Origin Enterprises plc

INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT

Positive start to trading in first half

6 March 2019

Origin Enterprises plc ('Origin' or 'the Group'), the Agri-Services group, today announces its interim results for the half year ended 31 January 2019.

Highlights

- Group revenue up 19.5% to €701.6 million *(H1 2018: €586.9 million)*, driven by increased agronomy services revenue and crop input volumes, increased fertiliser prices and the Fortgreen acquisition in Latin America
- Positive performance in the first half of the year with operating profit of €9.1 million *(H1 2018: €2.3 million)*
- Good first-time contribution, as guided, from the Fortgreen acquisition in Latin America, with an operating profit of €5.5 million
- Underlying operating profit increase of €1.0 million reflecting favourable early season demand in Ireland and the UK
- Good progress achieved in digital agronomy services enablement. Over 800,000 hectares on-boarded on Contour digital platform by the end of the period
- Increase in net debt to €238.8 million *(H1 2018: €171.4 million)*, following acquisition activity and increased investment in working capital
- Interim dividend of 3.15 cent per share *(H1 2018: 3.15 cent per share)*

Results Summary	31 Jan 2019 €'000	31 Jan 2018 €'000	Change €'000	Constant Currency €'000
Group revenue	701,551	586,909	114,642	116,311
Operating profit[1]	9,071	2,263	6,808	6,751
Associates and joint venture[2]	1,809	1,707	102	97
Total Group operating profit[1]	10,880	3,970	6,910	6,848
Finance cost, net	(5,881)	(4,001)	(1,880)	(1,886)
Profit/(loss) before tax[1]	4,999	(31)	5,030	4,962
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (cent)[3]	3.61	0.27	3.34	3.30
Group net debt	238,818	171,378	(67,440)	
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 (2019: €3.4 million, 2018: €2.4 million) and exceptional items, net of tax (2019: €0.7 million, 2018: €Nil)*

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

“Origin has achieved a good first half result, recording an operating profit of €9.1 million, up from €2.3 million in the first half of 2018. The performance reflects the benefit of favourable early season demand for agronomy services and crop inputs, together with a strong first-time contribution from our Latin American segment. Our investment in Latin America underlines the Group’s ambition to pursue meaningful geographical diversification and seasonality balance in attractive growth markets.

Looking ahead, the autumn and winter cropping profile established to date provides a solid foundation for the seasonally more important second half. A full year outlook will be provided at the time of the update on third quarter trading on 19 June 2019.”

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Capital Markets Day

Origin will host a capital markets day for analysts and institutional investors in London on Wednesday 8 May 2019. Further information will be circulated in due course.

Conference Call

The results announcement is available on the Company website www.originenterprises.com. There will be a live conference call at 8.30am (Irish/UK time) 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, Brazil, Poland, Romania and Ukraine. Origin is listed on the Euronext Growth (Dublin) and AIM markets of the Irish and London Stock Exchanges.

Euronext Growth (Dublin) ticker symbol:	OIZ
AIM ticker symbol:	OGN
Website:	www.originenterprises.com

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Financial Review – Summary

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Associates and joint venture, net[2]	1,809	1,707
Group operating profit[1]	10,880	3,970
Finance cost, net	(5,881)	(4,001)
Pre-tax profit/(loss)	4,999	(31)
Income tax (charge)/credit	(393)	366
Adjusted net profit	4,606	335
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (cent)[3]	3.61	0.27
Adjusted net profit reconciliation		
Reported net profit/(loss)	441	(2,024)
Amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets	4,265	2,726
Tax on amortisation of non-ERP related intangible assets	(833)	(367)
Exceptional items, net of tax	733	-
Adjusted net profit	4,606	335
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (cent)[3]	3.61	0.27

Origin delivered adjusted diluted earnings per share[3] for the period of 3.61 cent compared to adjusted diluted earnings per share of 0.27 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 0.47 cent.

Group revenue

Group revenue was €701.6 million compared to €586.9 million in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 19.5%. On an underlying basis at constant currency, revenues increased by €79.4 million (13.5%), 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 9.3% in the period compared to the corresponding period last year.

Operating profit[1]

Operating profit[1] from the Agri-Services business was €9.1 million compared to a profit of €2.3 million in the corresponding period last year. On an underlying basis, at constant currency, the increase year-on-year was €1.0 million. Acquisitions contributed €5.8 million to operating profit, primarily due to a strong first-time contribution from the Group's Latin American division.

Associates and joint venture[2]

Origin's share of the profit after interest and taxation from associates and joint venture amounted to €1.8 million, a 6.0% increase on the prior year.

Net debt and financing costs

The Group's financial position remains strong.

