Origin Enterprises plc

INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT

Solid start to trading in seasonally quiet first half

8 March 2018

Origin Enterprises plc ('Origin' or 'the Group'), the Agri-Services group, today announces its interim results for the half year ended 31 January 2018.

Highlights

- Good first half performance in seasonally quiet trading period with operating profit 12.6 per cent higher at €2.3 million
- Improved working capital performance with a working capital cash inflow of €10.7 million for the twelve months to 31 January 2018
- Favourable autumn and winter cropping base established for seasonally important second half
- Bunn Fertiliser, acquired in August 2017, fully integrated in period
- Acquisition of Belgium based fertiliser and nutrition business, Pillaert-Mekoson
- Digital agronomy enablement through launch of new data driven information service and crop monitoring tools
- Appointment of Rafal Prendke as CEO of the Group's Continental European Division
- Interim dividend of 3.15 cent per share *(2017: 3.15 cent per share)*

Results Summary	**6 months ended 31 Jan 2018 €'000**	**6 months ended 31 Jan 2017 €'000**	**Change €'000**
Group revenue	**586,909**	**564,436**	**22,473**
Operating profit[1]	2,263	2,010	253
Associates and joint venture[2]	1,707	1,742	(35)
Total group operating profit[1]	**3,970**	**3,752**	**218**
Finance cost, net	(4,001)	(3,816)	(185)
Loss before tax[1]	**(31)**	**(64)**	**33**
Basic loss per share (cent)	(1.61)	(8.09)	6.48
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (cent)[3]	**0.27**	**0.25**	**0.02**
Group net debt	171,378	161,584	(9,794)
Interim dividend per ordinary share (cent)	**3.15**	**3.15**	**-**

1 *Before amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets and exceptional items*

2 *Profit after interest and tax*

3 *Before amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets, net of related deferred tax (2018: €2.4 million, 2017: €2.0 million) and exceptional items, net of tax (2018: €Nil, 2017: €8.5 million)*

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Chief Executive Officer's comment:

Commenting on the results, Origin Chief Executive Officer, Tom O'Mahony said:

"Origin has achieved a good first half result with favourable activity levels on farm supporting a 12.6 per cent increase in Group operating profit in the seasonally quiet trading period.

The acquisition of Belgium based Pillaert-Mekoson in the period scales our market position in Continental Europe and provides further buy and build consolidation and growth opportunity. Our objectives for digital services enablement across Origin's customer and geographic markets were significantly advanced during the period.

We continue to prioritise new growth opportunity in Agri-Services while focusing on cash generation, operational and commercial effectiveness. The autumn and winter cropping profile established to date provides a solid foundation for the seasonally more important second half when over 90% of earnings are typically generated. An update on the full year outlook will be provided at the time of the announcement of the third quarter trading update on 19 June 2018."

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Conference Call

The results announcement is available on the Company website www.originenterprises.com. There will be a live conference call at 8.30am (GMT) today. To participate in this conference call, please dial the number below. Participants are requested to dial in 5 to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

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About Origin Enterprises plc

Origin Enterprises plc is a focused Agri-Services group providing specialist On-Farm Agronomy Services, Digital Agricultural Services and the supply of crop technologies and inputs. The Group has leading market positions in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Poland, Romania and Ukraine. Origin is listed on the ESM and AIM markets of the Irish and London Stock Exchanges.

ESM ticker symbol:	OIZ
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Financial Review – Summary

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Group operating profit[3]	**3,970**	**3,752**
Finance cost, net	(4,001)	(3,816)
Pre-tax loss	**(31)**	**(64)**
Income tax credit	366	373
Adjusted net profit	**335**	**309**
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (cent)[3]	**0.27**	**0.25**
Adjusted net profit reconciliation		
Reported net loss	(2,024)	(10,157)
Amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets	2,726	2,307
Tax on amortisation of non-ERP related intangible assets	(367)	(304)
Exceptional items, net of tax	-	8,463
Adjusted net profit	**335**	**309**
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (cent)[3]	**0.27**	**0.25**

Origin delivered adjusted diluted earnings per share[3] for the period of 0.27 cent compared to adjusted diluted earnings per share of 0.25 cent in the corresponding period last year. On a like for like basis (excluding the impact of currency movements and acquisitions) the underlying increase was 0.06 cent. The Group's earnings profile is significantly weighted towards the second half of the financial year, when over 90 per cent of earnings are typically generated.

Group revenue

Group revenue was €586.9 million compared to €564.4 million in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 4.0 per cent. On an underlying basis at constant currency, revenues increased by €20.3 million (3.6 per cent), reflecting increased agronomy service revenue and crop input volumes in addition to increased fertiliser prices.

Underlying growth in agronomy services and crop input volumes, excluding crop marketing, was 1.2 per cent in the period compared to the corresponding period last year.

