

Subsidiary undertakings

	Country of incorporation	Group interest in equity capital (per cent)	Nature of business
Welding and cutting products			
Europe			
Esab AB	Sweden	100	Welding consumables and equipment
Esab Cutting Systems GmbH	Germany	100	Oxy-fuel, plasma, laser and water jet cutting
North America			
The Esab Group Inc.	USA	100	Welding consumables and equipment
South America			
Esab SA Industria e Comercio	Brazil	38	Welding consumables and equipment
Conarco Alambres y Soldaduras S.A.	Argentina	38	Welding consumables and equipment
Asia Pacific			
Esab Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd	Singapore	100	Welding consumables and equipment
Air and gas handling			
Europe			
Howden Power Ltd	Northern Ireland	100	Industrial and utility fans and heat exchangers
Howden Sirocco SA	France	100	Industrial fans
Burton Corblin SA	France	100	Compressors
Ventilatoren Sirocco Howden BV	Netherlands	100	Industrial fans and ventilation systems
Turbowerke Meissen Howden GmbH	Germany	100	Industrial fans
Voith Howden GmbH	Germany	100	Industrial and utility fans
Howden Power A/S	Denmark	100	Industrial and utility fans
Howden Talleres Sanchez Luengo SA	Spain	100	Heat exchangers
North America			
Howden Buffalo Inc	USA	100	Industrial and utility fans
Asia Pacific			
Howden Hua Engineering Co Limited	China	70	Industrial and utility fans and heat exchangers
South Africa			
Howden African Holdings Limited	South Africa	54	Industrial and utility fans, heat exchangers, gas cleaning equipment, pumps and cooling systems

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Specialised engineering			
North America			
Howden Food Equipment Inc	USA	100	Pasta making machinery
Howden Airodynamics Inc	USA	100	Military fans, pumps, compressors and motors
Western Design Howden Inc	USA	100	Ammunition handling systems, cooling systems and military environmental control systems
Bauer Howden Inc	USA	100	Aircraft support equipment
Asia Pacific			
HD Engineering Limited	Hong Kong	100	Drilling machines, components and accessories

Associated undertakings

Howden Compressors Limited	Scotland	49	Screw compressors
GCE Gas Control Equipment AB	Sweden	50	Gas control equipment
ESAB SeAH Corp.	South Korea	50	Welding consumables
ESAB India Ltd	India	38	Welding consumables and equipment
I/S Susa	Denmark	50	Property partnership

Notes

- The group's controlling interests in Esab SA Industria e Comercio and Conarco Alambres y Soldaduras S.A. are held by intermediate holding companies in which the group has voting control.
- Each of the associated undertakings has only one class of capital.
- The principal country of operation is the same as the country of incorporation.
- The group's interest in the equity capital of Voith Howden GmbH increased from 75 per cent to 100 per cent with effect from 15 February 2002.
- The group undertakings above are all held by subsidiary undertakings of the Company. A full list of group undertakings will be annexed to the Company's next annual return.
- Esab Cutting Systems GmbH was formerly known as Esab Hancock GmbH.
- Howden Power Ltd was formerly known as Howden Sirocco Ltd.
- Howden Power A/S was formerly known as Howden Variax A/S.
- Howden Buffalo Inc was formerly known as The Howden Fan Company Inc. The New Philadelphia Fan Co. has been merged into Howden Buffalo Inc.
- ESAB SeAH Corp. was formerly known as Alloy Rods Korea Corp.