Average net debt amounted to €277.1 million compared to €222.0 million in the prior year. Net debt at 31 January 2019 was €238.8 million compared with €171.4 million at 31 January 2018, and is 2.57 times EBITDA[4] for the twelve months to 31 January 2019. The average and period end net debt increase is principally attributable to the acquisition and working capital investment relating to the Brazil-based Fortgreen business, some build up of inventories in our UK businesses as a contingency against the uncertain outcome regarding Brexit and an increased investment in working capital in Continental Europe. Net finance costs amounted to €5.9 million compared to €4.0 million in the corresponding period last year.

At period end our key banking covenants are as follows:

	Banking Covenant	2019 Times	2018 Times
Net debt to EBITDA	Maximum 3.5	2.57	2.17
EBITDA to net interest	Minimum 3.0	9.25	11.24

Working capital

Following the seasonal investment in working capital in the period, the net cash outflow from operating activities was €134.1 million *(H1 2018: €97.5 million)* and there was an increase of €137.5 million in working capital *(H1 2018: €92.6 million)*. The year-on-year net working capital outflow reflects planned inventory build in our UK businesses as a contingency against uncertain Brexit outcomes and a short-term increase in working capital investment in Continental Europe primarily driven by the later collection of receivables due to extended logistical bottlenecks impacting the timing of farmer grain sales. Additional factors impacting working capital include the Fortgreen acquisition in Latin America and an overall increase in Group revenue. We expect the increased level of working capital investment to unwind over the coming months.

Dividend

An interim dividend of 3.15 cent per share will be paid on 12 April 2019 to shareholders on the register on 29 March 2019.

[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 (2019: €3.4 million, 2018: €2.4 million) and exceptional items, net of tax (2019: €0.7 million, 2018: €Nil)*

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

Review of Operations

Group Overview

	2019 €m	2018 €m	Change on prior period: Change €m	Underlying[4] €m	Constant Currency[5] €m
Revenue	701.6	586.9	114.7	79.4	116.3
Operating profit[1]	9.1	2.3	6.8	1.0	6.8
Associates and joint venture[2]	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Adjusted diluted EPS (cent)[3]	3.61	0.27	3.34	0.47	3.30

[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 (2019: €3.4 million, 2018: €2.4 million) and exceptional items, net of tax (2019: €0.7 million, 2018: €Nil)
[4] Excluding currency movements and the impact of acquisitions
[5] Excluding currency movements

Origin has delivered a strong financial and operating performance in the period with growth in Group revenue, operating profit and adjusted fully diluted earnings per share of €114.7 million, €6.8 million and 3.34 cent, respectively. Performance in the period benefited from underlying growth in demand for agronomy services and crop inputs together with the impact of acquisitions in the period, contributing €5.8 million to operating profit.

Ireland and the United Kingdom

	2019 €m	2018 €m	Change on prior period: Change €m	Underlying[3] €m	Constant Currency[4] €m
Revenue	433.9	377.5	56.4	55.5	55.6
Operating profit[1]	2.8	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6
Associates and joint venture[2]	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1

[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
[4] Excluding currency movements

Ireland and the United Kingdom recorded a very satisfactory performance in the seasonally quiet first half.

Higher revenues and margins in the period largely reflected strong performances in Business-to-Business Agri-Inputs. On an underlying basis at constant currency there was a €1.6 million increase in operating profit. Underlying agronomy service and crop input volume growth was 12.4% in the period.

In December 2018 the Group acquired a small UK based business, Symbio, which specialises in biological based crop technologies with applications in the Amenity and the broader Integrated Agronomy channels.

Integrated On-Farm Agronomy Services

Integrated Agronomy and On-Farm Services achieved a good performance in the first half supported by higher agronomy service revenues and crop input volumes. An exceptionally mild and largely settled weather pattern for the period supported an extended autumn and winter crop planting season resulting in robust activity levels on-farm. The favourable volume momentum in the period reflected, in part, early procurement planning by growers and farmers due to the current lack of certainty regarding the nature of the UK's departure from the European Union on 29 March 2019.

Total autumn and winter plantings for the principal combinable crops are estimated to be 3.2% above last year at 2.8 million hectares with an increase in the area of winter wheat of 3.7% to 1.83 million hectares, more than offsetting a reduction in the area for oilseed rape by 4.4% to 0.6 million hectares. Total autumn, winter and spring plantings for the 2019 growing season are forecasted to be marginally ahead of last year at 4.5 million hectares.

Digital Agricultural Services

Digital Agricultural Services delivered a strong operational performance in the period, with focus on product adoption and the implementation of extended application functionality covering agile decision support and new crop disease risk models. The roll out of Contour, the Group's proprietary digital platform for agronomists and farmers, continued at pace with over 800,000 hectares on-boarded at the end of the period.

