





Meeting the energy challenge

FY 2022 results

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# Agenda



# 1. Overview

Tim Mortlock, CEO



# FY 2022 Overview

# **Financial performance**

#### ILARR<sup>1</sup>

- +13%2 to £97.1m
- End-February: £98.5m
  - annual RPI adjustment to be applied on 1 April 2023

## EBITDA, PBT<sup>3</sup>

- EBITDA: +21% to £63.8m
  - marginally ahead4
- PBT: +34% to £24.5m
  - materially ahead<sup>4</sup>
- FY 2023 outlook:
  - EBITDA expected to be marginally ahead; PBT in line

#### **Liquidity & Dividends**

- Net debt: £31.2m
- £355m undrawn facility at 31 December 2022
- DPS +10%, in line with policy

# **Operational performance**

#### **Meter and Data assets**

- FY 2022 installation run-rate ahead of expectations
- c.2.17m<sup>5</sup> meter pipeline
- Continued market opportunities

#### **Grid-scale battery storage**

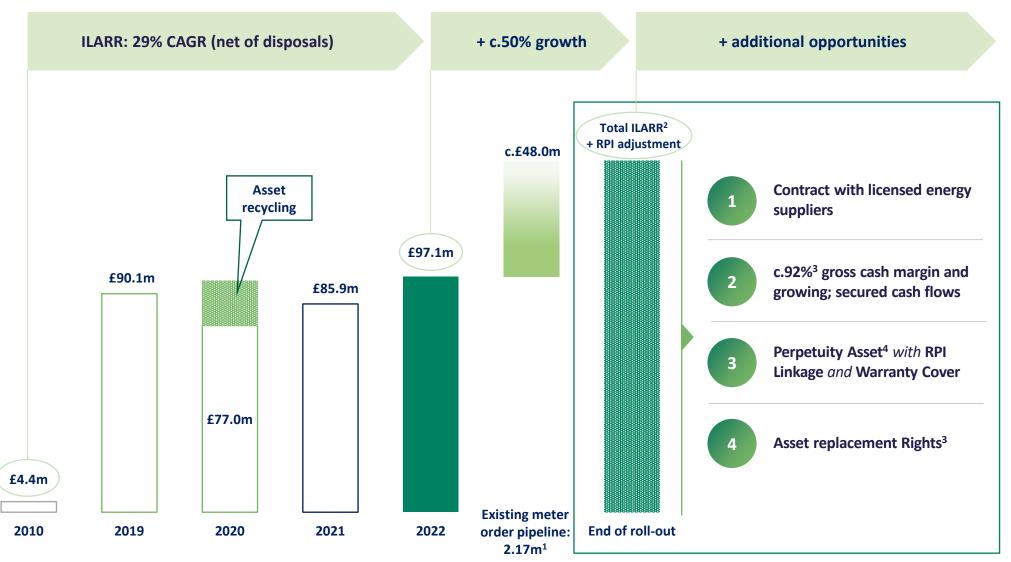
- 860MW total portfolio<sup>6</sup>
- 140MW operational
  - £123,000/MW annualised EBITDA, significantly ahead of expectations
- 470MW secured
- 250MW under exclusivity

#### Other CaRe assets

- Continue to develop offering in EV charging, Behind-the-meter
  - METIS technology platform
- Strategic investments in EV charging, Energy Data platforms
- Progressing other CaRe assets

- 1. Index-linked annualised recurring revenue
- 2. The comparison is versus 31 December 2021 ILARR of £85.9m
- 3. EBITDA excludes exceptional items and PBT excludes exceptional items and amortisation of certain intangibles
- 4. Upgraded during the FY22 trading update published on 26 January 2023
- 5. Contract win offset by meter installs in 2022
- 6. Portfolio at 13 March 2023

