

2015 Half year results

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Headlines

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- Sensium Healthcare – Progress slower than expected
 - product is robust
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 - Board reviewing options on how best to exploit SensiumVitals® and related IP
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 - Healthcare options being reviewed
 - Group in advanced discussions to secure modest debt facility

Highlights (H1 2015)

Financials

- Revenues: £14.0m (H1 2014: £10.8m) up 30%
 - EBITDA loss: £5.5m (H1 2014 loss: £5.6m)
 - Cash: £5.5m (30 Jun 2015)
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Digital Audio

- 4th generation digital radio chip shipping in volumes since Q1
 - Connected audio revenues up 80% year on year
 - In June, agreement to include Google Cast in next generation connected audio solution – due to ship mid-2016
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Healthcare

- US distribution rights for SensiumVitals[®] regained (February)
- Enhancements to system robustness and usability completed (March)
- Two major NHS trials under way at St James's University Hospital Leeds and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
- Commercial uptake slower than anticipated; focused on reference sites delivering clinical / healthcare economics data to prove system's benefits

First half 2015 Income statement

	2015	2014
	£m	£m
Revenue	14.0	10.8
Cost of Sales	(7.7)	(6.2)
Gross margin	<u>6.3</u>	<u>4.6</u>
Research & development costs	(6.2)	(5.1)
Sales & administrative costs	<u>(5.6)</u>	<u>(5.1)</u>
EBITDA	(5.5)	(5.6)
Depreciation and amortisation	(1.6)	(1.5)
Other non trading costs	<u>(3.2)</u>	<u>(0.4)</u>
Loss for the period	(10.3)	(7.5)
Unit volumes shipped (m)	2.6	1.8

- Revenues up 30% (units up 44%)
- Gross margin up 40%
- R&D costs up 22% (on completion of Kino 4) – now set to decline across the Group
- Sales and administrative costs up 10%, due to full year impact of 2014 Healthcare recruitment in sales / sales support
- Other non-trading costs relate primarily to impairment of £3.0m against licensed IP due to move away from Danube connected audio IC development (non-cash item)

Balance sheet

£m	30 Jun 15	31 Dec 14	30 Jun 14
Non-current assets			
Goodwill	19.1	19.1	19.1
Other intangible assets	14.3	17.3	18.0
Property, plant and equipment	0.7	0.6	0.6
	34.1	37.0	37.7
Current assets			
Inventory	2.9	1.6	3.0
Tax receivable	-	1.5	1.7
Trade and other receivables	4.8	4.1	3.7
Cash and cash equivalents	5.5	12.5	13.2
	13.2	19.7	21.6
Total assets	47.3	56.7	59.3
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9.0	8.9	7.3
Equity			
Share capital	4.3	4.2	4.1
Contingent consideration	-	-	0.1
Share premium	115.3	115.3	115.1
Share based payment reserve	4.0	3.3	2.9
Foreign exchange	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Retained earnings	(85.2)	(74.9)	(70.1)
	38.3	47.8	52.0
Total equity and liabilities	47.3	56.7	59.3

- Cash position at end of June: £5.5m. Historically, cash burn is significantly higher in H1 than in H2.
- Group expects to secure debt facility in near future – no need for equity raise

