

# GROUNDNED

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## Strong return to profit

In August we announced our financial results for the year ending 30th April 2022.

We reported record revenues of £124.9m and a strong return to profit after two years impacted by COVID.

We delivered an operating margin of 3.5%, and pre-tax profit climbed to £3.6m in the year to April 2022, after a loss of £1.4m previously.

Over the past year, we have seen significant growth across all divisions, notably in higher margin Specialist Piling, Rail and Ground Engineering Services.

These results are the first to reflect a full year's trading post COVID and demonstrate the positive progress the Group is making under its transformation strategy launched in 2019.

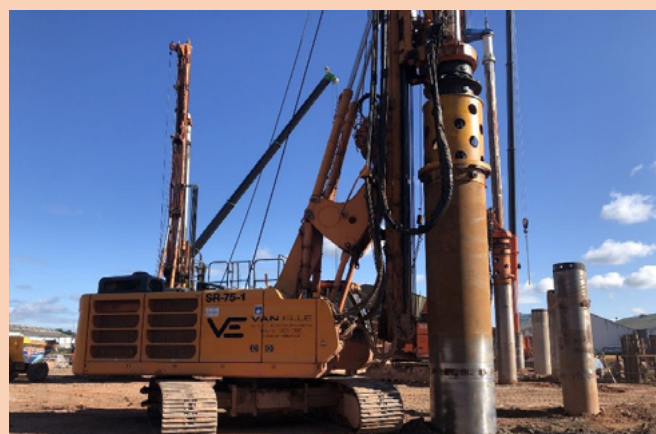
We would like to thank our employees, suppliers and customers for their hard work and support over the last year.

## Piling works progressing well at Acciona waste-to-energy facility

Our piling division are making excellent progress on the enfinium Kelvin waste-to-energy facility in Sandwell, West Midlands.

The team are currently utilising our Soilmec SR75's and SR95 piling rigs in rotary bored configuration, to install 2no secant piled retaining walls for two bunkers.

The foundation works for this scheme include the installation and testing of over 1,000 rotary and CFA piles. We'll also be installing 200m of concrete guide walls, secant piled retaining walls for two bunkers, and removing approximately 16,000m<sup>3</sup> of spoil.



## Upgraded HGV vehicle makes first delivery

The first of our upgraded HGV vehicles made its first delivery, transporting our Llamada P140 piling rig to a project in Sunderland.

Throughout the year you'll see more new vehicles arrive, as part of our process to replace and upgrade our full fleet of HGV vehicles.

The new fleet will deliver improved reliability and fuel consumption – which can be as low as 3mpg when transporting heavy equipment – and is key to our sustainability targets.

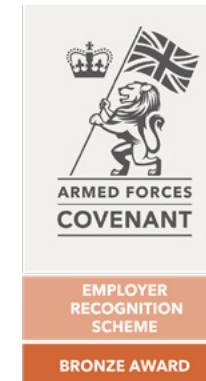


## Bronze award from MoD after signing Armed Forces Covenant

Further to signing the Armed Forces Covenant in early June, the UK Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme awarded us with the Bronze accolade.

We are keen to further demonstrate our support of the armed forces and see it as an important step in our ongoing development as a business.

We aim to foster diversity across our entire workforce and seek to address the ever-growing skills gap within our industry. We want to provide the opportunity for talented military personnel to bring their skills and experience into a rewarding career with Van Elle.



## Inspiring the next generation of women engineers on International Women in Engineering Day

During Women in Engineering Day, we heard from four of our female engineers, including Eugenia Polo Pascual (Design Engineer) and Claire Garrett (Ground Improvement Director).

They spoke about their experiences of working in engineering, how we can encourage more women to join the industry, what inspired them to join the industry and what advice they'd give to the young engineers of the future.

As a business, we are proud to play our part in cutting through conceptions of gender bias, promoting diversity and empowering women to believe there are no barriers to achieving their ambitions and goals.



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## Welcome back Matt Love

We are delighted to welcome back Matt Love as Pre Construction Director.

Matt will be leading on our strategic preconstruction activities including our growing pipeline of early contractor involvement (ECI) roles, major multi-disciplined customer opportunities and relationships including TRU, HS2 and some of our major highways opportunities.

## Matt Fletcher's journey to becoming a CPCS tester

Congratulations to Matt Fletcher, our Trainer & Assessor, for completing two advanced CPCS technical tests, the Slinger Signaller and Telescopic Handler.

These courses must be achieved so Matt can progress forwards and become a CPCS tester. Matt's hard work means he is now one step closer to gaining the CPCS Tester Card, which will allow him to be able to carry out CPCS Theory and Practical tests.



## Tracked Colmar T10,000 back in service following an extensive upgrade

In June, our Rail division received one of our Colmar T10,000 road rail vehicles (RRVs) back into service following an extensive upgrade, as part of our fleet investment and refresh programme.

The upgrade involved a complete strip down and reinstallation of all safety critical systems which included the Rated Capacity Indicator (RCI) system and Any Line Open (ALO) Virtual wall system, as well as the replacement of key safety critical components.

The upgrade was undertaken by our supply chain partner EP Industries who are experts at Rail plant modifications and upgrades with extensive specialist capabilities such as an in-house tip testing bed.



## Place secured on two major frameworks

Van Elle secured a place on two major frameworks - the Smart Motorway Programme Alliance Framework, managed by Highways England, and The Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) delivered by an alliance of Network Rail, Arup, Amey and Bam Nuttall. These latest framework awards see us further strengthen our market.

Smart Motorways have been an important sector for Van Elle for over ten years and through the acquisition of ScrewFast in April 2021 this position has strengthened further.

The signing of the 5-10-year Smart Motorway Alliance piling and retaining structures framework is an exciting new chapter for the Group, embedding our specialist design and construction capabilities into this important national programme at the earliest stage.

The piling framework for the West of Leeds section of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) programme represents a complex array of projects that suit our breadth of expertise in the rail sector, while working in a collaborative alliance environment which allows us to provide early engineering advice and cost-effective solutions for this transformative infrastructure programme.

The ten-year framework operates on a national basis and includes all future Smart Motorways projects and any retrofit programmes to existing schemes.



## Rail team showcase market-leading capabilities at Rail Live 2022

Our Rail division exhibited at the annual two-day 'Rail Live' event, showcasing their end-to-end geotechnical rail capabilities.

Each year, rail professionals from across the UK come together at Rail Live to celebrate the newest and most exciting innovations the industry has to offer.

This year's event took place at the Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre in Warwickshire and featured more than 200 exhibitors, who showcased some of the best carbon-saving products and innovations from the supply chain.

It's great to be able to showcase the breadth of our capabilities within Rail and Ground Engineering and share best practices, helping to drive innovation, investment and digital transformation in the sector.

