

Charter plc

Corporate fact sheet:

Charter owns (through a number of intermediate holding companies) two international engineering businesses, one focussed on welding, cutting and automation ('ESAB'), and the other on air and gas handling ('Howden').

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Key financials:

	2007	2006 (Restated) ¹
Revenue	£1,451.1 million	£1,257.9 million
ESAB	£970.8 million	£828.4 million
Howden	£480.3 million	£429.5 million
Adjusted operating profit ²	£173.8 million	£144.6 million
ESAB	£126.6 million	£102.1 million
Howden	£57.6 million	£50.3 million
Howden - profit on sale of property	-	£4.8 million
Other (including central costs)	£(10.9) million	£(12.6) million
Operating profit	£173.3 million	£144.6 million
Profit before tax	£178.1 million	£146.0 million
Profit after tax	£144.8 million	£129.1 million
Profit attributable to equity shareholders	£137.8 million	£123.4 million
Earnings per share – adjusted ³	84.7 pence	68.1 pence
Earnings per share – basic	82.7 pence	74.4 pence
Net cash	£88.2 million	£43.1 million
Total equity shareholders' funds	£426.4 million	£246.1 million
Shares in issue (31 December 2007)	166,699,142	
Free float	100%	

¹ the 2006 comparatives have been restated to reflect the change in accounting for post employment benefits

² before amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles and goodwill and exceptional items

³ before amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles and goodwill, exceptional tax credit of £10.5 million in 2006 and (losses)/gains on retranslation of intercompany loan balances

Key dates 2008:

Interim results 28 August 2008

Board of Directors:***Executive Directors***

Michael Foster	Chief Executive
Robert Careless	Finance Director
James Deeley	Legal Director and Company Secretary

Non-Executive Directors

Lars Emilson	Chairman
The Honourable James Bruce	Senior Independent Non-Executive Director
John Biles	Independent Non-Executive Director
John Neill CBE	Independent Non-Executive Director
Grey Denham	Independent Non-Executive Director
Andrew Osborne	Independent Non-Executive Director

No. of employees: 12,180 (as at 31 December 2007)

Share price and listing information:

Listing:	London Stock Exchange
Ticker:	CHRT
FTSE sector:	Industrial engineering
Listing date:	23 August 1993

2006

High	954 pence
Low	542 pence

2007

High	1265 pence
Low	728 pence

2008

High	1058 pence
Low	580 pence

Key advisors:

Registrars	Computershare Investor Services PLC
Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (London)
Corporate brokers	ABN Amro
Principal bankers	HSBC
Legal advisors	Slaughter and May
Financial PR advisors	Brunswick