Operating profit[1]

Operating profit[1] from the Agri-Services business was €2.3 million compared to a profit of €2.0 million in the corresponding period last year. On an underlying basis at constant currency the increase year on year was €0.1 million. The performance in the seasonally quiet first half of the year was mainly attributable to the benefit of higher agronomy service revenue and crop input volumes, together with improved margins.

Associates and joint venture[2]

Origin's share of the profit after interest and taxation from associates and joint venture was in line with the prior year at €1.7million.

Net debt and financing costs

The Group's financial position remains strong.

Average net debt amounted to €222.0 million compared to €210.0 million in the prior year. Net debt at 31 January 2018 was €171.4 million compared with €161.6 million at 31 January 2017, and is 2.17 times EBITDA[4] for the twelve months to 31 January 2018. The average and period end net debt increase is principally attributable to the acquisition investment spend relating to the UK-based Bunn Fertiliser ('Bunn') and the Pillaert-Mekoson Group ('Pillaert') in Belgium.

Net finance costs amounted to €4.0 million compared to €3.8 million in the corresponding period last year.

At period end our key banking covenants are as follows:

	Banking Covenant	**2018 Times**	**2017 Times**
Net debt to EBITDA	Maximum 3.5	2.17	1.95
EBITDA to net interest	Minimum 3.0	11.24	11.51

Working capital

Following the seasonal investment in working capital in the period, the net cash outflow from operating activities was €97.5 million (2017: €140.1 million) and there was an increase of €92.6 million in working capital (2017: €129.3 million). The reduction in year on year net working capital outflow reflects an underlying improvement in working capital utilisation which more than offsets the increased working capital investment associated with the Bunn and Pillaert acquisitions.

Dividend

An interim dividend of 3.15 cent per share will be paid on 20 April 2018 to shareholders on the register on 6 April 2018.

1 *Operating profit and Group operating profit are stated before amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets and exceptional items*

2 *Profit after interest and tax*

3 *Before amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets, net of related deferred tax (2018: €2.4 million, 2017: €2.0 million) and exceptional items, net of tax (2018: €Nil, 2017: €8.5 million)*

4 *Net debt/EBITDA ratio as per the requirements of the Group's syndicated bank loan agreement*

Review of Operations

Commentary is on a constant currency basis throughout

Ireland and the United Kingdom

	2018	2017	Change on prior year	
			Change	Underlying[3]
	€m	€m	%	%
Revenue	**377.5**	354.9	6.4%	5.0%
Operating profit[1]	**1.2**	0.9	35.4%	24.5%
Associates and joint venture[2]	**1.7**	1.7	-	-

[1] Before amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets and exceptional items
[2] Profit after interest and tax
[3] Excluding currency movements and the impact of acquisitions

Underlying agronomy service and crop input volume growth was 0.4 per cent in the period compared to the corresponding period last year which benefited from the earlier timing of fertiliser demand. On an underlying basis at constant currency there was a 24.5% per cent increase in operating profit, driven principally by higher margins reflecting an improved sales mix.

Integrated On-Farm Agronomy Services

The Group's Integrated Agronomy and On-Farm Services business, Agrii, achieved a satisfactory performance in the first half with all service and input portfolios maintaining solid momentum in competitive trading conditions.

Whilst a later harvest combined, with wet and cold conditions during September, resulted in a delayed start to field operations, overall autumn and winter planting activity was not adversely impacted. Good sowing and growing conditions in October and November enabled significant catch up in drilling activity and crops are generally well established ahead of the spring growing season.

Total autumn and winter plantings for the principal combinable crops are estimated to be marginally above last year at 2.8 million hectares. Total autumn, winter and spring plantings for the 2018 growing season are forecasted to be in line with last year at 4.5 million hectares.

The business continues to embed new organisational design changes successfully throughout its operations as part its overall performance improvement agenda.

Digital Agricultural Services

Digital Agricultural Services performed satisfactorily in the period, recording both profit and margin momentum underpinned by increased software service revenue.

Significant progress was achieved in the period to broaden and enhance Origin's overall customer value and service offering. This organisational and product development activity has culminated in the launch of a new digital platform to coincide with the main second half trading period, called Contour.

Contour is a new digital information service which incorporates an integrated suite of whole farm and field level crop monitoring tools. Contour brings farmers and agronomists closer together by providing highly functional and shared applications which deliver real time content to support in-field decision making. Contour also provides greater empowerment to our agronomists by creating more opportunity for technical conversations with less time required for physical field observation activity.

The development of Origin's digital products and services proposition, alongside the Group's established sector positions in crop technology and serviced farmer relationships, will enable the rapid delivery of more targeted and localised crop advice and agronomy recommendations at field level. This will provide opportunity to increase the number of our serviced hectares of existing and new customers.

Business-to-Business Agri-Inputs

Business-to-Business Agri-Inputs recorded a satisfactory result in the period, with an improved performance from Feed and Amenity set against a lower underlying contribution from Fertiliser.