We remain focused on execution and helping farmers and growers realise the practical on-farm benefits of these new data and digitally enabled tools, increasing customer loyalty, and supporting our value-added distribution businesses.

Business-to-Business Agri-Inputs

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

Fertiliser

Fertiliser has performed strongly in the period, recording higher volumes and positive margin development. This performance has largely been driven by a stable pricing environment and favourable weather conditions which have provided confidence to primary producers to secure a portion of their nutrition requirements in advance of the 2019 spring season, resulting in the earlier timing of sales. Volumes for the period have also been positively impacted by the extended 2018 season due to catch up activity on-farm with producers remediating the impact of poor growing conditions in spring and summer 2018. Sales margins continue to be positively supported by growth in sales of differentiated fertiliser and bespoke nutrition applications.

Amenity

Amenity delivered a satisfactory result, despite lower demand, which reflected higher levels of carried forward customer stockholding following unseasonal weather conditions experienced in 2018 which adversely impacted input and service application in that period. Volume development is expected to return to normal levels in the main spring and summer application periods in 2019, however total volumes are expected to be lower for the year as a whole.

Feed Ingredients

Feed Ingredients achieved a good result in the period with performance supported by the continuation of strong spot demand in the first half following poor grass growing conditions in 2018. Demand is expected to normalise in the second half of the financial year against the heightened levels experienced in the prior year.

The Group's animal feed manufacturing associate, John Thompson & Sons Limited, in which the Group has a 50% shareholding, delivered a satisfactory performance in the period.

Continental Europe[1]

	2019 €m	2018 €m	Change on prior period Change €m	Underlying[3] €m	Constant Currency[4] €m
Revenue	147.9	121.6	26.3	12.2	27.6
Operating profit[2]	0.6	0.9	(0.3)	(0.7)	(0.4)

[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
[4] Excluding currency movements

Continental Europe recorded a €0.7 million reduction in underlying operating profit at constant currency in the seasonally less significant first half. The performance reflects challenging market conditions and a particularly demanding operating environment for farmers.

Service providers are responding to the effects of the delayed spring season and prolonged dry conditions in 2018 which limited harvest outcomes and early crop establishment in the period. The resulting impacts on primary producer economics and on-farm cash flow drove lower agronomy service and crop input application in the period.

Underlying business volumes reduced by 0.3% compared with the corresponding period last year. Value added technologies maintained good growth momentum throughout the region and continued to generate opportunities for the Group's agronomy portfolios.

Belgium

Belgium delivered a very satisfactory performance in the period, supported by favourable volume and margin development. Positive on-farm sentiment drove robust early season demand together with favourable momentum in the case of differentiated and bespoke nutrition applications.

Poland

Unseasonably dry weather impacted volumes in Poland for the period resulting in lower underlying agronomy service and crop input volumes. Early season demand was impacted by a reduction in oilseed rape crop plantings, with the lower oilseed rape area being offset by an increase in later sown winter cereal varieties. Autumn and winter plantings are estimated to be approximately 1.9% higher than the prior year at 4.7 million hectares. Spring plantings are forecast to be broadly in line with last year resulting in an increase in the total cropping area for the 2019 season of 0.9% to 8.2 million hectares.

Romania

Romania delivered a satisfactory result in the period in challenging market conditions. Sustained dry conditions during the early autumn have hampered oilseed and cereal crop establishment resulting in lower agronomy service and input demand in the period. Total autumn and winter crop plantings are forecast at 2.5 million hectares compared with 3.1 million hectares last year.

The reduction in autumn and winter plantings is expected to be largely offset by an increase in spring cropping, resulting in combined winter and spring plantings for the 2019 growing season as a whole estimated to be 1.5% behind last year at 8.1 million hectares.

Ukraine

Ukraine recorded lower margins on higher underlying revenues in the period with service providers responding to a more competitive market backdrop. The period was characterised by lower liquidity at primary producer level due to logistical bottlenecks which have impacted the timing of the grain movement off-farm.

Growing conditions in the period were excellent with total autumn and winter crop plantings estimated to be 6.4% ahead of the comparative period at 8.3 million hectares. Total crop plantings for the 2019 growing season are currently forecast at 22.9 million hectares against 22.7 million hectares for the prior year.

Latin America

			Change on prior period		
	2019 €m	2018 €m	Change €m	Underlying[2] €m	Constant Currency[3] €m
Revenue	21.3	-	21.3	-	21.3
Operating profit[1]	5.5	-	5.5	-	5.5

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

Origin entered the Latin American market in August 2018 through the acquisition of Fortgreen, a business which is focused on the development and marketing of value added crop nutrition and speciality inputs and which is headquartered in Paraná State in southern Brazil.