# Long-term, sustainable cash flows from meter and data assets



<sup>1.</sup> SMS contracted smart meter order pipeline at 31 December 2022

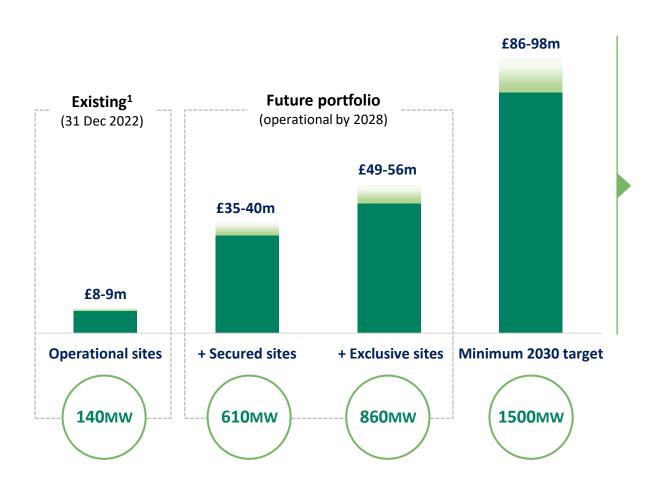
<sup>2.</sup> This excludes ILARR from the traditional meters and third party assets which will be exchanged with smart meters during the roll-put program

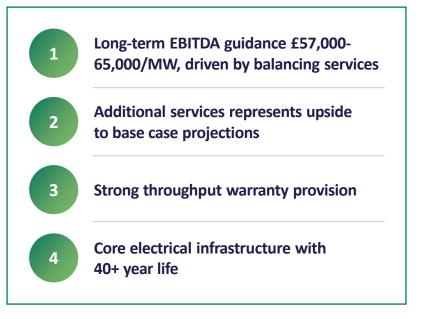
<sup>3.</sup> This represent FY22 gross cash margin in the Asset Management division. Gross cash margin is calculated by adding back depreciation to Asset Management gross margin

<sup>4.</sup> Where SMS is appointed as MOP and/or MAM at end of the asset life

# Significant growth in grid-scale battery storage assets

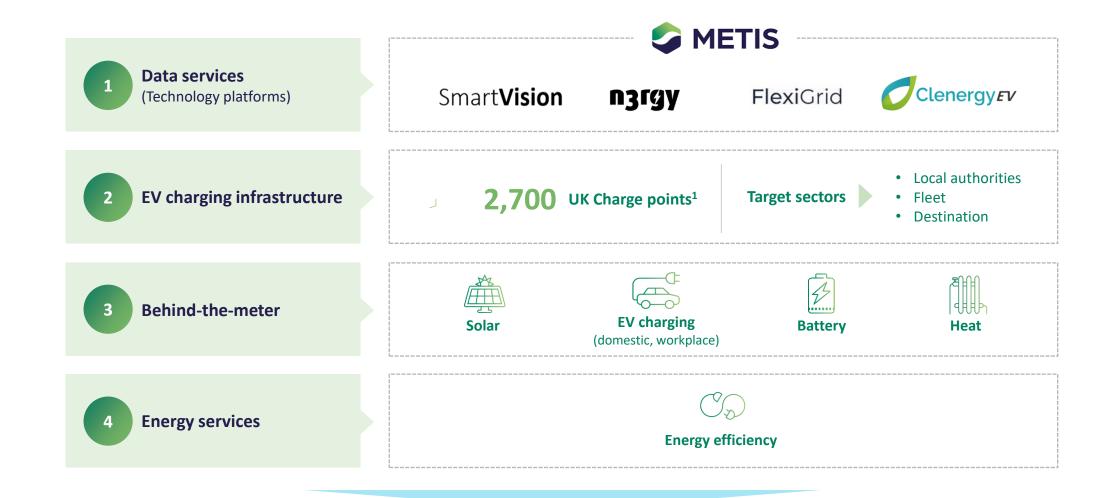
#### >10x growth in annualised EBITDA from grid-scale battery storage





<sup>1.</sup> Annualised EBITDA based on SMS guidance

# Additional opportunities in other CaRe assets



Fully integrated and scalable platform provides significant potential in other CaRe assets high growth areas

<sup>1.</sup> Managed through Clenergy EV CPO platform

# Sustainability integrated across our business

#### **Health & Safety**

# 'Vision Zero' – zero accidents and employee wellbeing

- Maintained all ISO certifications with no major non-conformances recorded
- ✓ No injury RIDDORs<sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Continued progress across all Vision Zero Action Plans
- ✓ IOSH Vision Zero Training to commence in 2023