Fertiliser

Excluding the impact of the Bunn acquisition, the Group recorded lower sales volumes in the first six months of the financial year. Fertiliser demand in 2018 is reflecting a more normal sales offtake pattern, with primary producers planning a higher proportion of their procurement requirements in the second half of the financial year. Sales margins continue to be positively supported by growth in sales of differentiated fertiliser and bespoke nutrition applications.

Bunn has performed in line with expectations in the first six months, with the business fully integrated in the period. Procurement, sales and customer management functions are centralised, with the blending and distribution facilities fully operational under Origin protocols.

Amenity

Origin Amenity achieved a good result in the period as new go-to-market strategies drove strong early season service and volume growth into the speciality and professional sectors. The acquisitions completed in 2016 and 2017 maintained solid momentum in the period as they continue to provide new service and customer extension.

Feed Ingredients

Feed Ingredients continues to perform well, with the result in the period principally supported by higher volumes. Sustained demand levels are reflecting the impact of fodder shortages and the extended period of housing of animals due to poor ground and grazing conditions. Forward buying momentum was positive in the first six months with customers taking advantage of generally favourable pricing opportunity.

Continental Europe[1]

	2018	2017	Change on prior year	
			Change	Underlying[3]
	€m	€m	%	%
Revenue	**121.6**	108.5	12.1%	14.7%
Operating profit[2]	**0.9**	0.7	28.5%	24.9%

[1] Excluding crop marketing. While crop marketing has a significant impact on revenue, its impact on operating profit is insignificant. An analysis of revenues, profits and margins attributable to agronomy services and inputs more accurately reflects the underlying drivers of business performance.
[2] Before amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets and exceptional items
[3] Excluding currency movements and the impact of acquisitions

Underlying business volume growth was 3.9 per cent in the period compared to the corresponding period last year. Overall there was a satisfactory performance in the seasonally quiet trading period, with good early season momentum in the case of value added crop technologies.

On an underlying basis at constant currency, there was an increase in operating profit of 24.9 per cent.

Poland

Poland performed well in the period, with the business achieving higher revenues and margins across the main agronomy portfolios. The result was delivered against the backdrop of a challenging operating environment for primary producers and reflects the benefit of realised efficiency gains and solid growth in differentiated agronomy packages targeted to meet farmers' individual requirements.

Above average rainfall in many growing regions of northern Poland delayed the completion of the harvest and curtailed new crop planting activity in the period. As a result, autumn and winter plantings are estimated to be approximately 2.9 per cent lower than the prior year at 4.6 million hectares. This shortfall is expected to be recovered through an increase in spring plantings leaving the total cropping area for the growing year broadly equivalent to last year at 8.1 million hectares.

Romania

Romania delivered a satisfactory result in the period with performance underpinned by increased volumes supported by new customer gains delivered against the backdrop of competitive trading conditions. Specialised nutrition portfolios grew solidly in the period reflecting the business meeting the increased demand from primary producers as this market develops.

The development of enhanced technical sales support remains an area of focus for the business together with the advancement of our knowledge transfer infrastructure through our dedicated research and development function, Agricultura Plus. This function leverages knowledge from across our geographies, to localise solutions for the Romanian market. In addition, our digital offering has gained solid momentum with encouraging initial uptake across the market.

The total sown area for the principal autumn and winter crops is estimated to be in line with the prior year at 3.2 million hectares. The cropping area is well established and in generally good condition, notwithstanding some localised challenges encountered by unseasonally dry weather at the planting stage. Combined winter and spring plantings for the growing season as a whole are currently estimated to be in line with last year at 8.4 million hectares.

Ukraine

Ukraine achieved a solid performance in the seasonally quiet first half of the year against the backdrop of currency volatility and sustained input price inflation. The result in the period was primarily driven by an improved sales mix of value added technologies. The business continues to benefit from new customer gains with an increased level of sales commitments achieved ahead of the main seasonal activity in the second half.

Trading conditions are highly competitive with primary producers firmly focused on crop investment return and flexible financing solutions.

Autumn and winter crop plantings are estimated to be in line with the prior year at 7.8 million hectares with crops generally well established and in good condition. Total autumn, winter and spring plantings are currently forecast at 22.7 million hectares against 22.4 million hectares for the prior year.

Corporate development

In August 2017 the Group completed the acquisition of Bunn in the United Kingdom. Bunn is a leading provider of prescription fertiliser blends and nutrition management systems servicing arable, grassland and horticultural farm enterprises.

In January 2018 Origin announced the completion of the acquisition of the Belgian based Pillaert. Headquartered in Ghent, Pillaert is a leading provider of standard and prescription fertilisers in Belgium and surrounding regions. Pillaert, which enjoys a brand heritage of over 50 years, markets an extensive range of technically based nutrition applications and operates a strong business-to-business and retail customer franchise.

The total cost of both businesses on an enterprise valuation basis inclusive of average working capital was €26 million approximately. Maintainable EBIT for the combined businesses is €3.2 million.