Latin America has delivered an excellent first-time contribution in the period. Integration is progressing to plan, with performance in line with pre-acquisition expectations. A strong innovation pipeline supported good growth in speciality soluble nutrition technologies for grain and speciality crop applications.

The harvest period for Brazil's principal spring crop, Soya, is progressing well with circa 51% of Paraná's planted area harvested with some localised damage to the crops following a period of dry weather in December and January.

The acquisition of a 20% shareholding in the Brazilian business Ferrari Zagatto E Cia. Ltda., announced in the prior financial year, is expected to complete in the second half of the current financial year.

Brexit

The Group continues to monitor Brexit negotiations and ensure that appropriate planning for a no-deal Brexit is in place.

Additional storage was secured over the winter period as we come into the traditional peak season and additional inventory has been secured both on an owned and consigned / contract storage basis. As a result we believe that we are well prepared for any short-term logistical disruption that may result from a no-deal Brexit. However, the Board and senior management will continue to closely monitor the situation and adjust the Group's strategic plans as necessary.

Outlook

Looking ahead, the autumn and winter cropping profile established to date provides a solid foundation for the seasonally more important second half. A full year outlook will be provided at the time of the announcement of the third quarter trading update on 19 June 2019.

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement
for the six months ended 31 January 2019

	Notes	Six months ended January 2019 Pre-exceptional €'000	Six months ended January 2019 Exceptional €'000	Six months ended January 2019 Total €'000	Six months ended January 2018 Total €'000	Year ended July 2018 Total €'000 Note 5
Revenue	*3*	701,551	-	701,551	586,909	1,627,533
Cost of sales		(612,346)	-	(612,346)	(511,273)	(1,389,926)
Gross profit		89,205	-	89,205	75,636	237,607
Operating costs		(84,399)	(733)	(85,132)	(76,099)	(171,409)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture		1,809	-	1,809	1,707	7,221
Operating profit	*3*	6,615	(733)	5,882	1,244	73,419
Finance income		416	-	416	602	1,432
Finance expense		(6,297)	-	(6,297)	(4,603)	(9,514)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		734	(733)	1	(2,757)	65,337
Income tax credit/(expense)		440	-	440	733	(8,552)
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders		1,174	(733)	441	(2,024)	56,785

		Six months ended January 2019	Six months ended January 2018	Year ended July 2018
Basic earnings/(loss) per share	*4*	0.35c	(1.61c)	45.22c
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share	*4*	0.35c	(1.61c)	44.94c

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the six months ended 31 January 2019

	Six months ended January 2019 €'000	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Year ended July 2018 €'000
Profit/(loss)for the period	441	(2,024)	56,785
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	(4,753)	2,205	3,628
- deferred tax effect of remeasurements	800	(365)	(504)
- share of remeasurements on associate's defined benefit pension schemes	-	-	5,865
- share of deferred tax effect of remeasurements - associates	-	-	(997)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the Group income statement:			
Group foreign exchange translation details			
- exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	2,784	(948)	(1,243)
Group/Associate cash flow hedges			
- effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(80)	(3,243)	1,396
- fair value of cash flow hedges transferred to operating costs	(2,708)	760	888
- deferred tax effect of cash flow hedges	462	436	(333)
- share of associates and joint venture cash flow hedges	(902)	(1,879)	4,827
- deferred tax effect of share of associates and joint venture cash flow hedges	113	235	(603)
Other comprehensive expense for the period, net of tax	(4,284)	(2,799)	12,924
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period attributable to equity shareholders	(3,843)	(4,823)	69,709

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 January 2019

	Notes	January 2019 €'000	January 2018 €'000	July 2018 €'000
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	*6*	124,717	117,418	117,929
Investment properties		11,825	9,675	11,825
Goodwill and intangible assets	*7*	285,310	215,746	216,334
Investments in associates and joint venture	*8*	42,867	32,269	48,171
Other financial assets		562	456	450
Derivative financial instruments		608	986	835
Deferred tax assets		5,085	4,663	3,280
Post employment benefit obligations		-	-	725
Total non-current assets		470,974	381,213	399,549
Current assets				
Inventory		243,488	221,046	194,192
Trade and other receivables		301,315	229,960	461,199
Derivative financial instruments		1,051	122	1,399
Restricted cash		-	-	500
Cash and cash equivalents		84,892	85,869	147,212
Total current assets		630,746	536,997	804,502
TOTAL ASSETS		1,101,720	918,210	1,204,051

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (*continued*)
as at 31 January 2019