#### **Environment**

# Sustainability integration across the entire organisation

- ✓ Continued progress on our 2030 netzero roadmap
- Decarbonisation measures continue, including PV and battery installation
- ✓ Successful trial of mild hybrid; further to be onboarded in 2023
- ✓ Continued improvement in external ESG scores

#### **Social**

# Delivering for our people and the communities we serve

- √ Volunteering Programme (foodbank, school & nursing home)
- ✓ Member of Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse
- ✓ School engagement
- √ Young Persons Guarantee Employer, Glasgow
- ✓ Support Career Ready mentoring programme

#### Governance

# Corporate governance policies supported by independent board

- ✓ Chairman acts as Chair of the Health, Safety and Sustainability Committee
- ✓ Continue to expand the SHEQ Digital Management platform to continually improve governance practices
- ✓ Denoted as "leading global peers" on corporate governance by MSCI

# SMS 'Net Zero' roadmap



<sup>1.</sup> RIDDOR: Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations; LTIFR: Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate; TRIFR: Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate



# Meters and Data: ILARR and assets under management

- Total ILARR at 31 December 2022: £97.1m (31 December 2021: £85.9m)
  - ILARR increased to £98.5m at 28 February 2023
  - Annual RPI adjustment on 1 April 2023
- Total meter and data assets under management<sup>1</sup> at 31 December 2022: 4.5 million (31 December 2021: 4.2 million)
- Total smart meter portfolio at 31 December 2022: 2.1 million (31 December 2021: 1.7 million)

#### Meter and data assets under management ('000)

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Smart meters	2,108	1,668
Data assets	410	449
I&C meters	106	105
Traditional meters	251	277
Third-party assets	1,575	1,746
Total meter and data assets under management	4,450	4,245

#### **ILARR** as at 31 December 2022

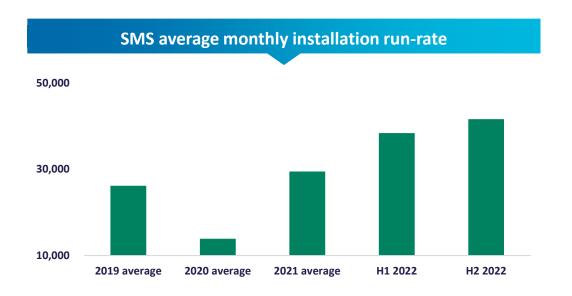


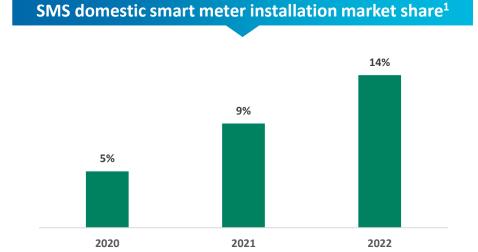
<ul><li>Smart meters</li></ul>	£61.1m
Data assets	£16.0m
I&C meters	£5.3m
Traditional meters	£11.2m
<ul> <li>Third-party assets</li> </ul>	£3.5m <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> The disposed I&C meter assets in 2020 are managed by SMS and classified under third-party assets

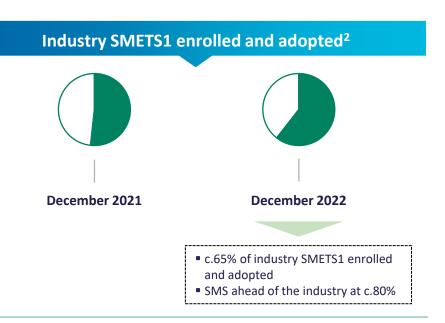
<sup>2.</sup> Excludes pass-through third-party rental