Board and management changes

In February 2018 the Group announced that Imelda Hurley, Chief Financial Officer, indicated her decision to step down from the Board on 28 February 2018 and leave the Group effective 30 April 2018. Origin has initiated a search for a new CFO and an appointment will be made in due course.

Peter Dunne, who joined the Group in 2016, was appointed Group Finance Director in February 2018.

Rafal Prendke has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Continental European Division of Origin (‘Continental Europe’ or ‘the Division’).

Rafal joined Origin in 2015 as CEO of Dalgety Polska. He has been the driving force behind the creation of the leading agronomy services and input distribution business in Poland under the Agrii brand.

Continental Europe incorporates the Group's operations in Belgium, Poland, Romania and Ukraine which have sales revenue of over €0.6 billion and 1,100 employees approximately. The establishment of the Division last year optimally leverages Group and in-country organisational strengths to spearhead future business development, technical innovation and growth.

Outlook

Sector sentiment currently remains stable against an improved short term planning environment for primary food producers. The Group is well positioned to respond to current market conditions, and the solid start to the seasonally quiet first half of the financial year provides a good foundation for the seasonally more important second half when over 90 per cent of earnings typically arise.

A further update will be provided at the timing of the announcement of the third quarter trading update on 19 June 2018.

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement
for the six months ended 31 January 2018

	Notes	**Six months ended January 2018 Total €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 Total €'000 Note 5	Year ended July 2017 Total €'000 Note 5
Revenue	*3*	**586,909**	564,436	1,528,468
Cost of sales		**(511,273)**	(493,556)	(1,297,009)
Gross profit		**75,636**	70,880	231,459
Operating costs		**(76,099)**	(81,555)	(178,811)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture		**1,707**	1,742	4,366
Operating profit/(loss)	*3*	**1,244**	(8,933)	57,014
Finance income		**602**	262	703
Finance expense		**(4,603)**	(4,078)	(7,617)
(Loss)/profit before income tax		**(2,757)**	(12,749)	50,100
Income tax credit/(expense)		**733**	2,592	(4,480)
(**Loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders**		**(2,024)**	(10,157)	45,620

		Six months ended January 2018	Six months ended January 2017	Year ended July 2017
Basic (loss)/earnings per share	*4*	**(1.61c)**	(8.09c)	36.33c
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share	*4*	**(1.61c)**	(8.09c)	36.15c

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the six months ended 31 January 2018

	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	Year ended July 2017 €'000
(Loss)/profit for the period	**(2,024)**	(10,157)	45,620
Other comprehensive (expense)/income			
Items that are not reclassified subsequently to the Group income statement:			
Group/Associate defined benefit pension obligations			
- remeasurements of Group's defined benefit pension schemes	**2,205**	(777)	3,407
- deferred tax effect of remeasurements	**(365)**	193	(519)
- share of remeasurements on associate's defined benefit pension schemes	**-**	(3,058)	(614)
- share of deferred tax effect of remeasurements - associates	**-**	551	135
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the Group income statement:			
Group foreign exchange translation details			
- exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	**(948)**	(2,489)	(10,674)
Group/Associate cash flow hedges			
- effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	**(3,243)**	1,566	(2,025)
- fair value of cash flow hedges transferred to operating costs	**760**	(1,721)	1,754
- deferred tax effect of cash flow hedges	**436**	95	86
- share of associates and joint venture cash flow hedges	**(1,879)**	(1,372)	(4,289)
- deferred tax effect of share of associates and joint venture cash flow hedges	**235**	171	536
Other comprehensive expense for the period, net of tax	**(2,799)**	(6,841)	(12,203)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period attributable to equity shareholders	**(4,823)**	(16,998)	33,417

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 January 2018

	Notes	**January 2018 €'000**	January 2017 €'000	July 2017 €'000
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	*6*	**117,418**	103,151	105,271
Investment properties		**9,675**	9,675	9,675
Goodwill and intangible assets	*7*	**215,746**	188,973	205,961
Investments in associates and joint venture	*8*	**32,269**	33,092	34,206
Other financial assets		**456**	862	531
Derivative financial instruments		**986**	168	169
Deferred tax assets		**4,663**	7,132	3,475
Total non-current assets		**381,213**	343,053	359,288
Current assets				
Inventory		**221,046**	202,255	159,245
Trade and other receivables		**229,960**	254,212	401,303
Derivative financial instruments		**122**	1,077	560
Cash and cash equivalents		**85,869**	74,499	162,631
Total current assets		**536,997**	532,043	723,739
TOTAL ASSETS		**918,210**	875,096	1,083,027

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (*continued*)
as at 31 January 2018