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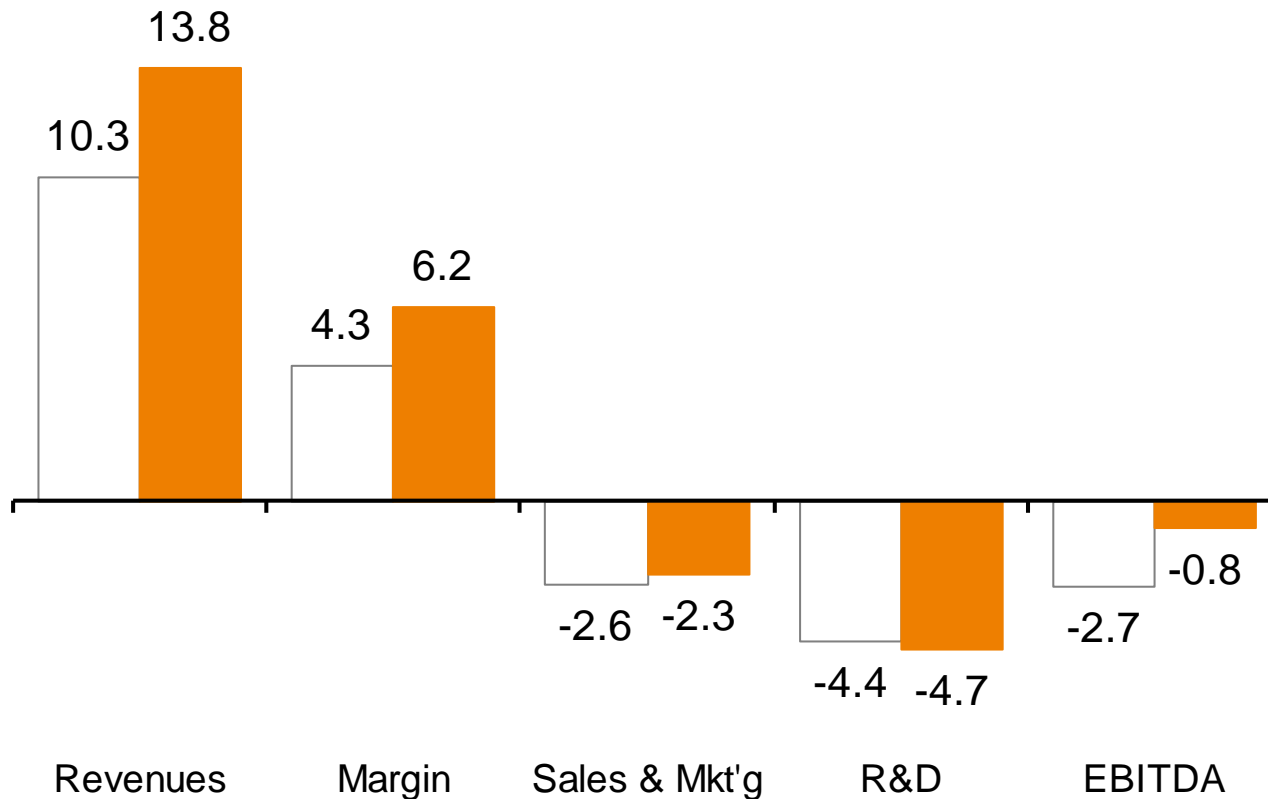
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Frontier Silicon – financial summary – H1 financial summary