# **Smart meter: current run-rate and pipeline**





# Existing order pipeline Additional opportunities C.2.17m meters 2-3m meters



<sup>1.</sup> SMS internal estimates

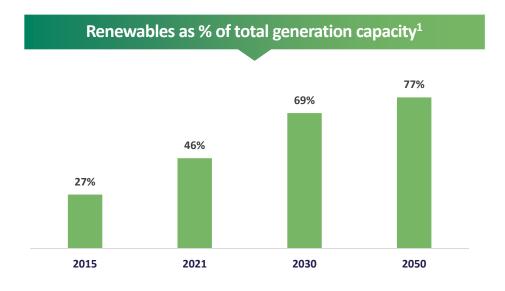
<sup>2.</sup> Source: Smart DCC, BEIS, SMS internal estimates

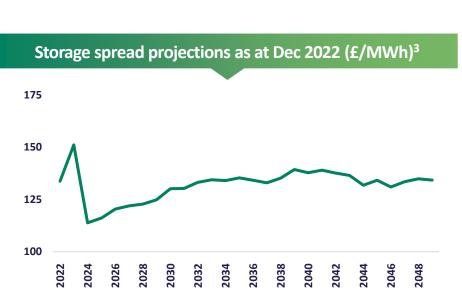
# **Grid-scale battery storage: Strong portfolio**

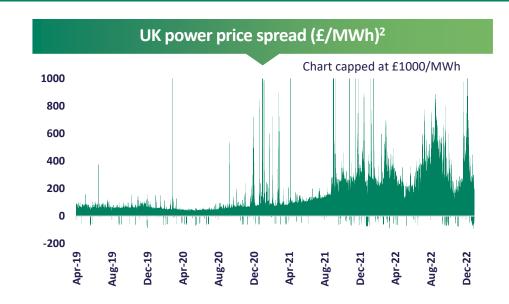
# Continued progress in further developing the portfolio of grid-scale battery storage assets **Total portfolio:** 860MW<sup>1</sup> Lease signed Grid connection 250MW Construction **Future pipeline** 470MW **140MW** established · Grid connection secured completed under (Under active Pre planning completed Asset energised Planning secured operational secured development) exclusivity Lease Heads of Terms · Ready for construction Trading commenced 320MW 150MW pre-construction under construction

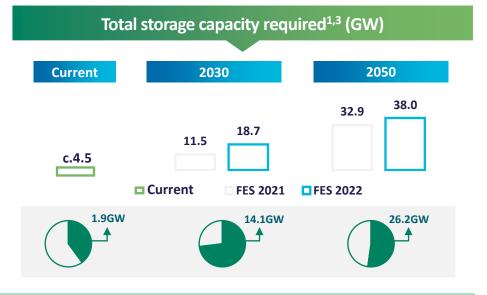
(operational in 2023)