	Notes	January 2019 €'000	January 2018 €'000	July 2018 €'000
EQUITY				
Called up share capital presented as equity	11	1,264	1,264	1,264
Share premium		160,422	160,422	160,422
Retained earnings and other reserves		142,363	97,855	168,561
TOTAL EQUITY		304,049	259,541	330,247
LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Interest-bearing borrowings		281,981	242,131	165,232
Deferred tax liabilities		29,829	18,272	22,171
Put option liability		27,097	5,516	5,531
Provision for liabilities	9	3,999	8,261	8,045
Post employment benefit obligations		3,694	813	-
Derivative financial instruments		197	-	46
Total non-current liabilities		346,797	274,993	201,025
Current liabilities				
Interest-bearing borrowings		41,729	15,116	20,836
Put option liability		5,771	-	-
Trade and other payables		383,663	353,028	638,161
Corporation tax payable		4,200	7,657	8,143
Provision for liabilities	9	13,642	4,130	5,467
Derivative financial instruments		1,869	3,745	172
Total current liabilities		450,874	383,676	672,779
TOTAL LIABILITIES		797,671	658,669	873,804
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,101,720	918,210	1,204,051

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the six months ended 31 January 2019

	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 2018	1,264	160,422	(8)	134	3,510	12,843	538	(196,884)	(39,319)	387,747	330,247
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441	441
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,115)	-	-	-	2,784	(3,953)	(4,284)
Share-based payment charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	90
Dividend paid to shareholders (Note 13)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22,445)	(22,445)
At 31 January 2019	1,264	160,422	(8)	134	395	12,843	628	(196,884)	(36,535)	361,790	304,049

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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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(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 Cash Flows
for the six months ended 31 January 2019

	Six months ended January 2019 €'000	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Year ended July 2018 €'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit/(loss)before tax	1	(2,757)	65,337
Exceptional items	733	-	(663)
Finance income	(416)	(602)	(1,432)
Finance expense	6,297	4,603	9,514
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(156)	(128)	(285)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture	(1,809)	(1,707)	(7,221)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,845	3,498	7,451
Amortisation of intangible assets	5,476	3,972	7,946
Employee share-based payment charge	90	80	180
Pension contributions in excess of service costs	(462)	(691)	(852)
Payment of exceptional rationalisaton costs	(829)	(2,943)	(3,334)
Payment of exceptional acquisition costs	(358)	(1,443)	(3,688)
Operating cash flow before changes in working capital	12,412	1,882	72,953
Increase in inventory	(40,746)	(60,830)	(28,505)
Decrease in trade and other receivables	176,595	113,500	(58,469)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(273,359)	(145,253)	87,713
Cash (absorbed)/generated from operating activities	(125,098)	(90,701)	73,692
Interest paid	(4,564)	(2,698)	(6,927)
Income tax paid	(4,449)	(4,073)	(10,428)
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(134,111)	(97,472)	56,337

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	Six months ended January 2019 €'000	Six months ended January 2018 €'000	Year ended July 2018 €'000
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	440	1,091	1,410
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(7,223)	(6,373)	(11,602)
Additions to intangible assets	(1,717)	(1,505)	(5,645)
Arising on acquisitions	(33,239)	(16,164)	(23,857)
Proceeds from sale of Chemical division	-	5,250	5,250
Payment of contingent acquisition consideration	(1,091)	(704)	(1,627)
Restricted cash	500	-	(500)
Loan (advance)/repayment with associate	(98)	84	85
Dividends received from associates	6,909	2,351	2,483
Cash outflow from investing activities	(35,519)	(15,970)	(34,003)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Drawdown of bank loans	180,557	86,132	141,775
Repayment of bank loans	(45,000)	(25,893)	(158,155)
Payment of dividends to equity shareholders (Note 13)	(22,445)	(22,445)	(26,371)
Cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	113,112	37,794	(42,751)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(56,518)	(75,648)	(20,417)
Translation adjustment	1,233	141	261
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	126,559	146,715	146,715
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (Note 10)	71,274	71,208	126,559

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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 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs. The financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 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 2019 and the comparative figures for the six months ended 31 January 2018 are unaudited and have not been reviewed by the Auditors. The summary financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 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 2019 is included in the financial highlights section included on pages 5 to 13. 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 90 to 97 of the Group's Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2018, with the exception of the new accounting standards outlined below.

The following Standards and Interpretations are effective for the Group in the current financial period but do not have a material effect on the results or financial position of the Group:

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The Group has adopted IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), which replaces the existing guidance in IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, from 1 August 2018. Under IFRS 9, on initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"), or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). This classification is dependent on the business model for managing the financial assets and on whether the cash flows represent solely the payment of principal and interest. The Group has quantified the impact on its consolidated financial statements resulting from the application of IFRS 9. The vast majority of financial assets held by the Group are trade receivables and cash.

Trade receivables and cash will continue to be accounted for at amortised cost. IFRS 9 introduces a forward looking expected credit losses model, rather than the current incurred loss model, when assessing the impairment of financial assets in the scope of IFRS 9. Given historic loss rates and normal receivable ageing, the move from an incurred loss model to an expected loss model has not had a material impact.