£ millions

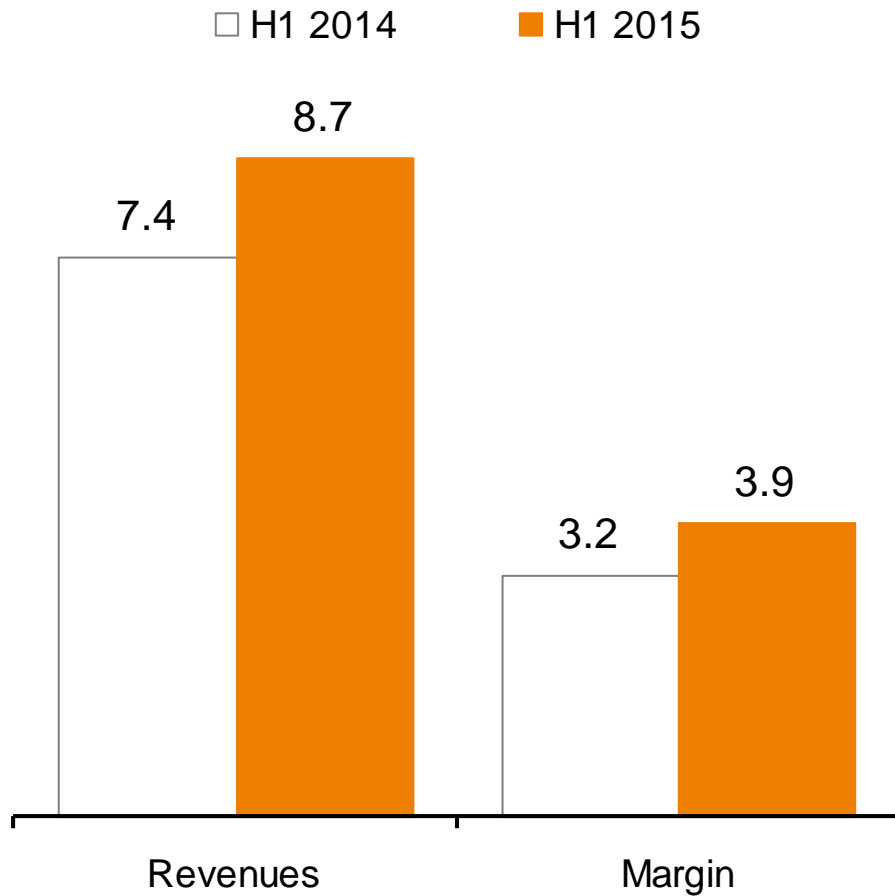
□ H1 2014 ■ H1 2015



- Revenues (up 34%) and margin (up 44% in £) – driven by market growth, especially in connected audio
- R&D expenditure flat in first half – reduces in H2
- Business EBITDA positive since April

Digital radio H1 revenues up 17% year on year

£ millions



- Revenues (up 17%) and margins (up 22%)
 - international market growth
 - retains over 80% market share¹
 - margin improved from 43.2% to 44.8%
- 4th generation IC, Kino 4, commenced volume shipments in Q1
- Strategic focus
 - retain leadership position / optimise margin
 - support market development
 - exploit new opportunities

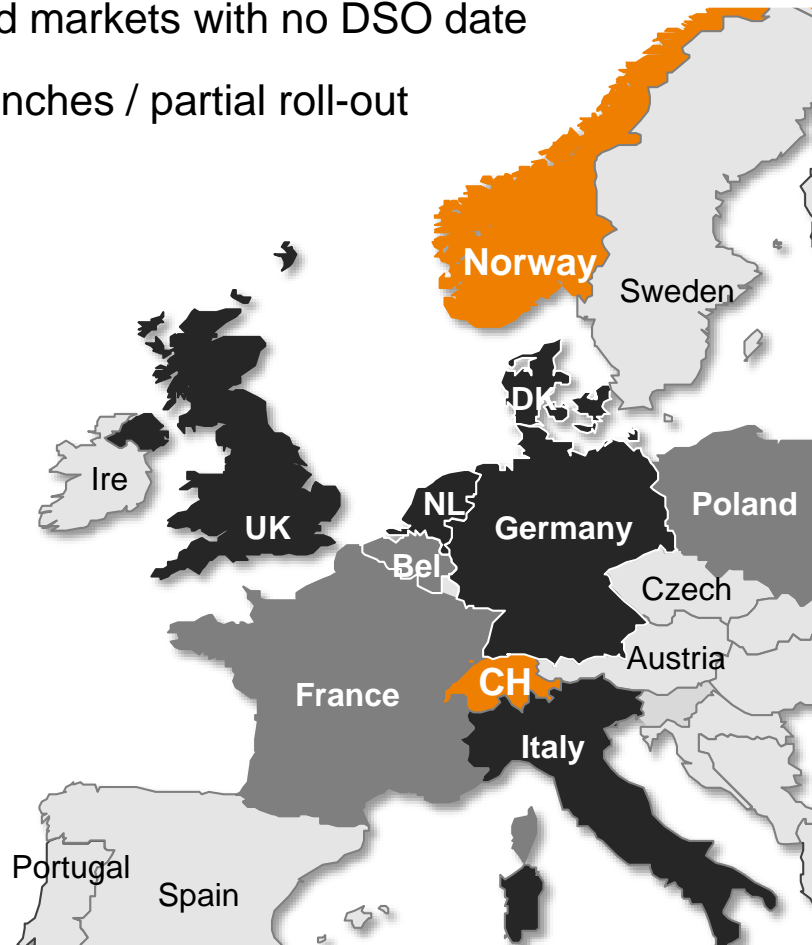
(1) DAB / DAB+ domestic and automotive aftermarket devices