# **Grid-scale battery storage: Growing renewables widening spreads**





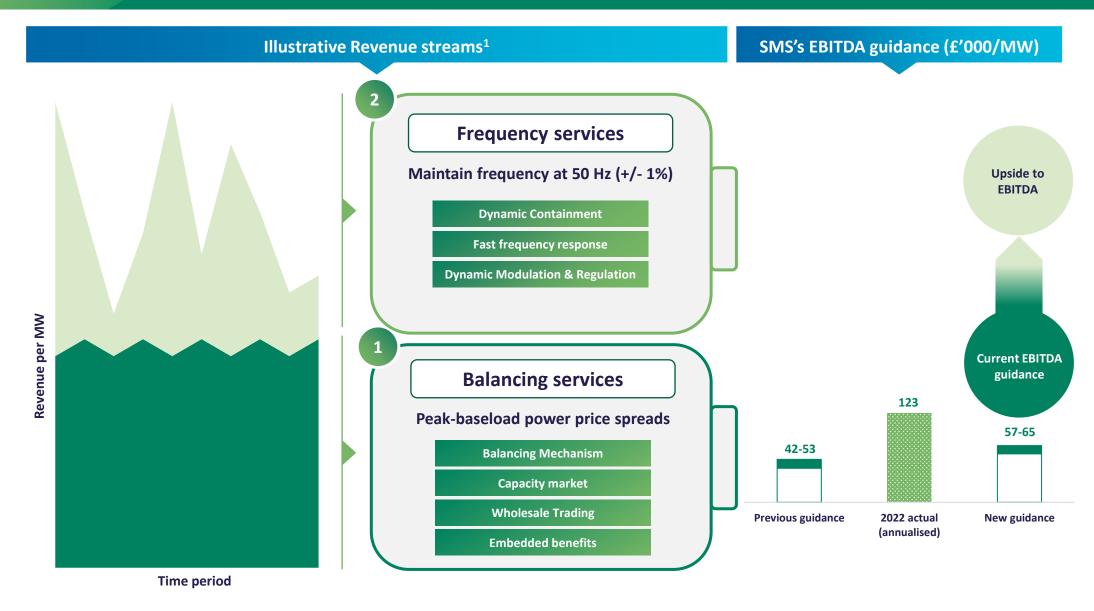




<sup>1.</sup> National Grid Future Energy Scenario's 2022

<sup>2.</sup> Source: Modo. Spread = Difference between the highest and the lowest price in a day

# Grid-scale battery storage: Revenue and EBITDA drivers



<sup>1.</sup> This chart is purely for illustration. In reality, depending on the trading opportunity and strategy, one revenue stream would be replaced by another

# 3. Financial review Gail Blain, CFO



# FY 2022 delivers strong financial performance

- Operational performance drives strong FY 2022 financials
  - Continued growth in meter installation run-rate, averaging c.45,000 per month in the second half of the year
    - Meter installation coupled with annual inflation increase, drives strong growth in ILARR
  - Performance of the first 50MW battery site significantly ahead of management expectations
- Growth across all key metrics:
  - ILARR: +13%<sup>1</sup>
  - Revenue: +25%
  - Pre-exceptional EBITDA: +21%
  - Underlying PBT: +34%
- Robust liquidity position at 31 December 2022
  - Cash: £32.8m
  - Undrawn debt facility: £355m
- FY 2022 pre-exceptional EBITDA marginally ahead<sup>2</sup>, and underlying PBT materially ahead<sup>2</sup>, in line with the upgraded guidance in our announcement on 26 January 2023
- FY 2023 pre-exceptional EBITDA expected to be marginally ahead; underlying PBT in line
- 1. The comparison is versus 31 December 2021 ILARR of £85.9m
- Upgraded during the FY22 trading update published on 26 January 2023

# FY 2022 income statement

	Dec 2022 £m	Dec 2021 £m
Group revenue	135.5	108.5
Pre-exceptional EBITDA	63.8	52.8
Exceptional operating items	(6.6)	(6.5)
Statutory EBITDA	57.1	46.3
Depreciation and amortisation	(37.1)	(32.8)
Interest	(3.9)	(3.5)
Exceptional finance costs	_	(1.7)
Statutory profit before taxation	16.0	8.3
Underlying profit before taxation*	24.5	18.3

- £6.6m of exceptional items, mostly related to the loss on the traditional and SMETS1 meters
- Interest charge reflects the interest and nonutilisation fees in relation to the £420m facility