On this basis, the classification and measurement changes do not have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements. The impact of adopting IFRS 9 on the consolidated financial statements was not material for the Group and there was no adjustment to retained earnings on application at 1 August 2018. In line with the transition guidance in IFRS 9 the Group has not restated the 2018 prior year / half year results on adoption.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The Group has adopted IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15"), which replaces the existing guidance in IAS 18 Revenue, from 1 August 2018. The core principle of IFRS 15 is that an entity should recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Under IFRS 15, an entity recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied i.e. when 'control' of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer. At the date of adoption, the Group assessed the impact on its consolidated financial statements resulting from the application of IFRS 15.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

The vast majority of the Group's revenue is attributable to (1) Agri-Inputs operations, (2) Agronomy and On-Farm Services operations and (3) Digital Agricultural Services. Legal title of goods sold is transferred on agreed contracted terms between parties, and generally, there is one performance obligation in each of the Group's sale contracts. Based on the Group's contractual and trading relationships, the impact of adopting IFRS 15 on the consolidated financial statements was not material for the Group and there was no adjustment to retained earnings on application at 1 August 2018. The Group has not restated the 2018 prior year / half year results on adoption.

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

On a prospective basis, for all new liabilities recognised in respect of shares held by non-controlling shareholders, all movements in the fair value of such options will be recognised in retained earnings.

IFRS 16 Leases

The Group's evaluation of the effect of adoption of IFRS 16, 'Leases' is ongoing. The Group expects that the adoption of IFRS 16 will have a material impact on the financial statements, significantly increasing the Group's recognised assets and liabilities. The fair values of these leases are currently being evaluated. As a result of the transition to IFRS 16, the fair value of these leases representing the present value of the lease payments over the expected lease contract period will be recognised as a Right of Use Asset with a corresponding value recognised as a lease liability. This standard will be effective for and will be adopted by the Group for the 2020 financial year beginning 1 August 2019.

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. Three operating segments have been identified: (1) Ireland and the United Kingdom, (2) Continental Europe and (3) Latin America.

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.

Latin America

This segment includes the Group's 65 per cent controlling interest in the Brazilian based speciality nutrition and crop inputs business, Fortgreen Commercial Agricola Ltda.

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 and UK		Continental Europe		Latin America		Total Group	
	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000
Total revenue	644,207	534,864	246,318	209,418	21,312	-	911,837	744,282
Less revenue from associates and joint venture	(210,286)	(157,373)	-	-	-	-	(210,286)	(157,373)
Revenue	433,921	377,491	246,318	209,418	21,312	-	701,551	586,909
Segment result	2,827	1,220	793	1,043	5,451	-	9,071	2,263
Profit from associates and joint venture	1,809	1,707	-	-	-	-	1,809	1,707
Amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets	(2,119)	(1,876)	(915)	(850)	(1,231)	-	(4,265)	(2,726)
Operating profit/(loss) before exceptional items	2,517	1,051	(122)	193	4,220	-	6,615	1,244
Exceptional items	(437)	-	(253)	-	(43)	-	(733)	-
Operating profit / (loss)	2,080	1,051	(375)	193	4,177	-	5,882	1,244
Segment earnings before financing and tax							5,882	1,244
Finance income							416	602
Finance expense							(6,297)	(4,603)
Reported profit/(loss) before tax							1	(2,757)
Income tax credit							440	733
Reported profit/(loss) after tax							441	(2,024)

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3 Segment information (continued)

(ii) Segment assets	Ireland & UK		Continental Europe		Latin America		Total Group	
	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000
Assets excluding investment in associates and joint venture	555,627	543,842	322,915	250,003	88,113	-	966,655	793,845
Investment in associates and joint venture (including other financial assets)	43,429	32,725	-	-	-	-	43,429	32,725
Segment assets	599,056	576,567	322,915	250,003	88,113	-	1,010,084	826,570

Reconciliation to total assets as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position		
Cash and cash equivalents	84,892	85,869
Derivative financial instruments	1,659	1,108
Deferred tax assets	5,085	4,663
Total assets as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	1,101,720	918,210

(iii) Segment liabilities	Ireland & UK		Continental Europe		Latin America		Total Group	
	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2019 €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 €'000
Segment liabilities	264,728	259,920	126,360	111,828	46,778	-	437,866	371,748

Reconciliation of total liabilities as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position		
Interest-bearing loans and liabilities	323,710	257,247
Derivative financial instruments	2,066	3,745
Current and deferred tax liabilities	34,029	25,929
Total liabilities as reported in Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	797,671	658,669