	Notes	**January 2018 €'000**	January 2017 €'000	July 2017 €'000
EQUITY				
Called up share capital presented as equity	*11*	**1,264**	1,264	1,264
Share premium		**160,422**	160,399	160,422
Retained earnings and other reserves		**97,855**	78,346	125,043
TOTAL EQUITY		**259,541**	240,009	286,729
LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Interest-bearing borrowings		**242,131**	217,363	177,854
Deferred tax liabilities		**18,272**	18,597	17,553
Put option liability		**5,516**	7,998	5,450
Provision for liabilities	*9*	**8,261**	3,997	8,072
Post employment benefit obligations		**813**	7,575	3,646
Derivative financial instruments		**-**	100	204
Total non-current liabilities		**274,993**	255,630	212,779
Current liabilities				
Interest-bearing borrowings		**15,116**	18,720	16,227
Trade and other payables		**353,028**	343,140	548,130
Corporation tax payable		**7,657**	8,343	11,090
Provision for liabilities	*9*	**4,130**	8,071	7,392
Derivative financial instruments		**3,745**	1,183	680
Total current liabilities		**383,676**	379,457	583,519
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**658,669**	635,087	796,298
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		**918,210**	875,096	1,083,027

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the six months ended 31 January 2018

	Share capital €'000	Share premium €'000	Treasury shares €'000	Capital redemption reserve €'000	Cashflow hedge reserve €'000	Revaluation reserve €'000	Share-based payment reserve €'000	Re-organisation reserve €'000	Foreign currency translation reserve €'000	Retained earnings €'000	Total €'000
At 1 August 2017	**1,264**	**160,422**	**(8)**	**134**	**(2,665)**	**12,843**	**358**	**(196,884)**	**(38,076)**	**349,341**	**286,729**
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,024)	(2,024)
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,691)	-	-	-	(948)	1,840	(2,799)
Share-based payment charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	80
Dividend paid to shareholders (Note 13)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22,445)	(22,445)
At 31 January 2018	**1,264**	**160,422**	**(8)**	**134**	**(6,356)**	**12,843**	**438**	**(196,884)**	**(39,024)**	**326,712**	**259,541**

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
for the six months ended 31 January 2017

	Share capital €'000	Share premium €'000	Treasury shares €'000	Capital redemption reserve €'000	Cashflow hedge reserve €'000	Revaluation reserve €'000	Share-based payment reserve €'000	Re-organisation reserve €'000	Foreign currency translation reserve €'000	Retained earnings €'000	Total €'000
At 1 August 2016	**1,264**	**160,399**	**(8)**	**134**	**1,273**	**12,843**	**-**	**(196,884)**	**(27,402)**	**327,683**	**279,302**
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,157)	(10,157)
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,261)	-	-	-	(2,489)	(3,091)	(6,841)
Share-based payment credit	-	-	-	-	-	-	121	-	-	-	121
Dividend paid to shareholders (Note 13)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22,416)	(22,416)
At 31 January 2017	**1,264**	**160,399**	**(8)**	**134**	**12**	**12,843**	**121**	**(196,884)**	**(29,891)**	**292,019**	**240,009**

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the six months ended 31 January 2018

	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	Year ended July 2017 €'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Loss)/profit before tax	**(2,757)**	(12,749)	50,100
Exceptional items	**-**	10,378	12,524
Finance income	**(602)**	(262)	(703)
Finance expense	**4,603**	4,078	7,617
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**(128)**	(132)	(229)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture	**(1,707)**	(1,742)	(4,366)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	**3,498**	3,378	7,099
Amortisation of intangible assets	**3,972**	3,597	6,718
Employee share-based payment charge	**80**	121	358
Pension contributions in excess of service costs	**(691)**	(821)	(576)
Payment of exceptional rationalisaton costs	**(2,943)**	(8,331)	(10,145)
Payment of employment related incentive costs	**-**	-	-
Payment of exceptional acquisition costs	**(1,443)**	(275)	(1,532)
Operating cash flow before changes in working capital	**1,882**	(2,760)	66,865
Increase in inventory	**(60,830)**	(40,980)	(2,706)
Decrease in trade and other receivables	**113,500**	171,455	13,765
Decrease in trade and other payables	**(145,253)**	(259,751)	(37,115)
Cash (absorbed)/generated from operating activities	**(90,701)**	(132,036)	40,809
Interest paid	**(2,698)**	(2,817)	(6,336)
Income tax paid	**(4,073)**	(5,222)	(8,166)
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	**(97,472)**	(140,075)	26,307

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (*continued*)
for the six months ended 31 January 2018

	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	Year ended July 2017 €'000
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	**1,091**	225	409
Proceeds from sale of equity investment	**-**	-	306
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	**(6,373)**	(3,794)	(11,206)
Additions to intangible assets	**(1,505)**	(857)	(3,566)
Arising on acquisitions	**(16,164)**	(956)	(20,305)
Proceeds from business disposal	**5,250**	-	-
Payment of put option liability	**-**	(1,746)	(1,746)
Payment of contingent acquisition consideration	**(704)**	(3,015)	(3,408)
Restricted cash	**-**	2,948	2,948
Loan repayment from associate	**84**	-	-
Dividends received from associates	**2,351**	3,697	3,822
Cash outflow from investing activities	**(15,970)**	(3,498)	(32,746)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Drawdown of bank loans	**60,063**	64,050	24,031
Payment of dividends to equity shareholders (Note 13)	**(22,445)**	(22,416)	(26,371)
Increase of finance lease obligations	**176**	67	-
Cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	**37,794**	41,701	(2,340)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	**(75,648)**	(101,872)	(8,779)
Translation adjustment	**141**	(1,610)	(3,963)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	**146,715**	159,457	159,457
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (Note 10)	**71,208**	55,975	146,715

