

Investor Day Encoder Product Division

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Customer needs

- Initial market was metrology, exploiting Renishaw's contacts in the CMM market but later evolved into industrial automation.
- Many manufacturing businesses are adopting industrial automation to:
 - Increase capacity and flexibility
 - Improve product consistency and quality
 - Reduce manufacturing time & costs
- Automation requires rapid, reliable and accurate measurement of relative position between moving parts such as:
 - Linear distance moved
 - Angle moved





Engineering solutions – what is a position encoder?

- A 'position encoder' converts position data into a 'coded' electrical signal. Consists essentially of 2 components:
 - Scale (a rule with accurate markings on it)
 - Readhead (a small device to read position information from the Scale)
- The Scale has positional information 'encoded' along its length
- The *Readhead* reads and interprets the scale's positional information using optical, magnetic, inductive or capacitive techniques and outputs positional data as 'coded' electrical signals



Engineering solutions – features of our encoders

- Non-contact
 - The readhead does not touch the scale
 - Position is sensed optically
 - No friction or wear
- Hence:
 - Rugged and easy to install
 - Innovate to give competitive advantage





Engineering solutions – features of our encoders

- Linear measure distance in a straight line...fixed, tracked...
- Rotary measure angular rotation about an axis...ring, disc...
- Made in house we own the processes

 Typical performance: resolve to 10's nm (below thousandth of hair's breadth), tenths of an arc second, lengths beyond 50 m, diameters up to 1.5 m

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Engineering solutions – features of our encoders

- Incremental and absolute measurement
 - Incremental reports relative position (how far have I moved?)

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- Conventional method...our early products
- Absolute reports actual position (where am I?)
- Newer...taking the innovative lead



Successful outcomes – encoder applications

- Renishaw encoders are used in a wide variety of industries and applications
- Large and growing market with many opportunities but demand quality, reliability, service as well as performance and cost of ownership

Manufacturing Processes	Products
Electronics	Metrology
Semiconductor	Machine tools
Flat panel display	Aerospace
Motion control	Robotics
Solar panel	Print
Scientific	Medical



Successful outcomes – Electronics manufacture

- Miniature electronic and optical components are positioned on boards and then bonded with glue or solder
- Amicra Mikrotechnologie develops and manufactures Micro Assembly Cells designed for this purpose.
- Amicra machines mount micro-components with an accuracy of up to ±0.5 μm
- Renishaw's RESOLUTE absolute encoders provide instant position information on power up with low noise and high stability





Successful outcomes – Encoders in space!

- Part of European *Copernicus* Earth observation programme
- 1st of 5, Sentinel-1A launched 3 April '14
- 2 Renishaw rotary encoders on the Laser Communication Terminal for inter-satellite communication
- Targets telescope at long range, typically 5000 km
- Pointing accuracy <1 µrad
 i.e. hit a dinner plate at 1000 miles