Digital radio making strong progress in Europe

 Established markets with Digital Switchover (DSO) date

 Established markets with no DSO date

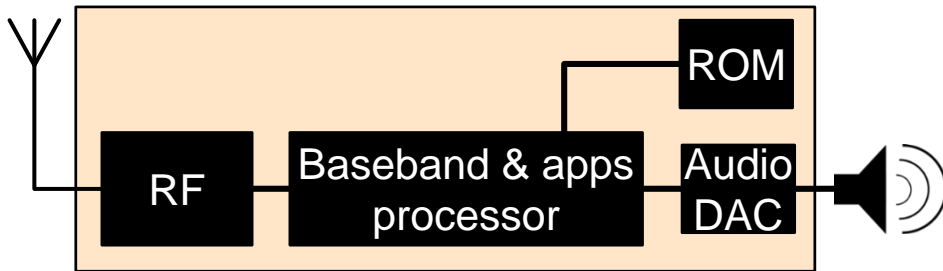
 Recent launches / partial roll-out



- Seven established markets – global volumes growing at ~20%
- First DSO announcements:
 - Norway (2017)
 - Switzerland (2020-24)
- German market volumes growing strongly: H1 up 50% year on year
- France: key emerging market

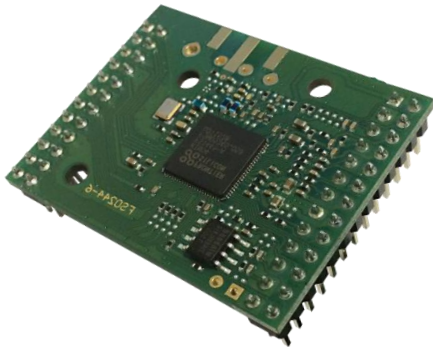
Kino 4 development completed – shipping in volumes

Kino 4 – “4th generation digital radio chip”



- Core development completed March 2015
 - continuing programme of incremental development, e.g. low cost colour screens²
- Market acceptance very positive
 - Kino 4 based products on shelves this year from Sony, Denon, Pure, Pioneer and Yamaha
 - customer base will transition new models to Kino 4 in 2016
- No major IC development expected in next three years; R&D expenditure minimised

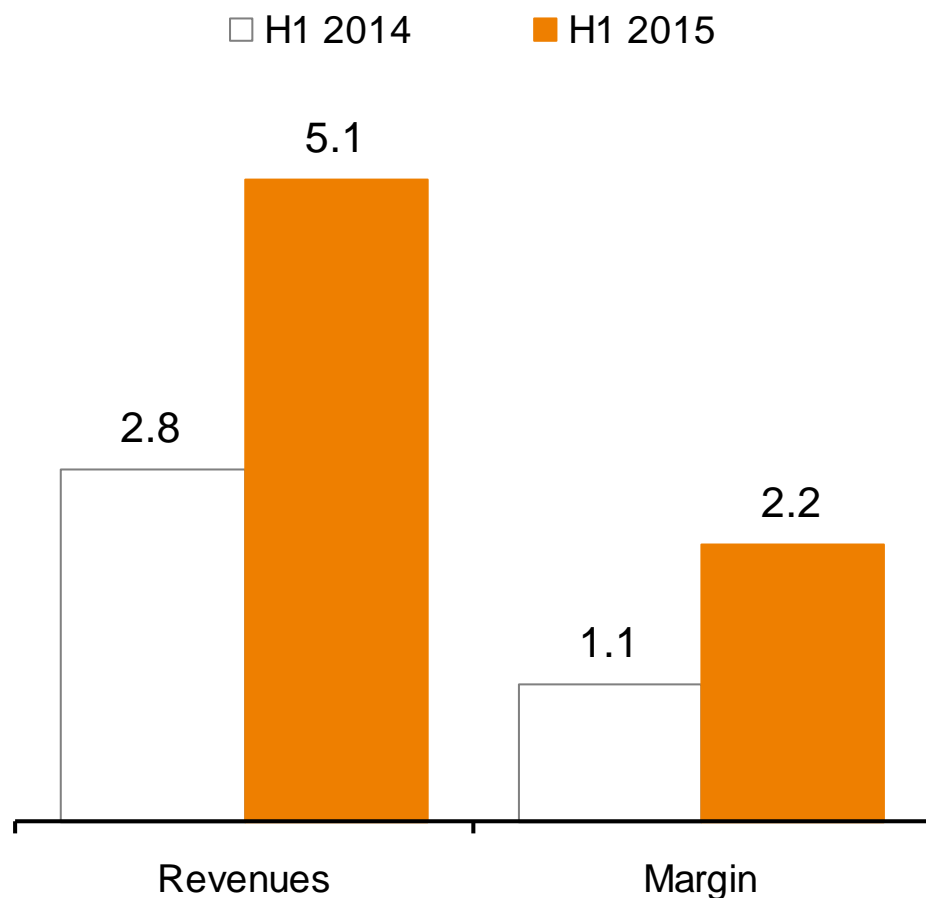
Verona 2 module¹ (based on Kino 4 chip)