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1 Basis of preparation

The Group condensed interim consolidated financial statements has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting (IAS 34), as endorsed by the EU. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared as information for the shareholders and do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements. They should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements in respect of the year ended 31 July 2017, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs. The financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2017 are available on the company's website www.originenterprises.com. Those financial statements contained an unqualified audit report.

The Group condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 January 2018 and the comparative figures for the six months ended 31 January 2017 are unaudited and have not been reviewed by the Auditors. The summary financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2017 represents an abbreviated version of the Group's full accounts for that year.

The Group condensed interim consolidated financial statements are presented in euro and rounded to the nearest thousand, which is the functional currency of the parent.

A comprehensive review of the Group's performance for the six months ended 31 January 2018 is included in the financial highlights section included on pages 5 to 12. The group's business is seasonal and is heavily weighted towards the second half of the financial year.

2 Accounting policies

The Group interim financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies as set out on pages 79 to 84 of the Group's Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2017.

The Group has not applied early adoption of any standards for which the effective date is not yet required.

3 Segment information

IFRS 8, 'Operating Segments', requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports that are regularly reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ('CODM') in order to allocate resources to the segments and to assess their performance. Following the acquisition of three businesses in Continental Europe during 2016 and subsequent restructuring of the Group's business, the basis of segmentation was amended during the year ended 31 July 2017 to reflect the new business model. Two operating segments have been identified: (1) Ireland and the United Kingdom and (2) Continental Europe. All comparative amounts have been restated to reflect the new basis of segmentation. The reclassification has no impact on revenue or operating profit reported by the Group.

Ireland and the United Kingdom

This segment includes the Group's wholly owned Irish and UK based Business-to-Business Agri-Inputs operations, Integrated Agronomy and On-Farm Services operations and Digital Agricultural Services business. In addition, this segment includes the Group's Associate and joint venture undertakings.

Continental Europe

This segment includes the Group's Business-to-Business Agri-Inputs operations, Integrated Agronomy and On-Farm Services operations in Belgium, Poland, Romania and Ukraine.

Information regarding the results of each reportable segment is included below. Performance is measured based on segment operating profit as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by the Group's CODM, being the Origin Executive Directors. Segment operating profit is used to measure performance, as this information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of the Group's segments.

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3 Segment information (continued)

(i) Segment revenue and result	**Ireland & UK**		**Continental Europe**		**Total Group**	
	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Total revenue	**534,864**	497,703	**209,418**	209,519	**744,282**	707,222
Less revenue from associates and joint venture	**(157,373)**	(142,786)	-	-	**(157,373)**	(142,786)
Revenue	**377,491**	354,917	**209,418**	209,519	**586,909**	564,436
Segment result	**1,220**	901	**1,043**	1,109	**2,263**	2,010
Profit from associates and joint ventures	**1,707**	1,742	-	-	**1,707**	1,742
Amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets	**(1,876)**	(1,422)	**(850)**	(885)	**(2,726)**	(2,307)
Operating profit before exceptional items	**1,051**	1,221	**193**	224	**1,244**	1,445
Exceptional items	-	(10,149)	-	(229)	-	(10,378)
Operating profit / (loss)	**1,051**	(8,928)	**193**	(5)	**1,244**	(8,933)

(ii) Segment earnings before financing costs and tax is reconciled to reported loss before tax and loss after tax as follows:

	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Segment earnings before financing and tax	**1,244**	(8,933)
Finance income	**602**	262
Finance expense	**(4,603)**	(4,078)
Reported loss before tax	**(2,757)**	(12,749)
Income tax credit	**733**	2,592
Reported loss after tax	**(2,024)**	(10,157)

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3 Segment information (continued)

(iii) Segment assets	**Ireland & UK**		**Continental Europe**		**Total Group**	
	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Assets excluding investment in associates and joint venture and investment properties	**543,842**	517,215	**250,003**	241,355	**793,845**	758,570
Investment in associates and joint venture (including other financial assets)	**32,725**	33,650	-	-	**32,725**	33,650
Segment assets	**576,567**	550,865	**250,003**	241,355	**826,570**	792,220

Reconciliation to total assets as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Cash and cash equivalents	**85,869**	74,499
Derivative financial instruments	**1,108**	1,245
Deferred tax assets	**4,663**	7,132
Total assets as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	**918,210**	875,096

(iv) Segment liabilities	**Ireland & UK**		**Continental Europe**		**Total Group**	
	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Segment liabilities	**259,920**	260,210	**111,828**	110,571	**371,748**	370,781