# Divisional revenues:

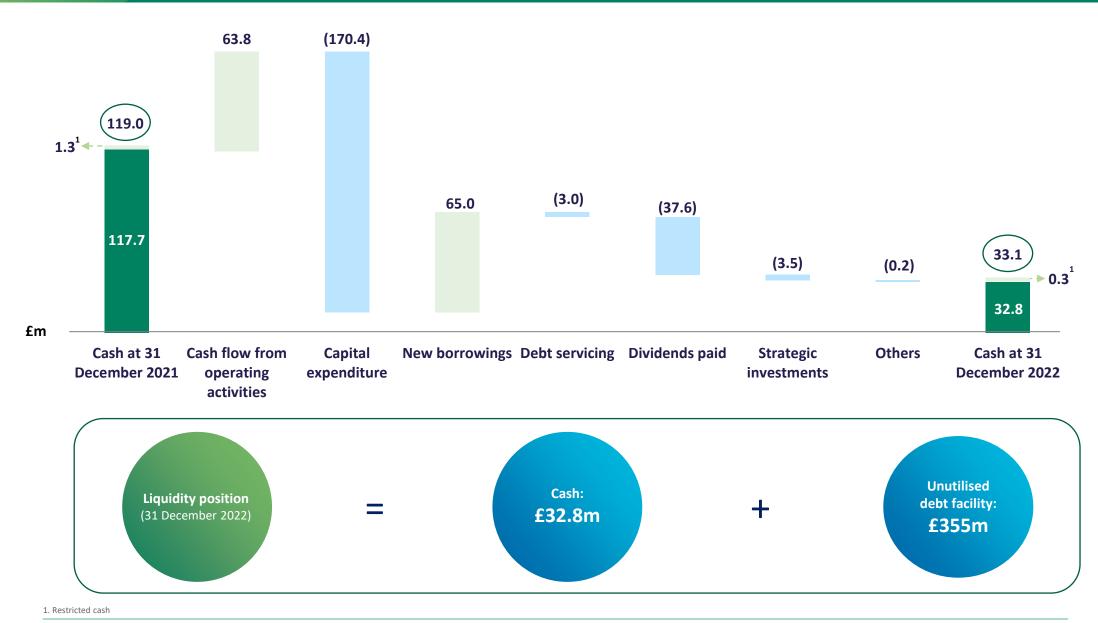
\* Excluding exceptional items and amortisation of certain intangibles

	Dec 2022 £m	Dec 2021 £m
Asset management	92.8	82.9
Asset installation	30.5	22.0
Energy management	12.2	3.6
Group revenue	135.5	108.5

- Asset management improvement driven by meter installations and inflation
  - Depreciation adjusted gross margin at 92%
- Asset installation revenues increased due to a higher volume of transactional work
- Energy management includes £7.2m revenue from the battery sites. Excluding this growth was 38%, driven by the recommencement of energy efficiency projects

Revenue and pre-exceptional EBITDA growth driven by increased meter installations and first 50MW battery site

# FY 2022 cash flow



# 4. Summary Tim Mortlock, CEO



# Summary

# Strong platform to withstand economic shocks

- Inflation-linked contracts provide protection against inflationary environment
  - Next annual RPI adjustment on 1 April 2023

## Existing pipeline of meters and grid-scale battery storage to significantly grow EBITDA

- Net meter pipeline of c.2.17m<sup>1</sup>; continued momentum in installation rates
- Grid-scale battery storage assets portfolio of 860MW<sup>2</sup>; attractive returns evidenced from operational sites
- Progress in further expanding other CaRe products and services

## Strong liquidity position to support delivery of future growth

- Net debt position of £31.2m at 31 December 2022
- Sustainable long-term dividend policy
  - FY 2022 dividend of 30.25 pence per share
  - +10% y-o-y until FY 2024, in line with stated policy
- Results and outlook
  - FY 2022 results<sup>3</sup>: EBITDA marginally ahead; PBT materially ahead
  - FY 2023 outlook: EBITDA expected to be marginally ahead; PBT in line
  - Confident medium term outlook

<sup>1.</sup> Contract win offset by meter installs in FY 2022

<sup>2.</sup> At 13 March 2023. Including 140MW operational capacity

<sup>3.</sup> Upgraded during the FY22 trading update published on 26 January 2023







# FY 2022 balance sheet

	December 2022 £m	December 2021 £m
Assets		
Non-current	573.4	443.1
Current	90.9	71.1
Cash at bank	32.8	117.7
Restricted cash	0.3	1.3
Total assets	697.4	633.2
Liabilities		
Bank loan <1 year	0.6	_
Current liabilities	71.6	58.1
Bank loan >1 year	63.3	_
Non-current liabilities	28.4	21.3
Total liabilities	163.9	79.4
Net assets	533.5	553.8

- Increase in non-current assets primarily due to investments in meters and grid-scale batteries
- Increase in current assets driven by investment in maintaining high meter inventory levels
- Cash position of £32.8m (31 December 2021: £117.7m)
  - Net debt was £31.2m
  - £355m undrawn facility

# **SMS** leadership and investor relations

#### **Executive team**



**Tim Mortlock**Chief Executive Officer



**Gail Blain**Chief Financial Officer



**Dilip Kejriwal**Head of Investor Relations

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