- (1) Verona 2 module comprises the Kino 4 chip and successive versions of software
- (2) Launched at IFA consumer electronics show in Berlin (Sept 2015)

Connected audio H1 revenues up 80%

£ millions



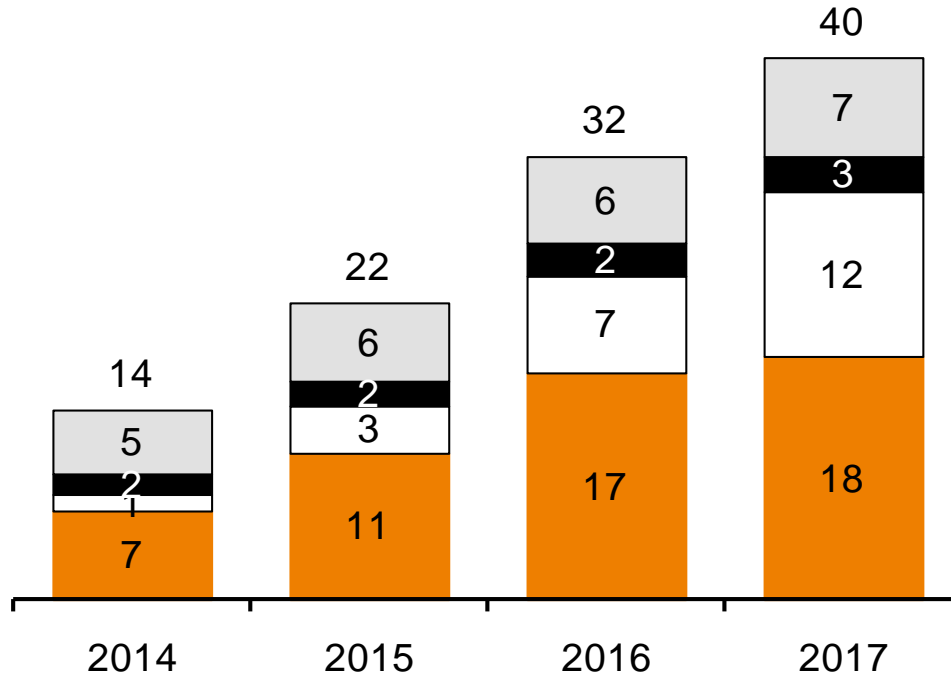
- 80% increase in connected audio revenues:
 - volume growth in line with market
 - higher ASPs due to richer functionality now offered by Venice 6.5 solution
- Margin growth boosted by higher ASPs
- Competitive position strengthened on back of
 - Spotify relationship
 - new functionality, e.g. hybrid radio (combining DAB and Internet radio), multi-room and new smartphone apps

(1) Source: Futuresource (May 15), Frontier Silicon analysis; 'Other' includes Internet radios

Connected audio market expected to grow rapidly

Wi-Fi connected audio volumes¹, m

■ Speakers □ Soundbars ■ AVR □ Other



- Drivers of growth

- Wi-Fi penetration – over 80% in Europe²
- growing category awareness, e.g. Sonos, followed by Apple, Google, Amazon
- falling costs of technology
- integration of smart home / IOT services to traditional audio (e.g. Echo, Dingdong)

- Key sectors are wireless speakers – and the emerging soundbar market

(1) Source: Futuresource (May 15), Frontier Silicon analysis (2) Source: Strategy Analytics (Nov 2014)

Frontier well positioned to address opportunity

Goal

- To be leading provider of turnkey solutions in connected audio
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Frontier strengths

- Established position in DAB and Internet Radio
 - Software and system capability – developed over ten years
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Key success factors

- Relationships with market makers, e.g. Spotify, Apple and Google
 - Competitive functionality and pricing
 - Solutions for range of price segments
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Frontier products

- Current solution, Venice 6.5, offers Spotify and Apple, but not Google Cast
- Next generation solution will add Google Cast (as announced in June)

Connected audio strategy

New solutions

- Develop two platforms sequentially – for mid / high end and entry level segments
 - Google Cast included in mid / high end solution
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New silicon