Reconciliation to total liabilities as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Interest-bearing loans and liabilities	**257,247**	236,083
Derivative financial instruments	**3,745**	1,283
Current and deferred tax liabilities	**25,929**	26,940
Total liabilities as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	**658,669**	635,087

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4 (Loss)/earnings per share

Basic loss per share

	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Loss for the financial period attributable to equity shareholders	**(2,024)**	(10,157)
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the period	**125,582**	125,578
	Cent	Cent
Basic loss per share	**(1.61)**	(8.09)

Diluted loss per share	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Loss for the financial period attributable to equity shareholders	**(2,024)**	(10,157)
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in basic calculation	**125,582**	125,578
Impact of shares	**77**	-
Impact of SAYE scheme	**531**	495
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted) for the period	**126,190**	126,073
	Cent	Cent
Diluted loss per share (1)	**(1.61)**	(8.09)

(1) The impact from potential shares are anti-dilutive for the earnings per share.

4 (Loss)/earnings per share (continued)

Adjusted basic earnings per share	**Six months ended January 2018 €'000**	Six months ended January 2017 €'000
Loss for the financial period attributable to equity shareholders	**(2,024)**	(10,157)
Amortisation of non-ERP related intangible assets	**2,726**	2,307
Tax on amortisation of non-ERP related intangible assets	**(367)**	(304)
Exceptional items, net of tax	-	8,463
Adjusted basic earnings	**335**	309
	Cent	Cent
Adjusted basic earnings per share	**0.27**	0.25
Total adjusted basic earnings - as above	**335**	309
	Cent	Cent
Total adjusted diluted earnings per share	**0.27**	0.25

The calculation of basic adjusted earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period of 125,581,696 (*31 January 2017: 125,578,447*). The weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of adjusted diluted earnings/(loss) per share is 126,190,275 (*31 January 2017: 126,073,154)*.

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5 Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statements for the six months ended 31 January 2017 and year ended 31 July 2017

An analysis of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement (including exceptional items) for the six months ended 31 January 2017 and year ended 31 July 2017 is set out below.

Six months ended 31 January 2017

	Six months ended January 2017 Pre-Exceptional €'000	Six months ended January 2017 Exceptional €'000	Six months ended January 2017 Total €'000
Revenue	564,436	-	564,436
Cost of sales	(493,556)	-	(493,556)
Gross profit	70,880	-	70,880
Operating costs	(71,177)	(10,378)	(81,555)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture	1,742	-	1,742
Operating (loss)	1,445	(10,378)	(8,933)
Finance income	262	-	262
Finance expense	(4,078)	-	(4,078)
Loss before income tax	**(2,371)**	**(10,378)**	**(12,749)**
Income tax credit	677	1,915	2,592
Loss for the period	**(1,694)**	**(8,463)**	**(10,157)**

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5 Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statements for the six months ended 31 January 2017 and year ended 31 July 2017 (continued)

Year ended 31 July 2017

	Year ended July 2017 Pre-Exceptional €'000	Year ended July 2017 Exceptional €'000	Year ended July 2017 Total €'000
Revenue	1,528,468	-	1,528,468
Cost of sales	(1,297,009)	-	(1,297,009)
Gross profit	231,459	-	231,459
Operating costs	(166,287)	(12,524)	(178,811)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture	4,366	-	4,366
Operating profit	69,538	(12,524)	57,014
Finance income	703	-	703
Finance expense	(7,617)	-	(7,617)
Profit before income tax	62,624	(12,524)	50,100
Income tax expense	(7,702)	3,222	(4,480)
Profit for the year	**54,922**	**(9,302)**	**45,620**

6 Property, plant and equipment

	January 2018 €'000	July 2017 €'000
Net book value		
At beginning of period	**105,271**	102,796
Arising on acquisitions (Note 12)	**10,087**	388
Additions	**6,215**	11,816
Disposals	**(1,413)**	(180)
Depreciation charge	**(3,498)**	(7,099)
Translation adjustments	**756**	(2,450)
At end of period	**117,418**	105,271

7 Goodwill and intangible assets

	January 2018 €'000	July 2017 €'000
Net book value		
At beginning of period	**205,961**	192,696
Arising on acquisitions (Note 12)	**10,550**	25,602
Additions	**1,505**	3,566
Amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets	**(2,726)**	(4,837)
ERP intangible amortisation	**(1,246)**	(1,881)
Translation adjustments	**1,702**	(9,185)
At end of period	**215,746**	205,961

Included in the total goodwill and intangible assets above is goodwill of €138,504,000 (July 2017: €128,701,000). There have been no indicators of impairment in the first half of the year therefore a full assessment of the carrying value of goodwill and intangibles will be carried out in the second half of the year.

