela was Strategic Marketing & Communications Director at Morgan Sindall plc until 2013 and prior to that she held senior roles at the Tarmac Group, Premier Farnell plc and ICI plc. Angela was a Non-Executive Director for Mondi Paper & Packaging Limited. Angela has a degree in Chemistry from the University of Reading and an MBA from Warwick University.



#### David Stirling Group CEO

Joined Zotefoams plc in September 1997 as Finance Director. Appointed Group CEO in May 2000. David started his career with KPMG in Scotland where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He has worked for Price Waterhouse in the USA and Poland and with BICC plc. David is a graduate of Glasgow University and has an MBA from Warwick University and an MSc in Finance from London Business School



#### Jonathan Carling Non-Executive Director

(Member of the Audit, Nominations and Remuneration Committees)

Appointed to the Board in January 2018. Jonathan is the CEO of Tokamak Energy, a technology business developing a faster route to fusion power. Jonathan was previously COO, Civil Large Engines at Rolls Royce plc, COO at Aston Martin Lagonda Limited, and Chief Engineer with Jaguar Landrover Limited. Jonathan has extensive engineering, operational and business experience. He was also a Non-Executive Director of Aga Rangemaster Group plc between 2011 and 2015.



Gary McGrath Group CFO

Joined Zotefoams plc in December 2015 and was appointed Group CEO on 1 February 2016. Gary is a Chartered Accountant, qualifying with Arthur Andersen. He spent 11 years with RMC Group plc before joining Koch Industries Inc, where he spent several years in various positions, including Global Finance Director of INVISTA Apparel and EMEA Vice President of Finance, Planning and Analysis at Georgia Pacific. Before joining Zotefoams, Gary was CFO of GC Aesthetics Limited. He has worked across public, private and private equity environments in the UK, Belgium, Germany, the USA and the Republic of Ireland.



**Doug Robertson** - Non-Executive Director (Chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Nominations and Remuneration Committees)

Appointed to the Board in August 2017. Doug was Group Finance Director of SIG plc until his retirement in January 2017. Prior to joining SIG, Doug had been Group Finance Director of Umeco plc and Seton House Group Limited, having spent his early career with Williams plc in a variety of senior financial and business roles.