- To maximise profitability / reduce cash burn, shifting silicon strategy from in-house to 3rd party
 - shortens time to market
 - reduces future R&D costs
 - Supports both Google Cast and entry level solutions
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Impact

- New platform expected to ship mid-2016
- Writing off £3.0m of capitalised IP costs (non-cash)
- New platform's functionality will extend beyond home audio into broader connected home applications (IoT)

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Product development

- Following trials in 2014, we embarked on programme to enhance product robustness and usability
 - Completed in March
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Territories

- In February, regained North American distribution rights
 - Four key territories: UK, France, Germany and US
 - Focus on key reference sites
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NHS trials

- Two major trials started in July
 - Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham
 - St James's University Hospital, Leeds
- Designed to deliver evidence of the system's benefits – proceeding to plan; both trials have strong KOL sponsors

Commercial strategy

Background

- Commercialisation slower than anticipated
- Over 20 hospitals started trials in last 18 months - important learning experience, e.g.
 - identified / fixed bugs
 - better understanding of requirements for nurse training / support
- Key learnings from early trials are the need for:
 - KOL sponsorship
 - full integration of SensiumVitals® into hospital's IT systems
 - well trained nursing teams
 - defined clinical protocols

Commercial strategy

- Primary focus is on securing academic-based trials in leading hospitals
 - delivering clinical and health economic data which demonstrate the efficacy of the system (data to be published in peer-reviewed media)
 - acting as reference sites for other hospitals
- Prioritising UK, France, Germany and US – with direct sales team and distributors (total business development resource of 30)
- Expect to have published data in 2016
- First two major NHS trials under way

Two trials under way – in leading NHS teaching hospitals

	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham ¹	St James's University Hospital, Leeds ²
Wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gastro-intestinal and liver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two colorectal wards
Scale of trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 patients (one group) – results compared to historic data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300 patients: two groups of 150: with / without patches
Timings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete by end March 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete by end March 16
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 (usability) completed Phase 2 to start October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70 patients: 25 patched; 45 non-patched
Initial feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding to two more wards: broken neck of femur, general surgery (at request of clinicians) Using as showcase for other hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case studies ranging from high temperature (paracetamol) to pulmonary embolism Patient feedback positive Interest in extending to other wards Interest in home (post-discharge) trial

(1) Funded by QEHB Charity (2) Funded by National Institute for Health Research

Product development plans have been revised

- R&D expenditure focused on
 - improving user experience and accelerating short term adoption
 - ensuring Group remains within current cash constraints
- Outputs to include: easier installation, more intuitive user interface, greater interoperability with existing hospital EMR systems, automated data collection
- Development work on SpO2 and NiBP has been deprioritised
 - non-critical to securing adoption of the system
 - can be easily restarted; may benefit from experience of field trials
- Continuing background design work on next generation silicon
 - proprietary silicon seen as key source of competitive advantage

Prospects

International pipeline

- Initial feedback from NHS trials encouraging – expect to publish peer-reviewed studies in 2016
 - Pursuing similar trials in Germany, France and US
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Competitive landscape

- Only SensiumVitals® combines low power (five day life) and roaming capability
 - Little evidence of competitor activity in the field
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Corporate strategy

- Assessing options to ensure potential value of SensiumVitals is realised

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Progress against objectives set 12 months ago - Frontier

Business	Previous goals for 2014/15	Progress
Digital Radio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain market share • Successful launch of next generation chip to drive market growth and improve margins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong sales performance – share maintained • Kino 4 now shipping in volumes
Connected Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive sales of current solution (through 2014/15) • Launch next generation silicon with Tier 1 global brands (H2 15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales up 80% in H1 15 • Switching to 3rd party silicon to support both Google Cast & low cost solutions • Launch delayed to mid-2016

Progress against objectives set 12 months ago

Business	Previous goals for 2014/15	Progress
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create effective global sales and marketing platform• Successful engagement with early adopters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• System is robust; regained US rights• Commercial progress slower than expected• Focused on securing quantitative data
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash-flow positive in H2 2015• Significant revenue growth over next three years• Improve gross margins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash-flow break-even expected mid-2016• Strong Digital Audio performance, but Healthcare slower than forecast• Debt facility expected to add resilience

Conclusions

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