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8 Investments in associates and joint venture

	January 2018 €'000	July 2017 €'000
At beginning of period	**34,206**	39,008
Share of profits after tax	**1,707**	4,366
Dividends received	**(2,351)**	(3,822)
Share of other comprehensive expense	**(1,644)**	(4,232)
Translation adjustments	**351**	(1,114)
At end of period	**32,269**	34,206

9 Provision for liabilities

The estimate of provisions is a key judgement in the preparation of the Interim condensed financial statements.

	January 2018 €'000	July 2017 €'000
At beginning of period	**15,464**	13,778
Arising on acquisition	**-**	5,129
Provided in period	**1,323**	11,590
Paid in period	**(3,649)**	(13,560)
Released in period	**(990)**	(977)
Unwinding of fair value discount	**74**	-
Translation adjustments	**169**	(496)
At end of period	**12,391**	15,464

Provisions for liabilities relate to various operating and employment related costs and contingent acquisition consideration that arose on various acquisitions.

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10 Analysis of net debt

	31 July 2017 €'000	Cash flow €'000	Non-cash movements €'000	Translation adjustment €'000	31 January 2018 €'000
Cash	162,631	(76,875)	-	113	85,869
Overdraft	(15,916)	1,227	-	28	(14,661)
Cash and cash equivalents	**146,715**	**(75,648)**	**-**	**141**	**71,208**
Finance lease obligations	(739)	(176)	-	34	(881)
Loans	(177,426)	(60,063)	(466)	(3,750)	(241,705)
Net debt	**(31,450)**	**(135,887)**	**(466)**	**(3,575)**	**(171,378)**

The loans included above are unsecured and the facility extends to May 2022.

11 Share capital

	January 2018 €'000	July 2017 €'000
Authorised		
250,000,000 ordinary shares of €0.01 each (i)	**2,500**	2,500
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
126,378,777 ordinary shares of €0.01 each (i)	**1,264**	1,264

(i) Ordinary shareholders are entitled to dividends as declared and each ordinary share carries equal voting rights at meetings of the Company.

12 Acquisition of subsidiary undertakings

During the period, the Group completed the acquisition of the fertiliser activities and certain assets of Bunn Fertilisers Limited ('Bunn) in the United Kingdom and the acquisition of Pillaert-Mekoson Group ('Pillaert-Mekoson') in Belgium. These acquisitions complement the Group's prescription fertilisers and speciality nutrition business.

Details of the acquisitions are as follows:

(i) On 10 August 2017 the Group completed the acquisition of the fertiliser activities and certain assets of Bunn. Based in the United Kingdom, Bunn is a leading producer of prescription fertiliser blends and nutrition management systems servicing the arable grassland and horticulture sector.

(ii) On 23 January 2018 the Group announced it had acquired 100% of Pillaert-Mekoson. Based in Belgium, Pillaert-Mekoson markets an extensive range of technically based nutrition applications and operates a strong business and retail customer franchise.

Details of the net assets acquired and goodwill arising from the business combinations are as follows:

	Fair value €'000
Assets	
Non-current	
Property, plant and equipment	10,087
Intangible assets	2,195
Total non-current assets	**12,282**
Current assets	
Inventory	1,919
Trade receivables	4,578
Other receivables	508
Total current assets	**7,005**
Liabilities	
Trade and other payables	(6,969)
Corporation tax	(371)
Deferred tax liability	(604)
Total liabilities	**(7,944)**
Total identifiable net assets at fair value	**11,343**
Goodwill arising on acquisition	8,355
Total net assets acquired	**19,698**
Consideration satisfied by:	
Cash consideration	22,152
Cash acquired	(5,988)
Net cash outflow	**16,164**
Working capital/net debt adjustment	3,534
Total consideration	**19,698**

The fair values presented in this note are based on provisional valuations due to the close proximity of the transactions to the end of the half year period.

13 Dividends

On 15 December 2017 a final dividend of 17.85 cent per ordinary share was paid in respect of the year ended 31 July 2017 which when combined with the interim dividend of 3.15 cent per ordinary share brings the total dividend for the year ended 31 July 2017 to 21 cent per ordinary share.

An interim dividend of 3.15 cent (2017: 3.15 cent) per ordinary share will be paid on 20 April 2018 to shareholders on the register on 6 April 2018. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not reflect this dividend payable.

14 Taxation

The taxation credit for the interim period is an estimate based on the expected full year effective tax rate on full year profits.

15 Contingent liabilities

The Group is not aware of any major changes with regard to contingent liabilities in comparison with the situation as of 31 July 2017.

16 Financial commitments

The Group has a financial commitment of €7.8 million attributable to a strategic partnership with University College Dublin ('UCD'). The commitment is over a four year period.

17 Related party transactions

Related party transactions occurring in the period were similar in nature to those described in the 2017 Annual Report.

18 Release of half yearly condensed interim consolidated financial statements

The Group condensed interim consolidated financial information was approved for release by the Board on 7 March 2018.

19 Distribution of Interim Report

This interim report is available on the Group's website (www.originenterprises.com). A printed copy is available to the public at the Company's registered office.