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4 Earnings/(loss) per share

Basic earnings/(loss) per share

	Six months ended January 2019 €'000	Six months ended January 2018 €'000
Profit/(loss) for the financial period attributable to equity shareholders	441	(2,024)
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the period	125,582	125,582
	Cent	Cent
Basic earnings/(loss)per share	0.35	(1.61)

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share	Six months ended January 2019 €'000	Six months ended January 2018 €'000
Profit/(loss) for the financial period attributable to equity shareholders	441	(2,024)
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in basic calculation	125,582	125,582
Impact of shares with dilutive effect	1,108	77
Impact of SAYE scheme	726	531
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted) for the period	127,416	126,190
	Cent	Cent
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share	0.35	(1.61)

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4 Earnings/(loss) per share (continued)

Adjusted basic earnings per share	Six months ended January 2019 €'000	Six months ended January 2018 €'000
Profit/(loss) for the financial period attributable to equity shareholders	441	(2,024)
Amortisation of non-ERP related intangible assets	4,265	2,726
Tax on amortisation of non-ERP related intangible assets	(833)	(367)
Exceptional items, net of tax	733	-
Adjusted basic earnings	4,606	335
	Cent	Cent
Adjusted basic earnings per share	3.67	0.27
Total adjusted basic earnings - as above	4,606	335
	Cent	Cent
Total adjusted diluted earnings per share	3.61	0.27

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 2018: 125,581,696)*. The weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of adjusted diluted earnings/(loss) per share is 127,416,250 (*31 January 2018: 126,190,275)*.

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5 Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statements for the six months ended 31 January 2018 and year ended 31 July 2018

An analysis of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement (including exceptional items) for the six months ended 31 January 2018 and year ended 31 July 2018 is set out below.

Six months ended 31 January 2018

	Six months ended Jan 2018 Pre-Exceptional €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 Exceptional €'000	Six months ended Jan 2018 Total €'000
Revenue	586,909	-	586,909
Cost of sales	(511,273)	-	(511,273)
Gross profit	75,636	-	75,636
Operating costs	(76,099)	-	(76,099)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture	1,707	-	1,707
Operating profit	1,244	-	1,244
Finance income	602	-	602
Finance expense	(4,603)	-	(4,603)
Loss before income tax	(2,757)	-	(2,757)
Income tax credit	733	-	733
Loss for the period	(2,024)	-	(2,024)

Year ended 31 July 2018

	Year ended Jul 2018 Pre-Exceptional €'000 ended	Year ended Jul 2018 Exceptional €'000 ended	Year ended Jul 2018 Total €'000 ended
Revenue	1,627,533	-	1,627,533
Cost of sales	(1,389,926)	-	(1,389,926)
Gross profit	237,607	-	237,607
Operating costs	(172,072)	663	(171,409)
Share of profit of associates and joint venture	7,221	-	7,221
Operating profit	72,756	663	73,419
Finance income	1,432	-	1,432
Finance expense	(9,514)	-	(9,514)
Profit before income tax	64,674	663	65,337
Income tax expense	(7,900)	(652)	(8,552)
Profit for the year	56,774	11	56,785

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6 Property, plant and equipment

	January 2019 €'000	July 2018 €'000
Net book value		
At beginning of period	117,929	105,271
Arising on acquisitions (Note 12)	2,512	10,087
Additions	7,390	11,628
Disposals	(283)	(1,571)
Depreciation charge	(3,845)	(7,451)
Translation adjustments	1,014	(35)
At end of period	124,717	117,929

7 Goodwill and intangible assets

	January 2019 €'000	July 2018 €'000
Net book value		
At beginning of period	216,334	205,961
Arising on acquisitions (Note 12)	67,973	11,997
Additions	1,621	5,645
Amortisation of non-ERP intangible assets	(4,265)	(5,655)
ERP intangible amortisation	(1,211)	(2,291)
Translation adjustments	4,858	677
At end of period	285,310	216,334

Included in the total goodwill and intangible assets above is goodwill of €183,704,000 (July 2018: €138,112,000). 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 2019 €'000	July 2018 €'000
At beginning of period	48,171	34,206
Share of profits after tax	1,809	7,221
Dividends received	(6,909)	(2,483)
Share of other comprehensive expense	(789)	9,092
Translation adjustments	585	135
At end of period	42,867	48,171

9 Provision for liabilities

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

	January 2019 €'000	July 2018 €'000
At beginning of period	13,512	15,464
Arising on acquisition (Note 12)	6,755	2,995
Provided in period	121	2,007
Paid in period	(2,258)	(4,964)
Released in period	(850)	(2,137)
Translation adjustments	361	147
At end of period	17,641	13,512

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 2018 €'000	Cash flow €'000	Arising on acquisition €'000	Non-cash movements €'000	Translation adjustment €'000	31 January 2019 €'000
Cash	147,212	(66,744)	3,470	-	954	84,892
Overdraft	(20,653)	6,756	-	-	279	(13,618)
Cash and cash equivalents	126,559	(59,988)	3,470	-	1,233	71,274
Finance lease obligations	(862)	(354)	-	-	(3)	(1,219)
Loans	(164,553)	(135,203)	(8,177)	(339)	(601)	(308,873)
Net debt	(38,856)	(195,545)	(4,707)	(339)	629	(238,818)
Restricted cash	500	(500)	-	-	-	-
Net debt including restricted cash	(38,356)	(196,045)	(4,707)	(339)	629	(238,818)

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

11 Share capital

	January 2019 €'000	July 2018 €'000
Authorised		
250,000,000 ordinary shares of €0.01 each (i)	2,500	2,500
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
126,382,206 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 Fortgreen Commercial Agricola Ltda ('Fortgreen') in Brazil and the acquisition of Symbio Group ('Symbio') in the United Kingdom. These acquisitions complement the Group's prescription fertilisers and speciality nutrition business.

Details of the acquisitions are as follows:

(i) On 14 August 2018 the Group acquired a 65 per cent controlling interest in the Brazilian based speciality nutrition and crop inputs business, Fortgreen Commercial Agricola Ltda.

(ii) On 20 November 2018 the Group completed the acquisition of 100 per cent of Eco Solutions (C & R) Limited trading as Symbio. Based in the United Kingdom, Symbio specialises in biological based crop technologies.

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

Assets	Fair value €'000
Non-current	
Property, plant and equipment	2,512
Intangible assets	25,561
Total non-current assets	28,073
Current assets	
Inventory	6,078
Trade and other receivables	16,221
Corporation tax asset	123
Total current assets	22,422
Liabilities	
Trade and other payables	(10,354)
Deferred tax liability	(7,949)
Total liabilities	(18,303)
Total identifiable net assets at fair value	32,192
Goodwill arising on acquisition	42,412
Total net assets acquired (excluding debt acquired)	74,604
Consideration satisfied by:	
Cash consideration	36,709
Cash acquired	(3,470)
Net cash outflow	33,239
Contingent consideration	6,755
Put option	26,433
Consideration	66,427
Debt acquired	8,177
Total consideration plus debt acquired	74,604

The goodwill recognised on acquisition is attributable to the skills and technical talent of the acquired business's workforce, and the synergies expected to be achieved from integrating the company into the Group's existing business.

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12 Acquisition of subsidiary undertakings (continued)

Origin acquired a 65 per cent interest in Fortgreen for cash consideration on 14 August 2018. The Group have also entered into an arrangement with the minority shareholder, under which the minority shareholder has the right at various dates to sell the remaining 35 per cent interest to Origin based on an agreed formula. In the event that this is not exercised, Origin has a similar right to acquire the 35 per cent interest. Origin has recognised an option liability of €26.4 million which is the fair value of the future estimated amount payable to exercise the option. This has been determined based on an agreed formula which includes an expectation of future trading performance and timing of when the options are expected to be exercised, discounted to present day value.

Origin has elected to apply the anticipated acquisition method in accounting for the option whereby the non-controlling interest is not recognised but rather treated as already acquired by Origin both in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. This treatment has been adopted as the Directors have formed the view that based on the structure and timing of the option contracts sufficient risks and rewards are deemed to have transferred to Origin. Profits and losses attributable to the minority shareholder in respect of their 35 per cent interest will be presented as attributable to the equity shareholders of Origin and not as attributable to minority interests. The €26.4 million financial liability recognised by the Group forms part of the contingent consideration for the acquisition. For all new liabilities recognised in respect of shares held by non-controlling shareholders, all movements in the fair value of such options will be recognised in retained earnings.

Post-acquisition revenues and operating profit relating to the current year acquisitions amounted to €21.5 million and €5.8 million. If the acquisitions had occurred on 1 August 2018, management estimates total consolidated revenue would have been €704.3 million and consolidated operating profit for the six-month period would have been €9.4 million. In determining these amounts management has assumed that the fair value adjustments that arose on the dates of acquisition would have been the same if the acquisition occurred on 1 August 2018.

13 Dividends

On 15 December 2018 a final dividend of 17.85 cent per ordinary share was paid in respect of the year ended 31 July 2018 which when combined with the interim dividend of 3.15 cent per ordinary share brings the total dividend for the year ended 31 July 2018 to 21 cent per ordinary share.

An interim dividend of 3.15 cent (2018: 3.15 cent) per ordinary share will be paid on 12 April 2019 to shareholders on the register on 29 March 2019. 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 2018.

16 Financial commitments

The Group has a financial commitment of €7.4 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 2018 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 5 March 2019.

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.